

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

In the Matter of the Accusation)
Against:)
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Stanley K. Brown, M.D.)
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Physician's and Surgeon's)
Certificate No. C 42176)
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Respondent)
_____)

Case No. 800-2019-53044


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 9, 2020 .

IT IS SO ORDERED December 10, 2019 .

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



Ronald H. Lewis, M.D., Chair
Panel A

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8 **BEFORE THE**
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11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 800-2019-053044

13 **STANLEY K. BROWN, M.D.**
14 **11111 N. Scottsdale Road #115**
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

15 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C**
16 **42176**

17 Respondent.

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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 Executive Director of the Medical Board
24 of California (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in
25 this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Carolyne Evans,
26 Deputy Attorney General.

1 CULPABILITY

2 9. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation
3 No. 800-2019-053044, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his
4 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

5 10. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of
6 further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual
7 basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest
8 those charges.

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

12 CONTINGENCY

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

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

26 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
27 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following
28 Disciplinary Order:

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DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 42176 issued to Respondent Stanley K. Brown, M.D. shall be and is hereby publicly reprimanded pursuant to California Business and Professions Code § 2227(a)(4). This Public Reprimand, which is issued in connection with Respondent's actions as set forth in Accusation No. 800-2018-050212 is as follows:

In February 2019, the Arizona Medical Board issued an Order for Letter of Public Reprimand and Probation. The Arizona Medical Board found that Respondent, an anesthesiologist, departed from the standard of care by proceeding with a patient's surgery when an essential piece of equipment was broken, which prevented Respondent from being able to also verify placement of the trachea tube by the presence of end-title CO2 when intubating the patient. The Arizona Medical Board issued a letter of reprimand, placed Respondent on probation for six months, and required completion of continuing medical education.

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

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

1 Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its
2 designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not later than
3 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

4 If Respondent fails to enroll, participate in, or successfully complete the clinical
5 competence assessment program within the designated time period, Respondent shall receive a
6 notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3)
7 calendar days after being so notified. The Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine
8 until enrollment or participation in the outstanding portions of the clinical competence assessment
9 program have been completed. If the Respondent did not successfully complete the medical
10 recordkeeping course, the Board may file a disciplinary action and Respondent shall not resume
11 the practice of medicine until a final decision has been rendered on the accusation.

12 Respondent understands that failure to submit and/or complete the medical recordkeeping
13 course, as set forth above, would constitute unprofessional conduct and grounds for further
14 disciplinary action.

15 In consideration for his agreement to complete the medical recordkeeping education course,
16 as set forth above, Respondent shall be publicly reprimanded as set forth in the public letter of
17 reprimand, as set forth above.

18 ACCEPTANCE

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

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25 DATED:

10/18/14

26 S. K. Brown, M.D.
27 STANLEY K. BROWN, M.D.
28 Respondent

1 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Stanley K. Brown, M.D. the terms and
2 conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
3 I approve its form and content.

4 DATED: 10/21/19 
5 PAUL GIANCOLA
6 Attorney for Respondent

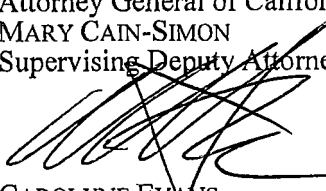
7 **ENDORSEMENT**

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

10 DATED: 10/31/19

Respectfully submitted,

11 XAVIER BECERRA
12 Attorney General of California
13 MARY CAIN-SIMON
14 Supervising Deputy Attorney General

 DAG Carolyn Ross
for DAG Carolyn Evans
15 CAROLYNE EVANS
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2019-053044

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A C C U S A T I O N

16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**
17 **No. C 42176,**

18 Respondent.

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22 Complainant alleges:

23 **PARTIES**

24 1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official
25 capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer
26 Affairs (Board),

27 2. On or about March 13, 1986, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's
28 Certificate Number C 42176 to Stanley K. Brown, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and

1 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
2 herein and will expire on June 30, 2019, unless renewed.

3 **JURISDICTION**

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

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7 laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

8 5. Section 2227 of the Code provides, in part, that a licensee who is found guilty under
9 the Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to
10 exceed one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, be
11 publicly reprimanded, or such other action taken in relation to discipline as the Board deems
12 proper.

13 6. Section 2234 of the Code provides that the Board shall take action against a licensee
14 who is charged with unprofessional conduct.

15 7. Section 2305 of the Code states:

16 "The revocation, suspension, or other discipline, restriction or limitation imposed by
17 another state upon a license or certificate to practice medicine issued by that state, or the
18 revocation, suspension, or restriction of the authority to practice medicine by any agency of the
19 federal government, that would have been grounds for discipline in California of a licensee under
20 this chapter shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct against the
21 licensee in this state."

22 8. Section 141 of the Code states:

23 "(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction of the
24 department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the federal government,
25 or by another country for any act substantially related to the practice regulated by the California
26 license, may be a ground for disciplinary action by the respective state licensing board. A
27 certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state,
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1 an agency of the federal government, or another country shall be conclusive evidence of the
2 events related therein.

3 “(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from applying a specific statutory
4 provision in the licensing act administered by that board that provides for discipline based upon
5 disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal
6 government, or another country.”

7 CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

8 **(Discipline, Restriction, or Limitation Imposed by Another State)**

9 9. On or about February 5, 2019, the Arizona Medical Board issued an Order for Letter
10 of Reprimand and Probation (Arizona Order). The Arizona Order found that Respondent’s
11 Arizona medical license was subject to discipline because Respondent deviated from the standard
12 of care in his care and treatment of one patient. The facts are as follows:

13 10. On October 17, 2013, Patient A was admitted for a biopsy of a mass on her vocal
14 cords. Respondent, an anesthesiologist, was responsible for managing Patient A’s general
15 anesthesia. Respondent administered the anesthesia by way of a tube in Patient A’s trachea. At
16 the time the procedure was initiated, Respondent did not have a working capnograph¹ in the
17 procedure room. During the procedure, Patient A developed sudden bradycardia (slow heart rate)
18 and ventilation of her lungs became difficult. Patient A died during the procedure.

19 11. The Arizona Medical Board concluded that Respondent departed from the standard of
20 care by proceeding with Patient A’s surgery when an essential piece of anesthesia equipment was
21 broken, which prevented Respondent from being able to verify tube placement. The Arizona
22 Medical Board also found that actual patient harm occurred in that Patient A expired
23 intraoperatively.

24 12. As a result of Respondent’s unprofessional conduct, the Arizona Medical Board
25 disciplined Respondent by issuing a letter of reprimand and placing him on probation for a period
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28 ¹ A medical device used to verify tube placement, monitor ventilation, and monitor the
concentration of carbon dioxide in the respiratory gases.

1 of six months. The Arizona Medical Board ordered that Respondent complete 10 hours of
2 continuing medical education regarding medical recordkeeping.

3 13. Respondent's conduct and the actions of the Arizona Medical Board, as set forth in
4 paragraphs 9 through 12 above, constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of 2305
5 and conduct subject to discipline within the meaning of section 141(a). The Arizona Medical
6 Board's Order is attached as Exhibit A.

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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 Number C 42176,
12 issued to Respondent;
- 13 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent's authority to supervise
14 physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
- 15 3. Ordering Respondent, if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation
16 monitoring; and
- 17 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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20 DATED: May 10, 2019



21 KIMBERLY KIRCHMEYER
22 Executive Director
23 Medical Board of California
24 Department of Consumer Affairs
25 State of California
26 Complainant
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EXHIBIT A



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I, Michelle Robles, of the Arizona Medical Board, hereby certify that I am the official custodian of the records of the agency; and that the attached documents are true and complete copies of the documents requested regarding:

Physician Name: Stanley K. Brown, M.D.

License Number: 14729

Attached are the following document(s):

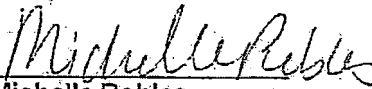
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Order for Letter of Reprimand and Probation; and Consent to the Same
Dated: February 6th, 2019

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Dated this 08th, March, 2019

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD


Michelle Robles
Custodian of Records

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General Information

Stanley Kent Brown MD
Sensational Skin, PLLC
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Scottsdale AZ 85254
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License Number: 14729
License Status: Active
Licensed Date: 06/01/1984
License Renewed: 05/30/2017
Due to Renew By: 06/24/2019
If not Renewed, License Expires: 10/24/2019

Education and Training

Medical School:	UNIV OF OK COLL OF MED OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma
Graduation Date:	12/22/1981
Internship:	01/06/1982 - 01/05/1983 LUBBOCK GENERAL HOSPITAL LUBBOCK, TX
Residency:	01/24/1983 - 02/24/1985 (Anesthesiology) MARICOPA MEDICAL CENTER PHOENIX, AZ
Area of Interest	Anesthesiology
Area of Interest	Dermatologic Surgery

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Board Action

02/05/2019

Letter of Reprimand W Probation

A person may obtain additional public records related to any licensee, including dismissed complaints and non-disciplinary actions and orders, by making a written request to the Board. The Arizona Medical Board presents this information as a service to the public. The Board relies upon information provided by licensees to be true and correct, as required by statute. It is an act of unprofessional conduct for a licensee to provide erroneous information to the Board. The Board makes no warranty or guarantee concerning the accuracy or reliability of the content of this website or the content of any other website to which it may link. Assessing accuracy and reliability of the information obtained from this website is solely the responsibility of the user. The Board is not liable for errors or for any damages resulting from the use of the information contained herein.

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1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

2 In the Matter of

3 **STANLEY K. BROWN, M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. 14729
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine.
6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-17-0133A

**ORDER FOR LETTER OF REPRIMAND
AND PROBATION; AND CONSENT TO
THE SAME**

7 Stanley K. Brown, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a
8 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Letter of Reprimand and Probation;
9 admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of
10 this Order by the Board.

11 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

12 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of
13 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

14 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 14279 for the practice of
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-17-0133A after receiving notification of
17 a malpractice settlement regarding Respondent's care and treatment of a 68 year-old
18 female patient ("GR") alleging failure to monitor the patient while she was undergoing
19 biopsy of vocal cords, with subsequent death

20 4. On October 17, 2013, GR was admitted for biopsy of a mass on the vocal
21 cords. GR's history included type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease. GR
22 was a non-smoker whose medications included atenolol, diovan, hydrochlorothiazide,
23 byetta, metformin, levothyroxine, and simvastatin. A preoperative ECG taken in September
24 2013 showed a regular rhythm and non-specific ST wave abnormalities.

25 5. GR received general anesthesia with a tube in the trachea, which was
managed by Respondent. At the time the procedure was initiated, Respondent did not

1 have a working capnograph for assessing end-tidal CO2 in the procedure room. The
2 surgeon then performed direct laryngoscopy to view and biopsy the laryngeal mass 6
3 minutes after induction of anesthesia according to the anesthesia record. At this time, GR
4 developed sudden bradycardia and ventilation of her lungs became difficult. The surgeon
5 removed his device and Respondent began efforts to treat the profound bradycardia and
6 bronchospasm including intravenous epinephrine and subsequent chest compressions.
7 GR developed pulseless electrical activity ("PEA") then asystole, and resuscitation was
8 unsuccessful.

9 6. In correspondence provided to Board staff during the course of the
10 investigation, the surgeon stated that he and Respondent independently verified tube
11 placement using their respective scope and laryngoscopes. The surgeon stated that after
12 Respondent reassessed the position of the endotracheal tube, it was found to be still in the
13 trachea.

14 7. On October 18, 2013, an autopsy was performed, which determined that the
15 cause of death was anoxic encephalopathy due to intractable bronchospasm. Chronic beta
16 blocker use by GR had been considered a significant contributing factor to her demise.
17 The cause of death was determined to be natural.

18 The standard of care when an essential piece of anesthesia equipment, such as
19 end-tidal capnography is broken requires an anesthesiologist to delay the surgery until
20 functioning equipment could be used. Respondent deviated from the standard of care by
21 proceeding with surgery when an essential piece of anesthesia equipment was broken
22 which prevented him from being able to also verify tube placement by the presence of end-
23 tidal CO2 when intubating the patient.

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a. Continuing Medical Education

Respondent shall within 6 months of the effective date of this Order obtain no less than 10 hours of Board Staff pre-approved Category I Continuing Medical Education ("CME") in an intensive, in-person course regarding medical recordkeeping. Respondent shall within thirty days of the effective date of this Order submit his request for CME to the Board for pre-approval. Upon completion of the CME, Respondent shall provide Board staff with satisfactory proof of attendance. The CME hours shall be in addition to the hours required for the biennial renewal of medical licensure. The Probation shall terminate upon Respondent's proof of successful completion of the CME.

b. Obey All Laws

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

b. Tolling

In the event Respondent should leave Arizona to reside or practice outside the State or for any reason should Respondent stop practicing medicine in Arizona, Respondent shall notify the Executive Director in writing within ten days of departure and return or the dates of non-practice within Arizona. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding thirty days during which Respondent is not engaging in the practice of medicine. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside Arizona or of non-practice within Arizona, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary period.

3. The Board retains jurisdiction and may initiate new action against Respondent based upon any violation of this Order. A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(s)

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 5th day of February, 2019.

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ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By Patricia E. McSorley
Patricia E. McSorley
Executive Director

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7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

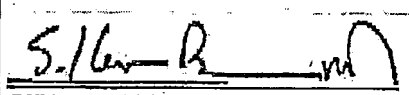
8. If any part of the Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

9. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.

10. Any violation of this Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(s) ("Violating a formal order, probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director under this chapter.") and 32-1451.

11. Respondent acknowledges that, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2501(16), he cannot act as a supervising physician for a physician assistant while her/his license is on probation.

12. *Respondent has read and understands the conditions of probation.*


STANLEY K. BROWN, M.D.

DATED: 01/16/2019

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EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
this 10th day of February, 2019 to:

Paul Giancola, Esq.
Counsel for Respondent
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