

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

In the Matter of the First Amended)	
Accusation Against:)	
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Anthony S. Bianchi, M.D.)	Case No. 09-2009-200868
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Physician's and Surgeon's)	
Certificate No. A 63365)	
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Respondent)	
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DECISION AND ORDER

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 January 17, 2014.

IT IS SO ORDERED: December 20, 2013.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



Barbara Yaroslavsky, Chair
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10 **BEFORE THE**
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11 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
12 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

13 In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation
Against:
14 **ANTHONY S. BIANCHI, M.D.**
15 **113 South Vine Street, Suite A**
16 **Fallbrook, CA 92028**
17 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
No. A63365,
18 Respondent.

Case No. 09-2009-200868
OAH No. 2012070965
**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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

22 **PARTIES**

23 1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer ("Complainant") is the Interim Executive Director of the
24 Medical Board of California ("Board") and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris,
25 Attorney General of the State of California, by Michael S. Cochrane, Deputy Attorney General.

26 2. Respondent Anthony S. Bianchi, M.D. ("Respondent") is represented in this
27 proceeding by attorney Joseph P. Furman, Esq., of Furman Healthcare Law, whose address is:
28 9701 Wilshire Blvd., 10th Floor, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

1 3. On August 29, 1997, the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer
2 Affairs (“Board”), issued Physician and Surgeon’s Certificate No. A63365 to Respondent. The
3 Physician and Surgeon’s Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges
4 and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 09-2009-200868, and will expire on December
5 31, 2015, unless renewed.

6 **JURISDICTION**

7 4. On July 26, 2012, Accusation No. 09-2009-200868 was filed against Respondent
8 before the Board. A true and correct copy of Accusation No. 09-2009-200868 and all other
9 statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on July 26, 2012.
10 Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

11 5. On December 20, 2012, First Amended Accusation No. 09-2009-200868 was filed
12 before the Board and is currently pending against Respondent. A true and correct copy of the
13 First Amended Accusation and Supplemental Statement to Respondent were properly served on
14 Respondent on December 20, 2012, and all of the charges and allegations contained therein were
15 properly deemed controverted pursuant to California Government Code section 11507. A true
16 and correct copy of First Amended Accusation No. 09-2009-200868 is attached hereto as Exhibit
17 A and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

18 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

19 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and fully understands
20 the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 09-2009-200868. Respondent has
21 also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and fully understands the effects of this
22 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

23 7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
24 hearing on the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 09-2009-200868; the
25 right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to
26 testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of
27 witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an
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1 adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act
2 and other applicable laws.

3 8. Having the benefits of counsel, Respondent hereby voluntarily, knowingly, and
4 intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

5 **CULPABILITY**

6 9. Respondent agrees that, at an administrative hearing, Complainant could establish
7 a *prima facie* case with respect to the charges and allegations contained in First Amended
8 Accusation No. 09-2009-200868, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit
9 A, and that he has thereby subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A63365 to
10 disciplinary action.

11 10. Respondent agrees that if he ever petitions for early termination or modification of
12 probation, or if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against him before the
13 Board, all of the charges and allegations contained in First Amended Accusation No. 09-2009-
14 200868 shall be deemed true, correct, and fully admitted by Respondent for purposes of any such
15 proceeding before the Board or any other licensing proceeding involving respondent.

16 11. Respondent further agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as
17 set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

18 **CONTINGENCY**

19 12. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be subject to approval of
20 the Board. The parties agree that this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be
21 submitted to the Board for its consideration in the above-entitled matter and, further, that the
22 Board shall have a reasonable period of time in which to consider and act on this Stipulated
23 Settlement and Disciplinary Order after receiving it. By signing this stipulation, Respondent fully
24 understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind this stipulation
25 prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it.

26 13. The parties agree that this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be
27 null and void and not binding upon the parties unless approved and adopted by the Board, except
28 for this paragraph, which shall remain in full force and effect. Respondent fully understands and

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

13 **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

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

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

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

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1 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A63365
3 issued to Respondent Anthony S. Bianchi, M.D., is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed
4 and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years from the effective date of this Decision
5 on the following terms and conditions:

6 **1. ACTUAL SUSPENSION.**

7 As part of probation, Respondent is suspended from the practice of medicine for 30 days
8 beginning the sixteenth (16th) day after the effective date of this Decision.

9 **2. PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES PROGRAM.**

10 Within 60 calendar days from the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll
11 in a professional boundaries program equivalent to the Professional Boundaries Program offered
12 by the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program at the University of California, San
13 Diego School of Medicine ("Program"). Respondent, at the Program's discretion, shall undergo
14 and complete the Program's assessment of Respondent's competency, mental health and/or
15 neuropsychological performance, and at minimum, a 24 hour program of interactive education
16 and training in the area of boundaries, which takes into account data obtained from the
17 assessment and from the Decision, First Amended Accusation and any other information that the
18 Board or its designee deems relevant. The Program shall evaluate Respondent at the end of the
19 training and the Program shall provide any data from the assessment and training as well as the
20 results of the evaluation to the Board or its designee.

21 Failure to complete the entire Program not later than six (6) months after Respondent's
22 initial enrollment shall constitute a violation of probation unless the Board or its designee agrees
23 in writing to a later time for completion. Based on Respondent's performance in and evaluations
24 from the assessment, education, and training, the Program shall advise the Board or its designee
25 of its recommendation(s) for additional education, training, psychotherapy and other measures
26 necessary to ensure that Respondent can practice medicine safely. Respondent shall comply with
27 Program recommendations. At the completion of the Program, Respondent shall submit to a final
28 evaluation. The Program shall provide the results of the evaluation to the Board or its designee.

1 The professional boundaries program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to
2 the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

3 The Program has the authority to determine whether or not Respondent successfully
4 completed the Program.

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

10 If Respondent fails to complete the Program within the designated time period,
11 Respondent shall cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being notified
12 by the Board or its designee that Respondent failed to complete the Program.

13 **3. PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION.**

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

21 Respondent shall pay the cost of all psychiatric evaluations and psychological testing.

22 Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions recommended by the evaluating
23 psychiatrist within 15 calendar days after being notified by the Board or its designee.

24 **4. PSYCHOTHERAPY.**

25 Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to
26 the Board or its designee for prior approval the name and qualifications of a California-licensed
27 board certified psychiatrist or a licensed psychologist who has a doctoral degree in psychology
28 and at least five years of postgraduate experience in the diagnosis and treatment of emotional and

1 mental disorders. Upon approval, Respondent shall undergo and continue psychotherapy
2 treatment, including any modifications to the frequency of psychotherapy, until the Board or its
3 designee deems that no further psychotherapy is necessary.

4 The psychotherapist shall consider any information provided by the Board or its designee
5 and any other information the psychotherapist deems relevant and shall furnish a written
6 evaluation report to the Board or its designee. Respondent shall cooperate in providing the
7 psychotherapist any information and documents that the psychotherapist may deem pertinent.
8 Respondent shall have the treating psychotherapist submit quarterly status reports to the Board or
9 its designee. The Board or its designee may require Respondent to undergo psychiatric
10 evaluations by a Board-appointed board certified psychiatrist. If, prior to the completion of
11 probation, Respondent is found to be mentally unfit to resume the practice of medicine without
12 restrictions, the Board shall retain continuing jurisdiction over Respondent's license and the
13 period of probation shall be extended until the Board determines that Respondent is mentally fit
14 to resume the practice of medicine without restrictions.

15 Respondent shall pay the cost of all psychotherapy and psychiatric evaluations.

16 **5. SOLO PRACTICE PROHIBITION.**

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

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

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

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

6 **6. PROHIBITED PRACTICE.**

7 During probation, Respondent is prohibited from seeing, consulting with, attending,
8 practicing medicine on, or treating any and all female patients. After the effective date of this
9 Decision, all female patients seeking to consult with, or receive treatment from, Respondent shall
10 be notified that Respondent is prohibited from seeing, attending, practicing medicine on, or
11 treating any and all female patients.

12 Respondent shall maintain a log of all patients to whom the required notification was
13 made. The log shall contain the: 1) patient's name, address and phone number; patient's medical
14 record number, if available; 3) the full name of the person making the notification; 4) the date the
15 notification was made; and 5) a description of the notification given. Respondent shall keep this
16 log in a separate file or ledger, in chronological order, shall make the log available for immediate
17 inspection and copying on the premises at all times during business hours by the Board or its
18 designee, and shall retain the log for the entire term of probation.

19 **7. NOTIFICATION.**

20 Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, the Respondent shall provide
21 a true copy of this Decision and First Amended Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the Chief
22 Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to Respondent,
23 at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine, including all
24 physician and *locum tenens* registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief Executive
25 Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to Respondent.
26 Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15 calendar days
27 of the effective date of this Decision.

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

3 **8. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.**

4 During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants.

5 **9. OBEY ALL LAWS.**

6 Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of
7 medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation,
8 payments, and other orders.

9 **10. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS.**

10 Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms
11 provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of
12 probation.

13 Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the
14 end of the preceding quarter.

15 **11. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.**

16 A. Compliance with Probation Unit

17 Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit and all terms and conditions of
18 this Decision.

19 B. Address Changes

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

25 C. Place of Practice

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

1 D. License Renewal

2 Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's
3 license.

4 E. Travel or Residence Outside California

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

8 In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice
9 Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of
10 departure and return.

11 **12. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE.**

12 Respondent shall be available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent's
13 place of business or at the probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term
14 of probation.

15 **13. NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION.**

16 Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of
17 any periods of non-practice lasting more than 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of
18 Respondent's return to practice. Non-practice is defined as any period of time Respondent is not
19 practicing medicine in California as defined in Business and Professions Code sections 2051 and
20 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct patient care, clinical activity or teaching,
21 or other activity as approved by the Board. All time spent in an intensive training program which
22 has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-practice. Practicing
23 medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while on probation with the
24 medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be considered non-practice. A
25 Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice.

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1 In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar
2 months, Respondent shall successfully complete a clinical training program that meets the criteria
3 of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model Disciplinary Orders and
4 Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

5 Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years.
6 Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term.
7 Periods of non-practice will relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the
8 probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms
9 and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws; and General Probation Requirements.

10 **14. COMPLETION OF PROBATION.**

11 Respondent shall comply with all financial obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs)
12 not later than 120 calendar days prior to the completion of probation. Upon successful
13 completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall be fully restored.

14 **15. VIOLATION OF PROBATION.**

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

21 **16. LICENSE SURRENDER.**

22 Following the effective date of this Decision, if Respondent ceases practicing due to
23 retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of
24 probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license. The Board reserves the right to
25 evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in determining whether or not to
26 grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the
27 circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall within 15 calendar
28 days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its designee and Respondent

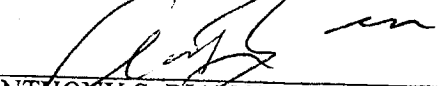
1 shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and
2 conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the application shall be
3 treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.

4 **17. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS.**

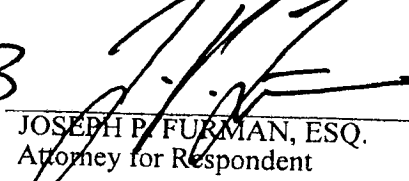
5 Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year
6 of probation, as designated by the Board, which may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs
7 shall be payable to the Medical Board of California and delivered to the Board or its designee no
8 later than January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

9 **ACCEPTANCE**

10 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have
11 fully discussed it with my attorney, Joseph P. Furman, Esq. I fully understand this stipulation and
12 the effect it will have on my Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. A63365. I enter into this
13 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree
14 to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

15 DATED: 11/13/13 
16 ANTHONY S. BIANCHI, M.D.
17 Respondent

18 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Anthony S. Bianchi, M.D., the terms and
19 conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
20 I approve its form and content.

21 DATED: Nov. 14, 2013 
22 JOSEPH P. FURMAN, ESQ.
23 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: 11/15/13

Respectfully submitted,

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FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION

19 Complainant alleges:

20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Linda K. Whitney (complainant) brings this First Amended Accusation solely
22 in her official capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department
23 of Consumer Affairs.

24 2. On or about August 29, 1997, the Medical Board of California (Board) issued
25 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A63365 to Anthony Steven Bianchi, M.D.
26 (respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No A63365 was in full force and effect
27 at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2013, unless
28 renewed.

1 **JURISDICTION**

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

5 4. Section 2227 of the Code states:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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5. Section 726 of the Code states:

“The commission of any act of sexual abuse, misconduct, or relations with a patient, client, or customer constitutes unprofessional conduct and grounds for disciplinary action for any person licensed under this division, under any initiative act referred to in this division and under Chapter 17 (commencing with Section 9000) of Division 3. This section shall not apply to sexual contact between a physician and surgeon and his or her spouse or person in an equivalent domestic relationship when that physician and surgeon provides medical treatment, other than psychotherapeutic treatment, to his or her spouse or person in an equivalent domestic relationship.”

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

“The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. . .”

7. Unprofessional conduct under section 2234 of the Code is conduct which

breaches the rules or ethical code of the medical profession, or conduct which is unbecoming to a member in good standing of the medical profession, and which demonstrates an unfitness to practice medicine. (*Shea v. Board of Medical Examiners* (1978) 81 Cal.App.3d 564, 575.)

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Sexual Abuse or Misconduct with a Patient)

8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 726 of the Code in

that he engaged in sexual abuse or misconduct with patients T.C. and A.M., as more particularly alleged hereinafter:

Patient T.C.

(a) On or about September 11, 2008, respondent, a gynecologist, began treating patient T.C. Patient T.C.’s first appointment with respondent was a well-woman examination. Due to an abnormal pap smear, patient T.C. needed a couple of follow-up appointments to conclude that everything was normal. Patient T.C. first several appointments with respondent were uneventful.

1 (b) On or about July 9, 2009, patient T.C. presented by appointment to discuss
2 tubal-ligation surgery with respondent. The consultation took place in respondent's office,
3 and patient T.C. was fully clothed. Surgery was scheduled for on or about August 4, 2009,
4 but more information was needed to clarify if the surgery would be performed at Fallbrook
5 Surgical Center or Golden Triangle Surgical Center in Temecula. Respondent gave patient
6 T.C. his pager number and told her to call him anytime day or night. Respondent asked
7 patient T.C. if she wanted to go to lunch with him, and patient T.C. declined.

8 (c) On or about July 10, 2009, patient T.C. received a telephone call from
9 respondent to further discuss the location for her surgery. After a brief discussion about
10 the surgery, respondent apologized for staring at her breasts during the medical
11 consultation the previous day. Respondent told patient T.C. she was a beautiful woman
12 and did not want to offend her, but stated he could not stop thinking about her, especially
13 since he knew what she looked like unclothed.

14 (d) On or about July 20, 2009, patient T.C. received a phone call from respondent,
15 who verified that her surgery could be performed at patient T.C.'s preferred surgical center
16 in Temecula. After some small talk, respondent told patient T.C. that he had a dream in
17 which she came to his office wearing a short miniskirt without any undergarments.
18 Respondent continued to describe that he performed oral sex on patient T.C. in his dream.
19 Respondent acknowledged that he did not know if patient T.C. liked oral sex, but stated
20 that she was gratified in his dream. Patient T.C. asked what respondent was doing by
21 talking like that, and respondent explained that they were talking as friends and complained
22 about having an unsatisfying sex life in his marriage. Patient T.C. expressed her
23 discomfort with the conversation, stated she was concerned about what respondent might
24 do to her during the surgery, and asked who else would be present in the room during the
25 surgery. Respondent agreed to refer her to another doctor for the surgery, and promised
26 not to "stalk" patient T.C.

27 (e) Patient T.C. called respondent back at the phone number from which
28 respondent had called her, which was respondent's cell phone number. Respondent stated

1 that she should not call him at that number, but rather should call his pager, which would
2 forward the call to his cell phone. Patient T.C. told respondent the name of another doctor
3 who she wanted to perform her surgery, and asked that he make a referral to that doctor,
4 and respondent agreed.

5 **Patient A.M.**

6 (f) On or about May 14, 2012, patient A.M. was seen by respondent for her eighth
7 week pregnancy intravaginal ultrasound after she had experienced some vaginal bleeding.
8 During this visit, respondent complimented patient A.M. on her clothes and told her that
9 she was beautiful.

10 (g) The next day, on or about May 15, 2012, respondent called patient A.M.
11 Respondent stated that he had something to say, did not know if he should say it, but that
12 he was going to say it anyway. Respondent told patient A.M. that he knew he was “an old
13 man,” but expressed that he was sexually attracted to patient A.M. Respondent requested
14 the next time patient A.M. comes to his office, that she not shave the hair around her
15 genitalia and that she come disheveled and untidy “because yesterday I nearly had a heart
16 attack seeing you.”

17 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

18 **(Unprofessional Conduct)**

19 9. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and
20 2234 of the Code, in that he has engaged in conduct which breached the rules or ethical code of
21 the medical profession, or conduct which was unbecoming to a member in good standing of the
22 medical profession, and which demonstrated an unfitness to practice medicine, as more
23 particularly alleged in Paragraph 8, above, is hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if
24 fully set forth herein.

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PRAYER

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

1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A63365, issued to respondent Anthony Steven Bianchi, M.D.;
2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of respondent Anthony Steven Bianchi, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician's assistants, pursuant to section 3527 of the Code;
3. Ordering respondent Anthony Steven Bianchi, M.D., to pay the Medical Board of California, if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and
4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 12/20/12

Michael J. Cochran for

LINDA K. WHITNEY
Executive Director
Medical Board of California
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant