

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Samar Hamed A. Nahas, M.D.

**Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. A 137858**

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2022-087241

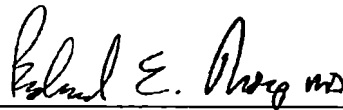
DECISION

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 5, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED November 6, 2025.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



**Richard E. Thorp, M.D., Chair
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17 **Yorba Linda, CA 92886-3160**

18 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.**
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OAH No. 2025050156

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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

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 Keith C. Shaw, Deputy
25 Attorney General.

26 2. Respondent Samar Hamed A. Nahas, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this
27 proceeding by attorney Carolyn W. Lindholm, Esq., whose address is: 355 S. Grand Avenue, Ste.
28 1750, Los Angeles, CA 90071-1562.

1 3. On or about August 21, 2015, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
2 No. A 137858 to Samar Hamed A. Nahas, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's
3 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation
4 No. 800-2022-087241, and will expire on August 31, 2027, unless renewed.

5 **JURISDICTION**

6 4. Accusation No. 800-2022-087241 was filed before the Board and is currently pending
7 against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly
8 served on Respondent on March 13, 2025. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense
9 contesting the Accusation.

10 5. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2022-087241 is attached as Exhibit A and
11 incorporated herein by reference.

12 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

13 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
14 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2022-087241. Respondent has also carefully read,
15 fully discussed with her counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and
16 Disciplinary Order.

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

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

25 **CULPABILITY**

26 9. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation
27 No. 800-2022-087241, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her
28 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

10. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent gives up her right to contest that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a *prima facie* case with respect to the charges and allegations contained in the Accusation.

11. Respondent agrees that if an accusation is ever filed against her before the Medical Board of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2022-087241 shall be deemed true, correct, and fully admitted by Respondent for purposes of that proceeding or any other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of California.

12. Respondent agrees that her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 137858 is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

13. 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 or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her 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.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

14. 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 agreements of the parties in the above-entitled matter.

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1 15. The parties agree that copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order,
2 including copies of the signatures of the parties, may be used in lieu of original documents and
3 signatures and, further, that such copies shall have the same force and effect as originals.

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

7 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

8 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 137858
9 issued to Respondent Samar Hamed A. Nahas, M.D., shall be and is hereby publicly reprimanded
10 pursuant to California Business and Professions Code, section 2227, subdivision (a)(4). This
11 public reprimand, which is issued in connection to Respondent's care and treatment of Patient A,
12 as set forth in Accusation No. 800-2022-087241, is as follows:

13 On or about September 3, 2020, Respondent performed a surgical procedure on Patient A.

14 At the outset of the procedure, Respondent requested a syringe with lidocaine from a
15 medical assistant but was mistakenly provided with trichloroacetic acid by the medical
16 assistant. Respondent did not confirm the solution provided by the medical assistant was
17 lidocaine prior to injecting it into Patient A's skin.

18 A. **INVESTIGATION/ENFORCEMENT COST RECOVERY.**

19 Respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and
20 enforcement, including, but not limited to, expert review, legal reviews, and investigation and
21 other costs, in the amount of \$18,566.00 (eighteen thousand five-hundred and sixty-six dollars).
22 Costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California. Failure to pay such costs shall be
23 considered unprofessional conduct and may serve as the grounds for further disciplinary action.

24 Payment must be made in full within 30 calendar days of the effective date of the Decision
25 and Order, or by a payment plan approved by the Medical Board of California. Any and all
26 requests for a payment plan shall be submitted in writing by Respondent to the Board. Failure to
27 comply with the payment plan shall be considered unprofessional conduct and may serve as the
28 grounds for further disciplinary action.

1 The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of the responsibility
2 to repay investigation and enforcement costs, including expert review costs.

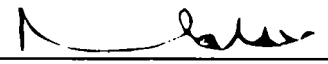
3 B. FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE.

4 If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for
5 reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing action agency in the State of
6 California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2022-087241 shall
7 be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of
8 Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict a license.

9 ACCEPTANCE

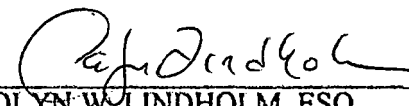
10 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully
11 discussed it with my attorney, Carolyn W. Lindholm, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the
12 effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated
13 Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be
14 bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

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16 DATED: 09/09/2025

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18 SAMAR HAMED A. NAHAS, M.D.
19 Respondent

20 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Samar Hamed A. Nahas, M.D., the terms
21 and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
22 Order. I approve its form and content.

23 DATED: 9/11/25

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25 CAROLYN W. LINDHOLM, ESQ.
26 Attorney for 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: 9/11/2025

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2022-087241

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27 herein and will expire on August 31, 2025, unless renewed.

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JURISDICTION

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

4. 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.

5. Section 2234 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

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:

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(b) Gross negligence.

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COST RECOVERY

6. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of

1 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
2 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being
3 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be
4 included in a stipulated settlement.

5 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

6 7. On or about August 20, 2020, Patient A¹, a then 30-year-old female with a medical
7 history of Crohn's disease and condylomata², presented for a consultation with Respondent for
8 surgical excision of the lesions on her vulva. After evaluating Patient A, Respondent determined
9 a series of excisions of Patient A's lesions under local anesthesia would be appropriate and
10 Patient A was scheduled to return for her first in-clinic surgical procedure.

11 8. On or about September 3, 2020, Patient A returned for her first surgical excision by
12 Respondent. At the outset of the procedure, Respondent requested a syringe with lidocaine from
13 the medical assistant. Respondent then received a syringe from the medical assistant containing
14 what Respondent believed to be lidocaine. Respondent injected this substance into Patient A's
15 vulva area and proceeded to perform an excision of the condylomatous area of Patient A's vulva
16 and sutured the area.

17 9. Patient A subsequently presented to the emergency department with complaints of
18 pain in her vulva area where it was determined Patient A had suffered a chemical burn to her left
19 labia due to an injection of trichloroacetic acid instead of lidocaine.

20 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

21 **(Gross Negligence)**

22 10. Respondent has subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 137858 to
23 disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (b), of
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25 ¹ For patient privacy purposes, patient's true name is not used in the instant Accusation to
26 maintain patient confidentiality. The patient identity is known to Respondent or will be disclosed
27 to Respondent upon receipt of a duly issued request for discovery in accordance with Government
Code section 11507.6.

28 ² Condylomata is also generally known as genital warts caused by the human
papillomavirus (HPV).

1 the Code, in that Respondent committed gross negligence in her care and treatment of Patient A
2 as more particularly alleged hereinafter.

3 11. Paragraphs 7 through 9, above, are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set
4 forth herein.

5 12. Respondent failed to confirm that the solution in the syringe provided by the medical
6 assistant during Patient A's in-clinic surgical procedure was indeed lidocaine resulting in the
7 inadvertent injection of trichloroacetic acid into Patient A's vulvar area.

8 **PRAYER**

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

- 11 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 137858, issued
12 to Respondent Samar Hamed A. Nahas, M.D.;
- 13 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Samar Hamed A. Nahas,
14 M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
- 15 3. Ordering Respondent Samar Hamed A. Nahas, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of
16 the investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of
17 probation monitoring; and
- 18 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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20 DATED: MAR 13 2025

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22 REJI VARGHESE
23 Executive Director
24 Medical Board of California
25 Department of Consumer Affairs
26 State of California
27 Complainant
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