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

In the Matter of the Case Against:

Case No. 800-2023-098323

Dan Joshua Castro, M.D.

5313 Settlement Way

McKinney, TX 75070

**STIPULATION FOR
SURRENDER OF LICENSE**

Physician's and Surgeon's

Certificate No. A 40209

Respondent.

TO ALL PARTIES:

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

1. Complainant, Reji Varghese, is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs ("Board").

2. Dan Joshua Castro, M.D. ("Respondent") has carefully read and fully understands the effect of this Stipulation.

3. Respondent agrees that based on the action taken by the Michigan Board of Medicine, (Exhibit A) cause exists to discipline his California Physician's and Surgeon's certificate pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 141(a) and 2305.

4. Respondent understands that, if proven at hearing, the charges and allegations under investigation would constitute cause for imposing discipline upon Respondent's license issued by the Board.

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1 5. Respondent is aware of each of his rights, including the right to a hearing, the
2 right to confront and cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Respondent, the right to
3 testify and present evidence on his own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel
4 the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, the right to contest any charges and
5 allegations, and other rights which are accorded Respondent pursuant to the California
6 Administrative Procedure Act (Gov. Code, §11500 et seq.) and other applicable laws, including
7 the right to seek reconsideration, review by the superior court, and appellate review.

8 6. In order to avoid the expense and uncertainty of a hearing, Respondent freely and
9 voluntarily waives each and every one of these rights set forth above. Respondent hereby agrees
10 to surrender Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 40209.

11 7. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation he is enabling the Board
12 to accept the surrender of his license without further process, as provided by section 11415.60(b)
13 of the Government Code.

14 8. Upon acceptance of the Stipulation by the Board, Respondent understands that he
15 will no longer be permitted to practice as a Physician and Surgeon in California, and also agrees
16 to surrender and cause to be delivered to the Board both his license and wallet certificate before
17 the effective date of the Decision.

18 9. Respondent hereby represents that he does not intend to seek relicensure or
19 reinstatement as a Physician and Surgeon. Respondent fully understands and agrees, however,
20 that if Respondent ever files an application for relicensure or reinstatement in the State of
21 California, the Board shall treat it as a Petition for Reinstatement, and the Respondent must
22 comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in
23 effect at the time the Petition is filed. Case Report No. 800-2023-098323, including all
24 referenced attachments and other exhibits, and any additional attachments, and other exhibits,
25 that may be generated subsequent to the filing of the surrender of license, shall be admissible as
26 direct evidence, and any time based defenses, such as laches or any applicable statute of
27 limitations, shall be waived when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the Petition.
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10. Respondent understands that this document may be disclosed to the public, and/or the National Practitioner Data Bank and/or the Federation of State Medical Boards.

ACCEPTANCE

I, Dan Joshua Castro, M.D., have carefully read the above Stipulation and enter into it freely and voluntarily, with the full knowledge of its force and effect, do hereby surrender Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 40209, to the Medical Board of California. By signing this Stipulation for Surrender of License, I recognize that upon its formal acceptance by the Board, I will lose all rights and privileges to practice as a Physician and Surgeon in the State of California, and I also will cause to be delivered to the Board both my license and wallet certificate before the effective date of the Decision.

Dan J. Castro
Dan Joshua Castro, M.D.
Respondent

Date 7/29/2025

Attorney or Witness

Date _____


Reji Varghese
Executive Director
Medical Board of California

OCT 16 2025

Date

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EXHIBIT A
Michigan Board of Medicine
Consent Order

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF MEDICINE
DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

In the Matter of

DANIEL JOSHUA CASTRO, M.D.,
License No. 4301097744,

Respondent.

File No. 43-23-001472

CONSENT ORDER

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs received evidence and information that on April 3, 2023, Daniel Joshua Castro, M.D. (Respondent) pled guilty¹ to violating 18 USC 1035(a), "False Statements Relating to Health Care Matters," a felony, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan (Southern Division) in case number 1:22-cr-00016-HYJ-1.

In the plea agreement, Respondent admitted that he falsely documented performing a modified radical or selective neck dissection for confirmed cancer of the head and neck when, in fact, he performed an excisional node biopsy to remove two lymph nodes. Respondent knowingly made these material misstatements in his medical documentation for the purpose of defrauding Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. Respondent pled guilty to a single count of a 36-count indictment. As part of the terms for the government dropping the remaining 35 counts, Respondent agreed to permanently

¹ At the time of this writing, Respondent has not yet been sentenced. The maximum penalty is five years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine (or twice the gross gain/loss resulting from the offense).

surrender his medical license. A copy of the plea agreement, marked Exhibit 1, is attached and incorporated.

MCL 333.16226 authorizes a disciplinary subcommittee to take disciplinary action against a licensee who violates the Public Health Code. MCL 333.16231(5) authorizes the Department to submit a stipulation and final order to the Disciplinary Subcommittee for approval if an agreement is reached resolving the alleged violations before the issuance of a formal administrative complaint.

Respondent has admitted that the conduct to which he has pled guilty constitutes a violation of one or more provisions of the Public Health Code, including MCL 333.16221(b)(vi), (b)(ix), and (d)(iii), and is grounds for the Disciplinary Subcommittee to impose a sanction under MCL 333.16226. Respondent has agreed that the Disciplinary Subcommittee may execute this Consent Order and Stipulation without detailing the facts and evidence substantiating the alleged violation(s) in a formal administrative complaint. The Disciplinary Subcommittee has reviewed this Order and agrees that the public interest is best served by resolution of this matter without further administrative process.

Respondent has agreed to voluntarily surrender to the Michigan Board of Medicine his license to practice medicine in the state of Michigan that was previously issued to Respondent by the Board pursuant to the Public Health Code. Respondent further agrees to relinquish any claim to reinstate, renew, or reactivate the license or to seek authorization to practice medicine in Michigan, limited or otherwise, at any future date.

Therefore, IT IS FOUND that Respondent has violated MCL 333.16221(b)(vi), (b)(ix), and (d)(iii) of the Public Health Code.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that for the cited violation(s) of the Public Health Code, Respondent's license to practice medicine in the state of Michigan is PERMANENTLY SURRENDERED, commencing on the effective date of this Order.

This surrender of licensure shall be deemed PERMANENT and Respondent's license and authorization to practice medicine shall not be renewed, reinstated, reissued, or reactivated, limited or otherwise, at any future date.

This Order shall not be modifiable for any cause whatsoever.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be effective on the date signed by the Disciplinary Subcommittee, as set forth below.

MICHIGAN BOARD OF MEDICINE

By: Lauren Brown for
Chairperson, Disciplinary Subcommittee

May 3, 2023
Dated: _____

STIPULATION

1. Respondent admits that the conduct to which he pled guilty in federal district court on April 3, 2023, in case number 1:22-cr-00016-HYJ-1 constitutes one or more violations of the Public Health Code, including MCL 333.16221(b)(vi), (b)(ix), and (d)(iii), and acknowledges that the Department could prove the violation(s) with facts and evidence at an administrative hearing. Respondent agrees to resolve this matter by this Order without having the facts and evidence of the violation detailed in a formal administrative complaint.

2. Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney in this matter and has agreed to permanently surrender to the Board the license to practice medicine previously issued to Respondent pursuant to the Public Health Code.

3. Respondent further agrees to relinquish any claim to reinstate, renew, reissue, or reactivate the license and agrees not to seek authorization to practice medicine in Michigan, limited or otherwise, at any future date.

4. Respondent understands and intends that by signing this stipulation, Respondent is waiving the right, pursuant to the Public Health Code, the rules promulgated thereunder, and the Administrative Procedures Act; MCL 24.201 *et seq*, to require the Department to prove the violation(s) of the Public Health Code by presentation of evidence and legal authority, and Respondent is waiving the right to appear with an attorney and such witnesses as Respondent may desire to present a defense to the allegations.

5. This matter is a public record required to be published and made available to the public pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 *et seq.*; and this action will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank, and any other entity as required by state or federal law, in accordance with 42 USC 11101-11152.

6. This Order is approved as to form and substance by Respondent and the Department and may be entered as the final order of the Disciplinary Subcommittee in this matter.

7. This proposal is conditioned upon acceptance by the Disciplinary Subcommittee. Respondent and the Department expressly reserve the right to further proceedings without prejudice should this Order be rejected.

AGREED TO BY:



Inna Volkova, Director
Enforcement Division
Bureau of Professional Licensing
Department of Licensing and
Regulatory Affairs

Dated: 4/14/2023

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AGREED TO BY:



Daniel Joshua Castro, M.D.
Respondent

Dated: 4/14/2023