

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

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

**Richard Jeffrey Kroop, M.D.**

**Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. G 36316**

**Case No.: 800-2024-113584**

**Respondent.**

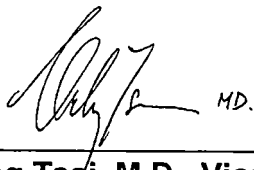
**DECISION**

**The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary 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 December 1, 2025.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED: October 30, 2025.**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**



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9 **MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
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12 **RICHARD JEFFREY KROOP, M.D.**  
13 **2701 W. Alameda Avenue, Suite 202**  
**Burbank, CA 91505-4406**

14 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
15 **No. G 36316,**

16 Respondent.

Case No. 800-2024-113584

OAH No. 2025050702

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND**  
**DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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

20 **PARTIES**

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

25 2. Richard Jeffrey Kroop, M.D. (Respondent) is representing himself in this proceeding  
26 and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.

27 3. On or about April 24, 1978, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
28 No. G 36316 to Respondent. That license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the

1 charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2024-113584, and will expire on November 30, 2025,  
2 unless renewed.

3 **JURISDICTION**

4 4. Accusation No. 800-2024-113584 was filed before the Board, and is currently  
5 pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were  
6 properly served on Respondent on April 8, 2025. Respondent filed his Notice of Defense  
7 contesting the Accusation.

8 5. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2024-113584 is attached as Exhibit A and  
9 incorporated herein by reference.

10 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

11 6. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in  
12 Accusation No. 800-2024-113584. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the  
13 effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

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

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

23 **CULPABILITY**

24 9. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation  
25 No. 800-2024-113584, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his  
26 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

27 10. Respondent does not contest that, at an administrative hearing, Complainant could  
28 establish a prima facie case with respect to the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-

2024-113584, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and that he has thereby subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate, No. G 36316 to disciplinary action.

11. Respondent agrees that his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to discipline and agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

#### CONTINGENCY

12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties herein to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final and exclusive embodiment of the agreement of the parties in this matter.

14. Respondent agrees that if he ever petitions for early termination or modification of probation, or if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against him before the Board, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2024-113584 shall be deemed true, correct and fully admitted by Respondent for purposes of any such proceeding or any other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of California.

15. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

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1           16. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that  
2 the Board may, without further notice or opportunity to be heard by Respondent, issue and enter  
3 the following Disciplinary Order:

4                                   **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

5           IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 36316 issued  
6 to Respondent Richard Jeffrey Kroop, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and  
7 Respondent is placed on probation for seven (7) years to run consecutively from the conclusion of  
8 Respondent's probation term in the Board's Decision in Case No. 800-2021-076384, for a total of  
9 twelve (12) years' probation, with the following terms and conditions:

10           1. **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - TOTAL RESTRICTION.** Respondent shall not  
11 order, prescribe, dispense, administer, furnish, or possess any controlled substances as defined in  
12 the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

13           Respondent shall not issue an oral or written recommendation or approval to a patient or a  
14 patient's primary caregiver for the possession or cultivation of marijuana for the personal medical  
15 purposes of the patient within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 11362.5.

16           If Respondent forms the medical opinion, after an appropriate prior examination and a  
17 medical indication, that a patient's medical condition may benefit from the use of marijuana,  
18 Respondent shall so inform the patient and shall refer the patient to another physician who,  
19 following an appropriate prior examination and a medical indication, may independently issue a  
20 medically appropriate recommendation or approval for the possession or cultivation of marijuana  
21 for the personal medical purposes of the patient within the meaning of Health and Safety Code  
22 section 11362.5. In addition, Respondent shall inform the patient or the patient's primary  
23 caregiver that Respondent is prohibited from issuing a recommendation or approval for the  
24 possession or cultivation of marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient and that  
25 the patient or the patient's primary caregiver may not rely on Respondent's statements to legally  
26 possess or cultivate marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient. Respondent shall  
27 fully document in the patient's chart that the patient or the patient's primary caregiver was so  
28 informed. Nothing in this condition prohibits Respondent from providing the patient or the

1 patient's primary caregiver information about the possible medical benefits resulting from the use  
2 of marijuana.

3 2. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - SURRENDER OF DEA PERMIT. Respondent is  
4 prohibited from practicing medicine until Respondent provides documentary proof to the Board  
5 or its designee that Respondent's DEA permit has been surrendered to the Drug Enforcement  
6 Administration for cancellation, together with any state prescription forms and all controlled  
7 substances order forms. Thereafter, Respondent shall not reapply for a new DEA permit without  
8 the prior written consent of the Board or its designee.

9 3. COMMUNITY SERVICE - FREE SERVICES. Within sixty (60) calendar days of  
10 the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior  
11 approval a community service plan in which Respondent shall, within the first two (2) years of  
12 probation, provide forty (40) hours of free services (medical or nonmedical) to a community or  
13 non-profit organization. If the term of probation is designated for two (2) years or less, the  
14 community service hours must be completed not later than six (6) months prior to the completion  
15 of probation.

16 Prior to engaging in any community service, Respondent shall provide a true copy of the  
17 Decision(s) to the chief of staff, director, office manager, program manager, officer, or the chief  
18 executive officer at every community or non-profit organization where Respondent provides  
19 community service and shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within  
20 fifteen (15) calendar days. This condition shall also apply to any change(s) in community service.

21 Community service performed prior to the effective date of the Decision shall not be  
22 accepted in fulfillment of this condition.

23 4. EDUCATION COURSE. Within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of this  
24 Decision, and on an annual basis thereafter, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee  
25 for its prior approval educational program(s) or course(s) which shall not be less than forty (40)  
26 hours per year, for each year of probation. The educational program(s) or course(s) shall be  
27 aimed at correcting any areas of deficient practice or knowledge and shall be Category I certified.  
28 The educational program(s) or course(s) shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition

1 to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure. Following  
2 the completion of each course, the Board or its designee may administer an examination to test  
3 Respondent's knowledge of the course. Respondent shall provide proof of attendance for sixty-  
4 five (65) hours of CME of which forty (40) hours were in satisfaction of this condition.

5 5. MEDICAL RECORD KEEPING COURSE. Within sixty (60) calendar days of the  
6 effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a course in medical record keeping  
7 approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall provide the approved course  
8 provider with any information and documents that the approved course provider may deem  
9 pertinent. Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete the classroom component of  
10 the course not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment. Respondent shall  
11 successfully complete any other component of the course within one (1) year of enrollment. The  
12 medical record keeping course shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the  
13 Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

14 A medical record keeping course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the  
15 Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board  
16 or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the course would have  
17 been approved by the Board or its designee had the course been taken after the effective date of  
18 this Decision.

19 Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its  
20 designee not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not  
21 later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

22 6. PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM (ETHICS COURSE). Within sixty (60) calendar  
23 days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professionalism program,  
24 that meets the requirements of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1358.1.  
25 Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete that program. Respondent shall  
26 provide any information and documents that the program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall  
27 successfully complete the classroom component of the program not later than six (6) months after  
28 Respondent's initial enrollment, and the longitudinal component of the program not later than the

1 time specified by the program, but no later than one (1) year after attending the classroom  
2 component. The professionalism program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in  
3 addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

4 A professionalism program taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the  
5 Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board  
6 or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the program would have  
7 been approved by the Board or its designee had the program been taken after the effective date of  
8 this Decision.

9 Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its  
10 designee not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after successfully completing the program or not  
11 later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

12 7. CLINICAL COMPETENCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM. Within sixty (60)  
13 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a clinical  
14 competence assessment program approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent  
15 shall successfully complete the program not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial  
16 enrollment unless the Board or its designee agrees in writing to an extension of that time.

17 The program shall consist of a comprehensive assessment of Respondent's physical and  
18 mental health and the six general domains of clinical competence as defined by the Accreditation  
19 Council on Graduate Medical Education and American Board of Medical Specialties pertaining to  
20 Respondent's current or intended area of practice. The program shall take into account data  
21 obtained from the pre-assessment, self-report forms and interview, and the Decision(s),  
22 Accusation(s), and any other information that the Board or its designee deems relevant. The  
23 program shall require Respondent's on-site participation for a minimum of three (3) and no more  
24 than five (5) days as determined by the program for the assessment and clinical education and  
25 evaluation. Respondent shall pay all expenses associated with the clinical competence  
26 assessment program.

27 At the end of the evaluation, the program will submit a report to the Board or its designee  
28 which unequivocally states whether Respondent has demonstrated the ability to practice safely



1 and independently. Based on Respondent's performance on the clinical competence assessment,  
2 the program will advise the Board or its designee of its recommendation(s) for the scope and  
3 length of any additional educational or clinical training, evaluation or treatment for any medical  
4 condition or psychological condition, or anything else affecting Respondent's practice of  
5 medicine. Respondent shall comply with the program's recommendations.

6 Determination as to whether Respondent successfully completed the clinical competence  
7 assessment program is solely within the program's jurisdiction.

8 If Respondent fails to enroll, participate in, or successfully complete the clinical  
9 competence assessment program within the designated time period, Respondent shall receive a  
10 notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3)  
11 calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine until  
12 enrollment or participation in the outstanding portions of the clinical competence assessment  
13 program have been completed. Respondent did not successfully complete the clinical  
14 competence assessment program, Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine until a  
15 final decision has been rendered on the accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation. The  
16 cessation of practice shall not apply to the reduction of the probationary time period.

17 8. PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective  
18 date of this Decision, and on whatever periodic basis thereafter may be required by the Board or  
19 its designee, Respondent shall undergo and complete a psychiatric evaluation (and psychological  
20 testing, if deemed necessary) by a Board-appointed board certified psychiatrist, who shall  
21 consider any information provided by the Board or designee and any other information the  
22 psychiatrist deems relevant, and shall furnish a written evaluation report to the Board or its  
23 designee. Psychiatric evaluations conducted prior to the effective date of the Decision shall not  
24 be accepted towards the fulfillment of this requirement. Respondent shall pay the cost of all  
25 psychiatric evaluations and psychological testing.

26 Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions recommended by the evaluating  
27 psychiatrist within fifteen (15) calendar days after being notified by the Board or its designee.

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1           9.   MEDICAL EVALUATION AND TREATMENT. Within thirty (30) calendar days  
2 of the effective date of this Decision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the  
3 Board or its designee, Respondent shall undergo a medical evaluation by a Board-appointed  
4 physician who shall consider any information provided by the Board or designee and any other  
5 information the evaluating physician deems relevant and shall furnish a medical report to the  
6 Board or its designee. Respondent shall provide the evaluating physician with any information  
7 and documentation that the evaluating physician may deem pertinent.

8           Following the evaluation, Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions  
9 recommended by the evaluating physician within fifteen (15) calendar days after being notified  
10 by the Board or its designee. If Respondent is required by the Board or its designee to undergo  
11 medical treatment, Respondent shall within thirty (30) calendar days of the requirement notice,  
12 submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval the name and qualifications of a California  
13 licensed treating physician of Respondent's choice. Upon approval of the treating physician,  
14 Respondent shall within fifteen (15) calendar days undertake medical treatment and shall  
15 continue such treatment until further notice from the Board or its designee.

16           The treating physician shall consider any information provided by the Board or its designee  
17 or any other information the treating physician may deem pertinent prior to commencement of  
18 treatment. Respondent shall have the treating physician submit quarterly reports to the Board or  
19 its designee indicating whether or not Respondent is capable of practicing medicine safely.  
20 Respondent shall provide the Board or its designee with any and all medical records pertaining to  
21 treatment that the Board or its designee deems necessary.

22           If, prior to the completion of probation, Respondent is found to be physically incapable of  
23 resuming the practice of medicine without restrictions, the Board shall retain continuing  
24 jurisdiction over Respondent's license and the period of probation shall be extended until the  
25 Board determines that Respondent is physically capable of resuming the practice of medicine  
26 without restrictions. Respondent shall pay the cost of the medical evaluation(s) and treatment.

27           10.   MONITORING - BILLING. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of  
28 this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval as a billing

1 monitor, the name and qualifications of one or more licensed physicians and surgeons whose  
2 licenses are valid and in good standing, and who are preferably American Board of Medical  
3 Specialties (ABMS) certified. A monitor shall have no prior or current business or personal  
4 relationship with Respondent, or other relationship that could reasonably be expected to  
5 compromise the ability of the monitor to render fair and unbiased reports to the Board, including  
6 but not limited to any form of bartering, shall be in Respondent's field of practice, and must agree  
7 to serve as Respondent's monitor. Respondent shall pay all monitoring costs.

8 The Board or its designee shall provide the approved monitor with copies of the Decision(s)  
9 and Accusation(s), and a proposed monitoring plan. Within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt  
10 of the Decision(s), Accusation(s), and proposed monitoring plan, the monitor shall submit a  
11 signed statement that the monitor has read the Decision(s) and Accusation(s), fully understands  
12 the role of a monitor, and agrees or disagrees with the proposed monitoring plan. If the monitor  
13 disagrees with the proposed monitoring plan, the monitor shall submit a revised monitoring plan  
14 with the signed statement for approval by the Board or its designee.

15 Within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and continuing  
16 throughout probation, Respondent's billing shall be monitored by the approved monitor.  
17 Respondent shall make all records available for immediate inspection and copying on the  
18 premises by the monitor at all times during business hours and shall retain the records for the  
19 entire term of probation.

20 If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a monitor within sixty (60) calendar days of the  
21 effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its  
22 designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified.  
23 Respondent shall cease the practice of medicine until a monitor is approved to provide monitoring  
24 responsibility.

25 The monitor(s) shall submit a quarterly written report to the Board or its designee which  
26 includes an evaluation of Respondent's performance, indicating whether Respondent's practices  
27 are within the standards of practice of billing, and whether Respondent is billing appropriately. It  
28 shall be the sole responsibility of Respondent to ensure that the monitor submits the quarterly

1 written reports to the Board or its designee within ten (10) calendar days after the end of the  
2 preceding quarter.

3 If the monitor resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within five (5) calendar  
4 days of such resignation or unavailability, submit to the Board or its designee, for prior approval,  
5 the name and qualifications of a replacement monitor who will be assuming that responsibility  
6 within fifteen (15) calendar days. If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a replacement monitor  
7 within sixty (60) calendar days of the resignation or unavailability of the monitor, Respondent  
8 shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within  
9 three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall cease the practice of medicine  
10 until a replacement monitor is approved and assumes monitoring responsibility.

11 In lieu of a monitor, Respondent may participate in a professional enhancement program  
12 approved in advance by the Board or its designee, that includes, at minimum, quarterly chart  
13 review, semi-annual practice assessment, and semi-annual review of professional growth and  
14 education. Respondent shall participate in the professional enhancement program at Respondent's  
15 expense during the term of probation.

16 11. SOLO PRACTICE PROHIBITION. Respondent is prohibited from engaging in the  
17 solo practice of medicine. Prohibited solo practice includes, but is not limited to, a practice  
18 where: 1) Respondent merely shares office space with another physician but is not affiliated for  
19 purposes of providing patient care, or 2) Respondent is the sole physician practitioner at that  
20 location.

21 If Respondent fails to establish a practice with another physician or secure employment in  
22 an appropriate practice setting within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of this  
23 Decision, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the  
24 practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall not  
25 resume practice until an appropriate practice setting is established.

26 If, during the course of the probation, Respondent's practice setting changes and  
27 Respondent is no longer practicing in a setting in compliance with this Decision, Respondent  
28 shall notify the Board or its designee within five (5) calendar days of the practice setting change.

1 If Respondent fails to establish a practice with another physician or secure employment in an  
2 appropriate practice setting within sixty (60) calendar days of the practice setting change,  
3 Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of  
4 medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall not resume  
5 practice until an appropriate practice setting is established.

6 12. NOTIFICATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision,  
7 Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the  
8 Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to  
9 Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine,  
10 including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief  
11 Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to  
12 Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within  
13 fifteen (15) calendar days.

14 This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

15 13. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE  
16 NURSES. During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants and  
17 advanced practice nurses.

18 14. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules  
19 governing the practice of medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any court  
20 ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.

21 15. INVESTIGATION/ENFORCEMENT COST RECOVERY. Respondent is hereby  
22 ordered to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement, in the amount of  
23 \$4,371.00 (Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and No Cents). Costs shall be  
24 payable to the Medical Board of California. Failure to pay such costs shall be considered a  
25 violation of probation.

26 Payment must be made in full within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the  
27 Order, or by a payment plan approved by the Medical Board of California. Any and all requests  
28 for a payment plan shall be submitted in writing by Respondent to the Board. Failure to comply

1 with the payment plan shall be considered a violation of probation.

2 The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of the responsibility  
3 to repay investigation and enforcement costs.

4 16. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations  
5 under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been  
6 compliance with all the conditions of probation.

7 Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than ten (10) calendar days after  
8 the end of the preceding quarter.

9 17. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

10 Compliance with Probation Unit

11 Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit.

12 Address Changes

13 Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and  
14 residence addresses, email address (if available); and telephone number. Changes of such  
15 addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no  
16 circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business  
17 and Professions Code section 2021, subdivision (b).

18 Place of Practice

19 Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's or patient's place  
20 of residence, unless the patient resides in a skilled nursing facility or other similar licensed  
21 facility.

22 License Renewal

23 Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's  
24 license.

25 Travel or Residence Outside California

26 Respondent shall immediately inform the Board or its designee, in writing, of travel to any  
27 areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty  
28 (30) calendar days.

1 In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice  
2 Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing thirty (30) calendar days prior to the  
3 dates of departure and return.

4 18. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE. Respondent shall be  
5 available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the  
6 probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.

7 19. NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board or  
8 its designee in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting  
9 more than 30 calendar days and within fifteen (15) calendar days of Respondent's return to  
10 practice. Non-practice is defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine as  
11 defined in Business and Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least forty (40) hours in a  
12 calendar month in direct patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by  
13 the Board. If Respondent resides in California and is considered to be in non-practice,  
14 Respondent shall comply with all terms and conditions of probation. All time spent in an  
15 intensive training program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be  
16 considered non-practice and does not relieve Respondent from complying with all the terms and  
17 conditions of probation. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal  
18 jurisdiction while on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction  
19 shall not be considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be  
20 considered as a period of non-practice.

21 In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar  
22 months, Respondent shall successfully complete the Federation of State Medical Boards' Special  
23 Purpose Examination, or, at the Board's discretion, a clinical competence assessment program  
24 that meets the criteria of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model  
25 Disciplinary Orders and Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

26 Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years.

27 Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term.

28 Periods of non-practice for a Respondent residing outside of California will relieve

Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws; General Probation Requirements; Quarterly Declarations; Abstain from the Use of Alcohol and/or Controlled Substances; and Biological Fluid Testing.

20. COMPLETION OF PROBATION. Respondent shall comply with all financial obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than one hundred twenty (120) calendar days prior to the completion of probation. This term does not include cost recovery, which is due within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the Order, or by a payment plan approved by the Medical Board and timely satisfied. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall be fully restored.

21. VIOLATION OF PROBATION. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

22. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this Decision, if Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license. The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall within fifteen (15) calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.

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23. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS. Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California and delivered to the Board or its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar year.

24. FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing action agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2024-113584 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict license.

## ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

DATED:

RICHARD JEFFREY KROOP, M.D.  
Respondent

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**ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

DATED: October 8, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2024-113584**

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8 **BEFORE THE**  
9 **MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 800-2024-113584

12 **RICHARD JEFFREY KROOP, M.D.**  
13 **2701 W. Alameda Avenue, Suite 202**  
**Burbank, CA 91505-4406**

**A C C U S A T I O N**

14 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
15 **No. G 36316,**

Respondent.

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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 April 24, 1978, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's  
23 Certificate Number G 36316 to Richard Jeffrey Kroop, M.D. (Respondent). That license will  
24 expire on November 30, 2025, unless renewed.

25 **JURISDICTION**

26 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following  
27 laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise  
28 indicated.

1           4.     Section 2004 of the Code states:

2                 The board shall have the responsibility for the following:

3                 (a) The enforcement of the disciplinary and criminal provisions of the Medical  
4                 Practice Act.

5                 (b) The administration and hearing of disciplinary actions.

6                 (c) Carrying out disciplinary actions appropriate to findings made by a panel or  
an administrative law judge.

7                 (d) Suspending, revoking, or otherwise limiting certificates after the conclusion  
8                 of disciplinary actions.

9                 (e) Reviewing the quality of medical practice carried out by physician and  
surgeon certificate holders under the jurisdiction of the board.

10                (f) Approving undergraduate and graduate medical education programs.

11                (g) Approving clinical clerkship and special programs and hospitals for the  
12                programs in subdivision (f).

13                (h) Issuing licenses and certificates under the board's jurisdiction.

14                (i) Administering the board's continuing medical education program.

15           5.     Section 2220 of the Code states:

16                 Except as otherwise provided by law, the board may take action against all  
17                 persons guilty of violating this chapter. The board shall enforce and administer this  
18                 article as to physician and surgeon certificate holders, including those who hold  
certificates that do not permit them to practice medicine, such as, but not limited to,  
retired, inactive, or disabled status certificate holders, and the board shall have all the  
powers granted in this chapter for these purposes including, but not limited to:

19                 (a) Investigating complaints from the public, from other licensees, from health  
20                 care facilities, or from the board that a physician and surgeon may be guilty of  
unprofessional conduct. The board shall investigate the circumstances underlying a  
report received pursuant to Section 805 or 805.01 within 30 days to determine if an  
interim suspension order or temporary restraining order should be issued. The board  
shall otherwise provide timely disposition of the reports received pursuant to Section  
21                 805 and Section 805.01.

22                 (b) Investigating the circumstances of practice of any physician and surgeon  
23                 where there have been any judgments, settlements, or arbitration awards requiring the  
24                 physician and surgeon or his or her professional liability insurer to pay an amount in  
damages in excess of a cumulative total of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) with  
25                 respect to any claim that injury or damage was proximately caused by the physician's  
and surgeon's error, negligence, or omission.

26                 (c) Investigating the nature and causes of injuries from cases which shall be  
27                 reported of a high number of judgments, settlements, or arbitration awards against a  
28                 physician and surgeon.

6. Section 2227 of the Code states:

(a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:

(1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.

(2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the board.

(3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the board.

(4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the board.

(5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.

(b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters, medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations, continuing education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are agreed to with the board and successfully completed by the licensee, or other matters made confidential or privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made available to the public by the board pursuant to Section 803.1.

## **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

7. Section 2234 of the Code:

The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.

(b) Gross negligence.

(c) **Repeated negligent acts.** To be repeated, there must be two or more negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute repeated negligent acts.

(1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single negligent act.

(2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the

licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.

(d) Incompetence.

(e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.

(f) Any action or conduct that would have warranted the denial of a certificate.

(g) The failure by a certificate holder, in the absence of good cause, to attend and participate in an interview by the board no later than 30 calendar days after being notified by the board. This subdivision shall only apply to a certificate holder who is the subject of an investigation by the board.

(h) Any action of the licensee, or another person acting on behalf of the licensee, intended to cause their patient or their patient's authorized representative to rescind consent to release the patient's medical records to the board or the Department of Consumer Affairs, Health Quality Investigation Unit.

(i) Dissuading, intimidating, or tampering with a patient, witness, or any person in an attempt to prevent them from reporting or testifying about a licensee.

8. Section 2236 of the Code states:

(a) The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical Practice Act]. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.

(b) The district attorney, city attorney, or other prosecuting agency shall notify the Medical Board of the pendency of an action against a licensee charging a felony or misdemeanor immediately upon obtaining information that the defendant is a licensee. The notice shall identify the licensee and describe the crimes charged and the facts alleged. The prosecuting agency shall also notify the clerk of the court in which the action is pending that the defendant is a licensee, and the clerk shall record prominently in the file that the defendant holds a license as a physician and surgeon.

(c) The clerk of the court in which a licensee is convicted of a crime shall, within 48 hours after the conviction, transmit a certified copy of the record of conviction to the board. The division may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of a crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.

(d) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction after a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section and Section 2236.1. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred.

9. Section 490 of the Code states:

(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has

1 been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications,  
2 functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any  
4 authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the  
5 authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the  
6 qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the  
7 licensee's license was issued.

8 (c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of  
9 guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is  
10 permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the  
11 time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on  
12 appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of  
13 sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of  
14 the Penal Code.

15 (d) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the application of this section  
16 has been made unclear by the holding in *Petropoulos v. Department of Real Estate*  
17 (2006) 142 Cal.App.4th 554, and that the holding in that case has placed a significant  
18 number of statutes and regulations in question, resulting in potential harm to the  
19 consumers of California from licensees who have been convicted of crimes.  
20 Therefore, the Legislature finds and declares that this section establishes an  
21 independent basis for a board to impose discipline upon a licensee, and that the  
22 amendments to this section made by Chapter 33 of the Statutes of 2008 do not  
23 constitute a change to, but rather are declaratory of, existing law.

24 10. Section 2228.1 of the Code states.

25 (a) On and after July 1, 2019, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (c),  
26 the board and the Podiatric Medical Board of California shall require a licensee to  
27 provide a separate disclosure that includes the licensee's probation status, the length  
28 of the probation, the probation end date, all practice restrictions placed on the licensee  
by the board, the board's telephone number, and an explanation of how the patient  
can find further information on the licensee's probation on the licensee's profile page  
on the board's online license information internet web site, to a patient or the  
patient's guardian or health care surrogate before the patient's first visit following the  
probationary order while the licensee is on probation pursuant to a probationary order  
made on and after July 1, 2019, in any of the following circumstances:

(1) A final adjudication by the board following an administrative hearing or  
admitted findings or prima facie showing in a stipulated settlement establishing any  
of the following:

(A) The commission of any act of sexual abuse, misconduct, or relations with a  
patient or client as defined in Section 726 or 729.

(B) Drug or alcohol abuse directly resulting in harm to patients or the extent  
that such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice safely.

(C) Criminal conviction directly involving harm to patient health.

(D) Inappropriate prescribing resulting in harm to patients and a probationary  
period of five years or more.

(2) An accusation or statement of issues alleged that the licensee committed any



1 of the acts described in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of paragraph (1), and a  
2 stipulated settlement based upon a nolo contendere or other similar compromise that  
3 does not include any prima facie showing or admission of guilt or fact but does  
4 include an express acknowledgment that the disclosure requirements of this section  
5 would serve to protect the public interest.

6 (b) A licensee required to provide a disclosure pursuant to subdivision (a) shall  
7 obtain from the patient, or the patient's guardian or health care surrogate, a separate,  
8 signed copy of that disclosure.

9 (c) A licensee shall not be required to provide a disclosure pursuant to  
10 subdivision (a) if any of the following applies:

11 (1) The patient is unconscious or otherwise unable to comprehend the  
12 disclosure and sign the copy of the disclosure pursuant to subdivision (b) and a  
13 guardian or health care surrogate is unavailable to comprehend the disclosure and  
14 sign the copy.

15 (2) The visit occurs in an emergency room or an urgent care facility or the visit  
16 is unscheduled, including consultations in inpatient facilities.

17 (3) The licensee who will be treating the patient during the visit is not known to  
18 the patient until immediately prior to the start of the visit.

19 (4) The licensee does not have a direct treatment relationship with the patient.

20 (d) On and after July 1, 2019, the board shall provide the following  
21 information, with respect to licensees on probation and licensees practicing under  
22 probationary licenses, in plain view on the licensee's profile page on the board's  
23 online license information internet web site.

24 (1) For probation imposed pursuant to a stipulated settlement, the causes  
25 alleged in the operative accusation along with a designation identifying those causes  
26 by which the licensee has expressly admitted guilt and a statement that acceptance of  
27 the settlement is not an admission of guilt.

28 (2) For probation imposed by an adjudicated decision of the board, the causes  
for probation stated in the final probationary order.

(3) For a licensee granted a probationary license, the causes by which the  
probationary license was imposed.

(4) The length of the probation and end date.

(5) All practice restrictions placed on the license by the board.

(e) Section 2314 shall not apply to this section.

### **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

11. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1360, states:

(a) For the purposes of denial, suspension or revocation of a license pursuant to  
Section 141 or Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the code, a crime,  
professional misconduct, or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the

1 qualifications, functions or duties of a person holding a license if to a substantial  
2 degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding a license to  
3 perform the functions authorized by the license in a manner consistent with the public  
4 health, safety or welfare. Such crimes, professional misconduct, or acts shall include  
5 but not be limited to the following: Violating or attempting to violate, directly or  
6 indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any  
7 provision of state or federal law governing the applicant's or licensee's professional  
8 practice.

9 (b) In making the substantial relationship determination required under subdivision (a) for a  
10 crime, the board shall consider the following criteria:

- 11 (1) The nature and gravity of the crime;
- 12 (2) The number of years elapsed since the date of the crime; and
- 13 (3) The nature and duties of the profession.

### 14 COST RECOVERY

15 12. Section 125.3 of the Code states:

16 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a  
17 disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department or before the  
18 Osteopathic Medical Board, upon request of the entity bringing the proceeding, the  
19 administrative law judge may direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or  
20 violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the  
21 investigation and enforcement of the case.

22 (b) In the case of a disciplined licensee that is a corporation or a partnership, the  
23 order may be made against the licensed corporate entity or licensed partnership.

24 (c) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where  
25 actual costs are not available, signed by the entity bringing the proceeding or its  
26 designated representative shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of  
27 investigation and prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of  
28 investigative and enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not  
limited to, charges imposed by the Attorney General.

(d) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount  
of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested  
pursuant to subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard to  
costs shall not be reviewable by the board to increase the cost award. The board may  
reduce or eliminate the cost award, or remand to the administrative law judge if the  
proposed decision fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant to subdivision  
(a).

(e) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as  
directed in the board's decision, the board may enforce the order for repayment in any  
appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights  
the board may have as to any licensee to pay costs.

(f) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall be  
conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

1 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the board shall not renew or  
reinststate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered  
under this section.

2 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the board may, in its discretion,  
3 conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any  
licensee who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement  
4 with the board to reimburse the board within that one-year period for the unpaid  
costs.

5 (h) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement  
6 for costs incurred and shall be deposited in the fund of the board recovering the costs  
to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

7 (i) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from including the recovery of  
8 the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated settlement.

9 (j) This section does not apply to any board if a specific statutory provision in  
10 that board's licensing act provides for recovery of costs in an administrative  
disciplinary proceeding.

11 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

12 **(Conviction of a Crime)**

13 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234, subdivision (a),  
14 section 2236, subdivision (a), and section 490 of the Code and California Code of Regulations,  
15 title 16, section 1360, in that he has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the  
16 qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon. The circumstances are as follows:

17 14. On or about September 28, 2020, Respondent entered a plea of guilty of Health Care  
18 Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 1347 as charged in the Single-Count Information filed on  
19 September 28, 2020 in the matter of *United States of America v. Richard J. Kroop, M.D.*, Case  
20 No. 2:20-cr-00433-JFW.

21 15. On or about September 19, 2022, in the United States District Court, Central District  
22 of California, the Court adjudged Respondent guilty as charged and convicted. The Court  
23 ordered Respondent committed on Count 1 of the Information to the custody of the Bureau of  
24 Prisons for a term of four months. It was further ordered that upon release from imprisonment,  
25 Respondent was to be placed on supervised release for a term of three years under the following  
26 terms and conditions:

- 27 a. Respondent shall comply with the rules and regulations of the United States  
28 Probation and Pretrial Services Office and Second Amended General Order 20-

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- b. During the period of community supervision, Respondent shall pay the ordered special assessment and restitution;
- c. Respondent shall cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample from Respondent;
- d. Respondent shall apply all monies received from income tax refunds, lottery winnings, inheritance, judgments and any other financial gains to the Court-ordered financial obligation;
- e. Respondent shall not engage in any business or profession that bills Medicare or any other publicly funded health care benefit program without the express written approval of the Probation Officer prior to engaging in such employment, business, or profession; and
- f. Respondent was ordered to pay a special assessment and fine. In addition, he was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,329,425.00 to Medicare.

16. On or about January 17, 2023, Respondent surrendered to the Bureau of Prisons to begin serving his sentence of imprisonment.

17. Respondent's acts and/or omissions as set forth in paragraphs 13 through 16, above, whether proven individually, jointly, or in any combination thereof, constitute a conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon pursuant to section 2234, subdivision (a), section 2236, subdivision (a), and section 490 of the Code, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1360. Therefore, cause for discipline exists.

#### **DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS**

18. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, Complainant alleges that in a matter entitled *In the Matter of the Accusation against Richard Jeffrey Kroop, M.D.*, Medical Board Case No. 17-2010-205601, the Board issued a decision, effective April 11, 2015, in which Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was revoked for committing gross negligence and repeated negligent acts with respect to the care and treatment of four patients. However, the revocation was stayed and Respondent was placed on

1 three years of probation and other terms and conditions. That decision is now final and is  
2 incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

3 19. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent,  
4 Complainant alleges that in a matter entitled *In the Matter of the Accusation against Richard*  
5 *Jeffrey Kroop, M.D.*, Medical Board Case No. 800-2021-076384, the Board issued a decision,  
6 effective March 24, 2025, in which Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was  
7 revoked for committing gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, unprofessional conduct,  
8 furnishing dangerous drugs without examination, and excessive prescribing with respect to the  
9 care and treatment of five patients. However, the revocation was stayed and Respondent was  
10 placed on five years of probation and other terms and conditions, including a total restriction on  
11 prescribing controlled substances, surrender of his DEA permit, professionalism program (ethics  
12 course), and clinical competence assessment program. That decision is now final and is  
13 incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

14 **PRAYER**

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

17 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 36316,  
18 issued to Respondent Richard Jeffrey Kroop, M.D.;

19 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Richard Jeffrey Kroop,  
20 M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

21 3. Ordering Respondent Richard Jeffrey Kroop, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the  
22 investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation  
23 monitoring;

24 4. Ordering Respondent Richard Jeffrey Kroop, M.D., if placed on probation, to provide  
25 patient notification in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 2228.1; and

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5. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: APR 08 2025



REJI VARGHESE  
Executive Director  
Medical Board of California  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
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