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

In the Matter of the Case Against: **Lorraine Emma De Blanche, M.D.** **3016 Thomas Ave Apt C** **Dallas, TX 75204-2709** **Physician's and Surgeon's** **Certificate No. C 157653** **Respondent.**	**Case No. 800-2020-073667** **STIPULATION FOR SURRENDER OF LICENSE**

TO ALL PARTIES:

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

1. Complainant, William Prasifka, is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs ("Board").

2. Lorraine Emma De Blanche, M.D. ("Respondent") has carefully read and fully understands the effect of this Stipulation.

3. Respondent agrees that based on the action taken by the Arkansas State Medical Board, (Exhibit A) cause exists to discipline her California Physician's and Surgeon's certificate pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 141(a) and 2305.

4. Respondent understands that, if proven at hearing, the charges and allegations under investigation would constitute cause for imposing discipline upon Respondent's license issued by the Board.

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5. Respondent is aware of each of her rights, including the right to a hearing, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Respondent, the right to testify and present evidence on her own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, the right to contest any charges and allegations, and other rights which are accorded Respondent pursuant to the California Administrative Procedure Act (Gov. Code, §11500 et seq.) and other applicable laws, including the right to seek reconsideration, review by the superior court, and appellate review.

6. In order to avoid the expense and uncertainty of a hearing, Respondent freely and voluntarily waives each and every one of these rights set forth above. Respondent hereby agrees to surrender Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 157653.

7. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation she is enabling the Board to accept the surrender of her license without further process, as provided by section 11415.60(b) of the Government Code.

8. Upon acceptance of the Stipulation by the Board, Respondent understands that she will no longer be permitted to practice as a Physician and Surgeon in California, and also agrees to surrender and cause to be delivered to the Board both her license and wallet certificate before the effective date of the Decision.

9. Respondent hereby represents that she does not intend to seek relicensure or reinstatement as a Physician and Surgeon. Respondent fully understands and agrees, however, that if Respondent ever files an application for relicensure or reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a Petition for Reinstatement, and the Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the Petition is filed. Case Report No. 800-2020-073667, including all referenced attachments and other exhibits, and any additional attachments, and other exhibits, that may be generated subsequent to the filing of the surrender of license, shall be admissible as direct evidence, and any time based defenses, such as laches or any applicable statute of limitations, shall be waived when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the Petition.

10. Respondent understands that this document may be disclosed to the public, and/or the National Practitioner Data Bank and/or the Federation of State Medical Boards.

ACCEPTANCE

I, Lorraine Emma De Blanche, M.D., have carefully read the above Stipulation and enter into it freely and voluntarily, with the full knowledge of its force and effect, do hereby surrender Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 157653, to the Medical Board of California. By signing this Stipulation for Surrender of License, I recognize that upon its formal acceptance by the Board, I will lose all rights and privileges to practice as a Physician and Surgeon in the State of California, and I also will cause to be delivered to the Board both my license and wallet certificate before the effective date of the Decision.

Lorraine Emma De Blanche, M.D. Respondent	17 Sept. 2021 Date
Attorney or Witness	17 Sept. 2021 Date
William Prasifka Executive Director Medical Board of California	OCT 0 5 2021 Date

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Exhibit A

ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD

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Detailed License Verification

Queried on: Thursday, January 28, 2021 at: 1:50 PM

General Information

Name: Lorraine E. De Blanche, M.D.
Specialty: Nuclear Medicine

Address Information

Mailing Address: 3016 Thomas Avenue
Address 2: Apartment C
City/State/Zip: Dallas, TX 75204
Phone:
Fax:

License Information

License Number: E-5635
Original Issue Date: 6/6/2008
Expiration Date: 1/31/2021
License Status: Inactive
License Category: Surrendered

Board History

Appearance: Yes

Reason: Licensure

Date of Action: 6/6/2008

Minutes:

DE BLANCHE, Lorraine E., M.D., an international medical graduate, appeared requesting a permanent license and waivers for Hillsbrow Hospital in Johannesburg, South Africa due to the facility being closed; Rotating Internship from January 1 through December 31, 1988; Medical Officer from January 1 through December 31, 1989 and Radiology Residency from January 1, 1990 through November 18, 1991. Upon a motion by Dr. J. Beck, seconded by Dr. O. Atiq, the board voted unanimously to grant Dr. De Blanche's requests for the waivers and licensure. Act 498 of 2005 changed the licensing requirement of U.S. Postgraduate Training for international medical graduates from one year to three years. Dr. De Blanche is currently enrolled in a training program with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and is scheduled to complete her residency June 30, 2008. Upon completion of her third year of residency the Program Director will notify the Board.

Appearance: No

Reason: Board Related

Date of Action: 10/2/2020

Minutes:

Discussion 20-306. DE BLANCHE, Lorraine E., M.D. Upon a motion by Dr. J. Scribner, seconded by Dr. V. Hodges, the Board voted unanimously to issue an Emergency Order of Suspension and Notice of Hearing to this physician.

Appearance: No

Reason: Board Related

Date of Action: 12/3/2020

Minutes:

DE BLANCHE, Lorraine E. M.D. did not appear in response to the Emergency Order of Suspension and Notice of Hearing. Dr. De Blanche submitted a statement surrendering her Arkansas medical license. Upon a motion by Dr. J. Scribner, seconded by Dr. V. Hodges, the Board unanimously voted to accept the surrender in lieu of continuing with the disciplinary process.

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: LORAINE E. DE BLANCHE, M.D.

EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to ACA §25-15-201, and ACA § 25-15-211, both of the Administrative Procedure Act, and ACA § 17-95-307, of the Medical Practices Act, the Arkansas State Medical Board issues the following Emergency Order of Suspension and Notice of Hearing charging Loraine E. De Blanche, M.D., with alleged violation of the Medical Practices Act, more specifically.

1. ACA §17-95-307 that is, violating the Medical Practices Act by being charged with a felony.

ACA §17-95-307 provides that:

> "No person shall be eligible to receive or hold a license to practice medicine or another health care profession issued by the Arkansas State Medical Board, if the person has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere, or has been found guilty of either an infamous crime that would impact his or her ability to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas or a felony, regardless of whether the conviction has been sealed, expunged or pardoned."

2. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §17-95-307 the license to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas of Loraine E. De Blanche, M.D., should be revoked in that she has plead guilty to a felony conviction.

3. Loraine E. De Blanche, M.D., plead guilty to obstructing Telemedicine investigation in United States District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas, Central Division No. 4:20-CR-233 BSM.

4. ACA §17-88-309(b)(4) provides that:

> "Being convicted of a crime, other than minor offenses defined as 'minor misdemeanors', 'violations', or 'offenses', in any court if the acts for which the applicant or licensee was convicted are found by the

applicant or licensee was convicted are found by the board to have a direct bearing on whether he or she should be entrusted to serve the public in the capacity of a physician."

The allegations upon which the above charges are based are as follows:

I.

Loraine E. De Blanche, M.D., is a licensed physician in the State of Arkansas under the provisions of the Medical Practices Act.

II.

1. Loraine E. De Blanche, M.D., was found guilty of obstructing Telemedicine investigation in United States District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas, Central Division No. 4:20-CR-233 BSM.

III.

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, A.C.A. 25-15-211(c), and upon an affirmative vote of the majority of the Arkansas State Medical Board, the Board finds that the acts of Loraine E. De Blanche, M.D., described hereinabove, present a danger to the public health, safety and welfare, and therefore, the license of Loraine E. De Blanche, M.D., is suspended on an emergency basis, pending a disciplinary hearing in this matter or further Orders of the Board.

WHEREFORE, IT IS CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, by the Arkansas State Medical Board that the license of Arkansas of Loraine E. De Blanche, M.D., is suspended on an emergency basis, pending a disciplinary hearing in this matter or further Orders of the Board.

IT IS FURTHER CONSIDERED, ORDERED, AND ADJUDGED, by the Arkansas State Medical Board, that a hearing should be conducted to determine whether Loraine E. De Blanche, M.D., has violated the Medical Practices Act. If it is found that he has, in fact, violated the

Medical Practices Act, then the Board should determine whether the license of Loraine E. De Blanche, M.D., should be revoked or suspended, or whether other sanctions should be imposed pursuant to the authority granted the Board in ACA §17-95-410 and ACA §25-15-217 of the Administrative Procedure Act. Said hearing will be conducted on the 3 day of December, 2020 at 2 o' clock P .m. at a meeting of the Arkansas State Medical Board at the offices of the Board, 1401 W. Capitol Ave, Suite 340, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Loraine E. De Blanche, M.D., is hereby advised that he may be represented by counsel at the hearing, and that he will be given the opportunity to examine all of the evidence offered to the Board, cross-examine witnesses, and offer evidence and witnesses in his own behalf.

Loraine E. De Blanche, M.D., if further advised **any additional records and/or exhibits that he as a respondent wishes to present to the Board at the hearing MUST be supplied to the Board no later than 20 days prior to the hearing date. Failure to do so can result in the Board's refusal to allow the information or documentation to be presented by the Respondent. Any and all documents submitted after the 20 day deadline are subject to the Chairman's discretion regarding admission of those documents to the Board. Further, any submission of documents after the 20 day deadline are provided with the knowledge of the respondent that the Board and/or its expert may not have time to review those documents prior to or during the hearing.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD

Sylvia Simon MD

Sylvia D. Simon. M.D., Chairman

10/12/2020

Date

Approved as to Form:

Kevin M. O'Dwyer
Attorneys for the Arkansas State Medical Board