

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

**In the Matter of the Accusation** )  
**Against:** )  
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**Jeffrey L. Thomas, M.D.** )  
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**Physician's and Surgeon's** )  
**Certificate No. A 67160** )  
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**Respondent** )  
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**Case No. 800-2016-023118**

**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 January 2, 2020.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED December 3, 2019.**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**

By: 

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**Kristina D. Lawson, J.D., Chair  
Panel B**

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**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:  
13 **JEFFREY LAUREN THOMAS, M.D.**  
14 **2210 E. Illinois, Suite 505**  
15 **Fresno, CA 93710**  
16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A**  
**67160**  
17 Respondent.

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

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20 In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with the public  
21 interest and the responsibility of the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer  
22 Affairs, the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order  
23 which will be submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the final disposition of the  
24 Accusation.

25 **PARTIES**

26 1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board  
27 of California (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in  
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1 this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Sarah J. Jacobs,  
2 Deputy Attorney General.

3 2. Respondent Jeffrey Lauren Thomas, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this  
4 proceeding by attorney Michael F. Ball, whose address is: 7647 North Fresno Street, Fresno, CA  
5 93720.

6 3. On or about December 11, 1998, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's  
7 Certificate No. A 67160 to Jeffrey Lauren Thomas, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and  
8 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in  
9 Accusation No. 800-2016-023118, and will expire on August 31, 2020, unless renewed.

#### 10 JURISDICTION

11 Accusation No. 800-2016-023118 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending  
12 against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly  
13 served on Respondent on September 25, 2018. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense  
14 contesting the Accusation.

15 4. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2016-023118 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated  
16 herein by reference.

#### 17 ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

18 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the  
19 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2016-023118. Respondent has also carefully read,  
20 fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and  
21 Disciplinary Order.

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

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

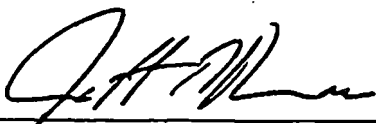
5 Determination as to whether Respondent successfully completed the clinical competence  
6 assessment program is solely within the program's jurisdiction.

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

17 **ACCEPTANCE**

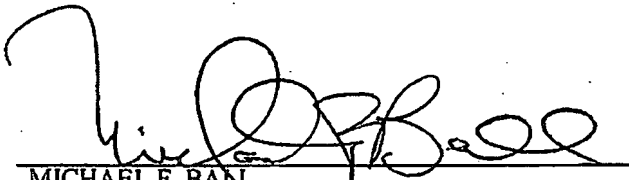
18 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully  
19 discussed it with my attorney, Michael F. Ball. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will  
20 have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and  
21 Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the  
22 Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

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24 DATED: 9/30/2019

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27 JEFFREY LAUREN THOMAS, M.D.  
28 Respondent

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I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Jeffrey Lauren Thomas, M.D. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 9/25/2019   
MICHAEL F. BADL  
*Attorney for Respondent*

**ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order in the matter of Respondent Jeffrey Lauren Thomas, M.D., is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

DATED: 10-1-19

Respectfully submitted,  
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Attorney General of California  
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Supervising Deputy Attorney General  
  
SARAH J. JACOBS  
Deputy Attorney General  
*Attorneys for Complainant*

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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2016-023118**



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**Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
No. A67160,**  
Respondent.

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**ACCUSATION**

Complainant alleges:

**PARTIES**

1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs (Board).
2. On or about December 11, 1998, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A67160 to Jeffrey Lauren Thomas, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on August 31, 2020, unless renewed.

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1           8.     At this initial visit, Respondent performed a pelvic exam and pap smear on Patient  
2 A. Respondent palpated the patient's uterus, which he found to be just below the umbilicus.  
3 Respondent performed a transvaginal ultrasound on the patient, which revealed a twenty weeks'  
4 size uterus with a "snowstorm appearance." No gestational sac or fetal parts were visualized.  
5 Respondent did not utilize abdominal ultrasonography, or attempt to listen to fetal heart tones.  
6 Respondent did not diagnose or rule out placenta accrete.<sup>2</sup> At the conclusion of this visit,  
7 Respondent diagnosed Patient A with a molar pregnancy,<sup>3</sup> referred her for lab work that included  
8 her quantitative chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) levels, and scheduled the patient for a dilation of  
9 the cervix and evacuation of the contents of the uterus (D & E).

10           9.     On or about October 6, 2014, Respondent received Patient A's hCG lab results,  
11 which revealed levels of 48,876. Respondent did not send the patient for repeat labs.

12           10.    On or about October 8, 2014, Patient A presented to Respondent for the scheduled  
13 D & E of a suspected molar pregnancy. Prior to the surgery, Respondent did not utilize  
14 abdominal ultrasonography, or attempt to listen to fetal heart tones. During the procedure, the  
15 patient was noted to have some bleeding following decompression of the uterus and a Bier clamp  
16 was placed into the uterine cavity, which returned fetal parts. Upon extraction of fetal parts,  
17 bleeding continued. After an attempt to place a Foley balloon for tamponade failed, Respondent  
18 proceeded to perform a total abdominal hysterectomy on the patient. Upon further inspection of  
19 the uterus, Respondent noted a placenta percreta,<sup>4</sup> disrupting the cesarean section scar. Due to the  
20 excessive bleeding, Patient A required a large amount of replacement blood products, and was  
21 admitted overnight to the Intensive Care Unit for observation.

22                   <sup>2</sup> Placenta accreta occurs when the placenta attaches too deep in the uterine wall but it does not  
23 penetrate the uterine muscle. It is a potentially life-threatening condition, as the patient is at high-risk for  
24 severe hemorrhage, as any disruption of the utero-placental interface will result in excessive bleeding.

25                   <sup>3</sup> A molar pregnancy is a rare complication of pregnancy characterized by the abnormal growth of  
26 trophoblasts, the cells that normally develop into the placenta. In a complete molar pregnancy, the  
27 placental tissue is abnormal and swollen, appears to form fluid-filled cysts, and there is no formation of  
28 fetal tissue. In a partial molar pregnancy, there may be normal placental tissue along with abnormally  
forming placental tissue. There may also be formation of a fetus, but the fetus is not able to survive, and is  
usually miscarried early in the pregnancy.

<sup>4</sup> Placenta percreta occurs when the placenta penetrates through the entire uterine wall and attaches  
to another organ such as the bladder.

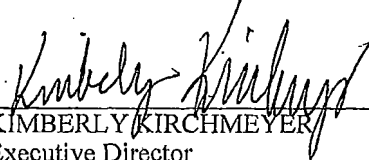


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3. Ordering Respondent, Jeffrey Lauren Thomas, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring; and

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

DATED: ~~September 25, 2018~~

  
KIMBERLY KIRCHMEYER  
Executive Director  
Medical Board of California  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
*Complainant*

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