

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Monica Jeannemarian Murphy, M.D.

Physician's & Surgeon's  
Certificate No. A 49186

Respondent.

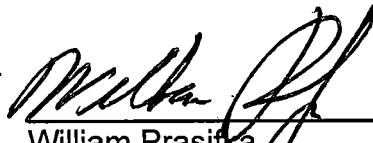
Case No. 800-2018-047271

ORDER

Respondent's Motion to Vacate and Set Aside the Default Decision  
and Order dated May 21, 2021 is denied.

It is so ORDERED                     MAY 28 2021                    .

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

  
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13 **MONICA JEANNEMARIAN MURPHY,**  
14 **M.D.**  
15 P. O. Box 1287  
16 Bakersfield, CA 93302-1287

**DEFAULT DECISION**  
**AND ORDER**

17 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A  
18 49186

[Gov. Code, §11520]

Respondent.

19 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

20 1. On or about February 4, 2021, Complainant William Prasifka, in his official capacity  
21 as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs,  
22 filed Accusation No. 800-2018-047271 against Monica Jeannemarian Murphy, M.D. before the  
23 Medical Board of California.

24 2. On or about March 4, 1991, the Medical Board of California (Board) issued  
25 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 49186 to Respondent. The Physician's and  
26 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
27 herein and will expire on May 31, 2022, unless renewed. A copy of Respondent's Certificate of  
28 Licensure is attached as Exhibit A.

1           3. On February 4, 2021, Anna Fulton, an employee of the Board served by Certified and  
2 First Class Mail a copy of the Accusation No. 800-2018-047271, Statement to Respondent,  
3 Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and  
4 11507.7, to Respondent at her address of record with the Board, which was and is P.O. Box 1287,  
5 Bakersfield, CA 93302-1287. A copy of the Accusation, the related documents, and Declaration  
6 of Service are attached as Exhibit B and are incorporated herein by reference.

7           4. The Certified Return Receipt for the aforementioned documents was returned by the  
8 U.S. Postal Service dated February 10, 2021 and signed "M Murphy." A copy of the Certified  
9 Return Receipt is attached as Exhibit C.

10          5. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of  
11 Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c).

12          6. On March 1, 2021, a Courtesy Notice of Default was sent by Certified and First Class  
13 Mail to Respondent's address of record listed above. The Courtesy Notice of Default served on  
14 Respondent included copies of the Accusation No. 800-2018-047271, Statement to Respondent,  
15 Notice of Defense, and Declaration of Service. A copy of the Courtesy Notice of Default, related  
16 documents, and Declaration of Service are attached as Exhibit D and are incorporated herein by  
17 reference.

18          7. The Certified Return Receipt for said documents was returned by the U.S. Postal  
19 Service dated March 3, 2021, and signed "M Murphy." A copy of the Certified Return Receipt is  
20 attached as Exhibit E.

21          8. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:

22               (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent  
23 files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts  
24 of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall  
constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion  
may nevertheless grant a hearing.

25          Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of the  
26 Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 800-  
27 2018-047271.

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1 9. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:

2 (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the  
3 hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions  
4 or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to  
5 respondent.

6 10. Exhibit F, attached and incorporated herein by reference, is a Declaration of Deputy  
7 Attorney General Sarah J. Jacobs, which establishes that no Notice of Defense was received by  
8 the Board or the Attorney General's office, and further that each Exhibit in the Default Decision  
9 Packet is a true and correct copy of the original.

10 11. Exhibit G, attached and incorporated herein by reference, is a Declaration of Mark H.  
11 Sawyer, M.D., the physician who evaluated the care that Respondent rendered to Patient A and  
12 Patient B, on behalf of the Medical Board, in order to determine whether her treatment of the  
13 patients was within the standard of care. Dr. Sawyer reviewed the medical records of the patients  
14 as well as other pertinent information obtained during the Medical Board's investigation into the  
15 practices of Respondent. His findings and conclusions in his declaration, establish that  
16 Respondent was grossly and repeatedly negligent in her care and treatment of the patients. In  
17 addition, Dr. Sawyer's declaration establishes that Respondent failed to maintain adequate and  
18 accurate records of Patient A and Patient B.

19 12. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds  
20 Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on  
21 Respondent's express admissions by way of default and the evidence before it, contained in  
22 Exhibits A through G, finds that the allegations in Accusation No. 800-2018-047271 are true.

### **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

23 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Monica Jeannemarian Murphy,  
24 M.D. has subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 49186 to discipline.

25 2. A copy of the Accusation and the related documents and Declaration of Service are  
26 attached.

27 3. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.  
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1 4. The Medical Board of California is authorized to revoke Respondent's Physician's  
2 and Surgeon's Certificate based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation:

3 a. Gross Negligence: Respondent committed gross negligence with respect to her  
4 care and treatment of Patients A and B pursuant to sections 2227 and 2234, subdivision (b) of the  
5 Business and Professions Code;

6 b. Repeated Negligent Acts: Respondent committed repeated negligent acts with  
7 respect to her care and treatment of Patients A and B pursuant to sections 2227 and 2234,  
8 subdivision (c) of the Business and Professions Code; and

9 c. Failure to Maintain Adequate and Accurate Records: Respondent failed to  
10 maintain adequate and accurate records concerning the care and treatment of Patients A and B  
11 pursuant to section 2266 of the Business and Professions Code;

12 **ORDER**

13 IT IS SO ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 49186, heretofore  
14 issued to Respondent Monica Jeannemarian Murphy, M.D., is revoked.

15 **Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a**  
16 **written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on**  
17 **within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent.** The agency in its  
18 discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in  
19 the statute.

20 This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on June 11, 2021.

21 It is so ORDERED May 12, 2021.

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25 WILLIAM PRASIFKA  
26 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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