

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

In the Matter of the Accusation
Against:

Carolyn Marie Parma, M.D.

Physician's & Surgeon's
Certificate No A157074

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2018-051077

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reprimand 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 October 16, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED September 18, 2020.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

By: 

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

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12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

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13 **CAROLYN MARIE PARMA, M.D.**

14 Epic Care
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15 Suite 104
Walnut Creek CA 94597

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC
REPRIMAND**

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17 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A
157074

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

23 **PARTIES**

24 1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of
25 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this
26 matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Ana Gonzalez, Deputy
27 Attorney General.
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1 CULPABILITY

2 9. Respondent agrees that, at an administrative hearing, Complainant could establish
3 a *prima facie* case with respect to the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-
4 2018-051077 and that she has thereby subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate to
5 disciplinary action. Respondent further agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of
6 discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

7 10. Respondent further agrees that if she fails to successfully complete the
8 professionalism program, which is more fully described below, within the required time, all of the
9 charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2018-051077, shall be deemed true,
10 correct, and fully admitted by Respondent for purposes of any further proceeding before the
11 Board, and that her failure to complete the professionalism program shall constitute
12 unprofessional conduct and grounds for further disciplinary action.

13 CONTINGENCY

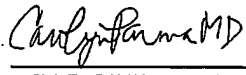
14 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California.
15 Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical
16 Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and
17 settlement, without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

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

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Stephen M. Boreman. 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: 08 / 11 / 2020 
CAROLYN MARIE PARMA, M.D.
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Carolyn Marie Parma, 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: 08 / 11 / 2020 
STEPHEN M. BOREMAN
Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

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

DATED: 8/12/2020 Respectfully submitted,
XAVIER BECERRA
Attorney General of California
JANE ZACK SIMON
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

ANA GONZALEZ
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2018-051077

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15 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
16 No. A 157074,

17 Respondent.

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19 **PARTIES**

20 1. ~~Christine J. Lally (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity~~
21 as the Interim Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer
22 Affairs (Board).

23 2. On July 16, 2018, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
24 Number A 157074 to Carolyn Marie Parma, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's
25 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
26 expire on July 31, 2020, unless renewed.

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1 JURISDICTION

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

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

9 5. Section 2234 of the Code requires the Board to take action against any licensee who
10 is charged with unprofessional conduct.

11 6. Section 2236 of the Code provides that the conviction of any offense substantially
12 related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes
13 unprofessional conduct.

14 7. Section 2239 of the Code provides that the use of alcoholic beverages, to the extent,
15 or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to the licensee, or to any other person or to the
16 public, or to the extent that such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice medicine safely
17 constitutes unprofessional conduct.

18 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

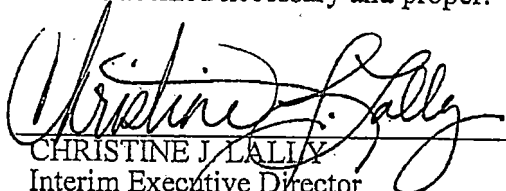
19 (Unprofessional Conduct: Conviction of a Crime/Dangerous Use of Alcohol)

20 ~~8. Shortly after 3:00 a.m. on October 28, 2018, police officers responded to a call for~~
21 assistance placed by Respondent from a telephone at a gas station near her home. Dispatchers
22 informed responding officers that the caller was crying and could not complete sentences, and
23 stated that she was intoxicated and scared. Responding officers noted that Respondent was crying
24 and had difficulty communicating. She confirmed that she had driven her car, and in response to
25 officers' questions, stated she had consumed "about three drinks" but was unable to recall when
26 or where she had consumed the drinks. Field sobriety tests were administered, and Respondent
27 was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. A blood test, drawn just after 4:00 a.m.,
28 returned a blood alcohol level of .27%.

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

DATED: MAR 11 2020


CHRISTINE J. LALLY
Interim Executive Director
Medical Board of California
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant

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