

**BEFORE THE
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**In the Matter of the Accusation
Against:**

Martin Joseph Hoff, M.D.

**Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. G 81982**

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2023-101190

DECISION

**The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby
adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California,
Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.**

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on OCT 22 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED OCT 15 2025.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



**Reji Varghese
Executive Director**

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11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 800-2023-101190

12 **MARTIN JOSEPH HOFF, M.D.**
13 **P.O. Box 497**
Windsor, CA 95492-0497

**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF
LICENSE AND ORDER**

14 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G**
15 **81982**

16 Respondent.

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18 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the**
19 **above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:**

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21 **PARTIES**

22 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of
23 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this
24 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by D. Mark Jackson, Deputy
25 Attorney General.

26 2. MARTIN JOSEPH HOFF, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by
27 attorney Michael A. Firestone J.D., whose address is: 1700 South El Camino Real, Suite 408,
28 San Mateo, CA 94402-3050.

3. On or about October 18, 1995, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 81982 to Respondent. That license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2023-101190 and will expire on September 30, 2025, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 800-2023-101190 was filed before the Board and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on July 7, 2025. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2023-101190 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2023-101190. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.

6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2023-101190, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.

10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.

CONTINGENCY

11. Business and Professions Code section 2224, subdivision (b), provides, in pertinent part, that the Medical Board “shall delegate to its executive director the authority to adopt a ... stipulation for surrender of a license.”

12. Respondent understands that, by signing this stipulation, he enables the Executive Director of the Board to issue an order, on behalf of the Board, accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 81982 without further notice to, or opportunity to be heard by, Respondent.

13. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Director on behalf of the Board. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be submitted to the Executive Director for his consideration in the above-entitled matter and, further, that the Executive Director shall have a reasonable period of time in which to consider and act on this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order after receiving it. By signing this stipulation, Respondent fully understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind this stipulation prior to the time the Executive Director, on behalf of the Medical Board, considers and acts upon it.

14. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be null and void and not binding upon the parties unless approved and adopted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, except for this paragraph, which shall remain in full force and effect. Respondent fully understands and agrees that in deciding whether or not to

1 approve and adopt this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, the Executive
2 Director and/or the Board may receive oral and written communications from its staff and/or the
3 Attorney General's Office. Communications pursuant to this paragraph shall not disqualify the
4 Executive Director, the Board, any member thereof, and/or any other person from future
5 participation in this or any other matter affecting or involving respondent. In the event that the
6 Executive Director on behalf of the Board does not, in his discretion, approve and adopt this
7 Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, with the exception of this paragraph, it
8 shall not become effective, shall be of no evidentiary value whatsoever, and shall not be relied
9 upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto. Respondent further agrees
10 that should this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order be rejected for any reason
11 by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, Respondent will assert no claim that the
12 Executive Director, the Board, or any member thereof, was prejudiced by its/his/her review,
13 discussion and/or consideration of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order or
14 of any matter or matters related hereto.

15 **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

16 15. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties
17 herein to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final and exclusive embodiment of
18 the agreements of the parties in the above-entitled matter.

19 16. The parties agree that copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary
20 Order, including copies of the signatures of the parties, may be used in lieu of original documents
21 and signatures and, further, that such copies shall have the same force and effect as originals.

22 17. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree the
23 Executive Director of the Board may, without further notice to or opportunity to be heard by
24 Respondent, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order on behalf of the Board:

25 **ORDER**

26 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 81982, issued
27 to Respondent MARTIN JOSEPH HOFF, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.
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1 1. The surrender of Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate and the
2 acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline
3 against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part
4 of Respondent's license history with the Board.

5 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Physician and Surgeon in
6 California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

7 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was
8 issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

9 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in
10 the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must
11 comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or
12 surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations
13 contained in Accusation No. 800-2023-101190 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted
14 by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

15 5. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or
16 petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of
17 California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2023-101190 shall
18 be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of
19 Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

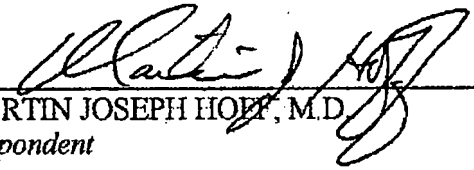
20 6. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the
21 amount of \$16,810.5 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

22 7. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or
23 petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of
24 California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2023-101190 shall
25 be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of
26 Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

1 **ACCEPTANCE**

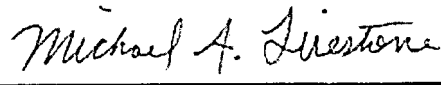
2 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully
3 discussed it with my attorney Michael A. Firestone J.D. I understand the stipulation and the effect
4 it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of
5 License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the
6 Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

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8 DATED: 9-17-2025


9 MARTIN JOSEPH HOFF, M.D.
Respondent

10 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent MARTIN JOSEPH HOFF, M.D. the terms
11 and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I
12 approve its form and content.

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14 DATED: 9-22-2025


15 MICHAEL A. FIRESTONE J.D.
16 Attorney for Respondent

17 **ENDORSEMENT**

18 The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted
19 for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

20 DATED: 10/10/2025

Respectfully submitted,

21 ROB BONTA
22 Attorney General of California
23 GREG W. CHAMBERS
Supervising Deputy Attorney General


24 D. MARK JACKSON
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2023-101190

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15 **No. G 81982,**

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18 **PARTIES**

19 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as
20 the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs
21 (Board).

22 2. On or about October 18, 1995, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's
23 Certificate Number G 81982 to Martin Joseph Hoff, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and
24 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
25 herein and will expire on September 30, 2025, unless renewed.

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1 to practice medicine safely or more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use,
2 consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances referred to in this section, or any
3 combination thereof, constitutes unprofessional conduct. The record of the conviction is
4 conclusive evidence of such unprofessional conduct.”

5 8. California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 1360, states:

6 “(a) For the purposes of denial, suspension or revocation of a license, certificate or permit
7 pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the code, a crime or act shall be
8 considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a person holding
9 a license if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding a
10 license to perform the functions authorized by the license, certificate or permit in a manner
11 consistent with the public health, safety or welfare. Such crimes, professional misconduct, or acts
12 shall include but not be limited to the following: Violating or attempting to violate, directly or
13 indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of
14 state or federal law governing the applicant’s or licensee’s professional practice.”

15 **COST RECOVERY**

16 9. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
17 administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of
18 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
19 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being
20 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be
21 included in a stipulated settlement.

22 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

23 **(Unprofessional Conduct - Criminal Conviction)**

24 10. Respondent Martin Joseph Hoff, M.D., is subject to disciplinary action under section
25 2234 and section 2236 of the Code, and California Code of Regulations (“CCR”), title 16, section
26 1360, because on September 18, 2024, in a criminal proceeding entitled *People of the State of*
27 *California v. Martin Joseph Hoff*, San Mateo County Superior Court, Case No. 24-SM-010165-A,
28 Respondent was convicted after pleading no contest to violating California Vehicle Code section

23152(b), driving a vehicle with a blood alcohol of 0.08% or higher, and admitting to a blood alcohol content of 0.15% or higher. The circumstances are as follows:

a. On July 26, 2023, at approximately 7:23 p.m., Respondent was arrested in San Mateo County for driving a vehicle under the influence of an alcoholic beverage after Respondent's vehicle crashed into a tree and a neighbor's parked car near 2864 Briarfield Avenue in Redwood City, California.

b. When Redwood City Police Department officers arrived at the accident scene, they could smell the odor of alcohol on Respondent's breath and also noted his speech was slow, his eyes were watery and displayed nystagmus, and he had trouble answering basic questions. Officers were unable to administer field sobriety tests because Respondent could not stand or walk without falling. Preliminary tests showed blood alcohol concentrations (BAC) of 0.238% and 0.240%. Respondent submitted to a blood draw, an analysis of which showed a BAC of 0.256%. Respondent later admitted to drinking two beers over the course of an hour.

c. On September 18, 2024, Respondent pleaded no contest to violating California Vehicle Code section 23152(b), driving a vehicle with a blood alcohol of 0.08% or more, and admitted to a blood alcohol content of 0.15% or higher. The court sentenced Respondent to three years of summary probation, four days in jail, a fine of \$1,870, and participation in a first-offender drinking driver program.

11. Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct under section 2234 of the Code because he operated a vehicle while under the influence of an excessive amount of alcohol in a manner dangerous to himself and others in violation of section 2239 of the Code.

12. Respondent's criminal conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a physician and surgeon, and constitutes unprofessional conduct and cause for discipline under sections 2234 and 2236 of the Code.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dangerous Use of Alcohol)

13. The allegations in paragraph 10 above are incorporated by reference as if set out in full.

14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2239 of the Code in that he used alcohol to an extent that was dangerous to Respondent or the public.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 81982, issued to Respondent Martin Joseph Hoff, M.D.;
2. Revoking, suspending, or denying approval of Respondent Martin Joseph Hoff, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
3. Ordering Respondent Martin Joseph Hoff, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and
4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: JUL 07 2025

Sharlene Smith For
REJI VARGHESE
Executive Director
Medical Board of California
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant

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