

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Douglas Cameron Aziz, M.D.

Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. G 62592

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2020-067287

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and 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 September 14, 2022.

IT IS SO ORDERED September 7, 2022.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

  
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15 1467 11th Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

16 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
No. G 62592,

**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF  
LICENSE AND ORDER**

17 Respondent.

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

21 **PARTIES**

22 1. William Prasifka ("Complainant") is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of  
23 California ("Board"). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in  
24 this matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Claudia Morehead,  
25 Deputy Attorney General.

26 2. Douglas Cameron Aziz, M.D. ("Respondent") is representing himself in this  
27 proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.

28 3. On or about April 4, 1988, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate

1 No. G 62592 to Respondent. That Certificate expired on March 31, 2022, and has not been  
2 renewed.

3 JURISDICTION

4 4. Accusation No. 800-2020-067287 was filed before the Board, and is currently  
5 pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were  
6 properly served on Respondent on July 25, 2022. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense  
7 contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2020-067287 is attached as Exhibit A  
8 and incorporated by reference.

9 ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

10 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in  
11 Accusation No. 800-2020-067287. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the  
12 effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.

13 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a  
14 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at  
15 his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to  
16 present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel  
17 the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and  
18 court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California  
19 Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

20 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and  
21 every right set forth above.

22 CULPABILITY

23 8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2020-  
24 067287, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and  
25 Surgeon's Certificate.

26 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of  
27 further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a *prima*  
28 *facie* case with respect to the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2020-

1 067287, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and that those charges  
2 constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for  
3 discipline exists based on those charges.

4 10. Respondent agrees that if he ever petitions for reinstatement of his Physician's and  
5 Surgeon's Certificate No. G 62592, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No.  
6 800-2020-067287 shall be deemed true, correct and fully admitted by Respondent for purposes of  
7 that reinstatement proceeding or any other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State  
8 of California.

9 11. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue  
10 an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further  
11 process.

12 CONTINGENCY

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

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

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

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agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

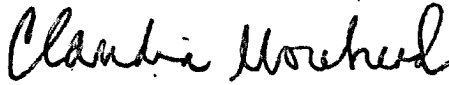
DATED: Aug 12, 2022

  
DOUGLAS CAMERON AZIZ, M.D.  
*Respondent*

**ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 8/18/22

Respectfully submitted,  
  
ROB BONTA  
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Supervising Deputy Attorney General  
  
  
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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2020-067287**

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17 Respondent.  
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20 **PARTIES**

21 1. William Prasifka ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in his official  
22 capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer  
23 Affairs ("Board").

24 2. On or about April 4, 1988, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
25 Number G 62592 to Douglas Cameron Aziz, M.D. ("Respondent"). That Certificate expired on  
26 March 31, 2022, and has not been renewed.

27 **JURISDICTION**

28 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following



1 laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code ("Code") unless otherwise  
2 indicated.

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

### 7 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

8 5. Section 820 of the Code<sup>1</sup> states:

9 Whenever it appears that any person holding a license, certificate or permit  
10 under this division or under any initiative act referred to in this division may be  
11 unable to practice his or her profession safely because the licentiate's ability to  
12 practice is impaired due to mental illness, or physical illness affecting competency,  
13 the licensing agency may order the licentiate to be examined by one or more  
14 physicians and surgeons or psychologists designated by the agency. The report of the  
15 examiners shall be made available to the licentiate and may be received as direct  
16 evidence in proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 822.

17 6. Section 821 of the Code<sup>2</sup> provides that the licentiate's failure to comply with an order  
18 issued under section 820 shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the  
19 licentiate's certificate or license.

20 7. Section 2234 of the Code states:

21 The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with  
22 unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional  
23 conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

24 (a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or  
25 abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.

26 8. Unprofessional conduct under Code section 2234 is conduct which breaches the rules  
27 or ethical code of the medical profession, or conduct which is unbecoming a member in good  
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<sup>1</sup> An Order compelling examination pursuant to Code section 820 complies with state  
procedural due process. (*Alexander D. v. State Board of Dental Examiners* (1991) 231  
Cal.App.3d 92, 96.) Code section 820 also complies with constitutional privacy interests. (*Kees  
v. Medical Board of California* (1992) 7 Cal.App.4th 1801, 1814.)

<sup>2</sup> The Court of Appeal has upheld the Board's authority to discipline a licensee for failure  
to comply with an Order to submit to examinations. With regard to disciplinary action taken  
pursuant to Code section 821, all that is relevant is that the licensee did not comply with the  
Order. (*Lee v. Board of Registered Nursing* (2012) 209 Cal.App.4th 793, 798.)

1 standing of the medical profession, and which demonstrates an unfitness to practice medicine.  
2 (*Shea v. Board of Medical Examiners* (1978) 81 Cal.App.3d 564, 575.)

3 **COST RECOVERY**

4 9. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the  
5 administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of  
6 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and  
7 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being  
8 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be  
9 included in a stipulated settlement.

10 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

11 10. On March 16, 2022, acting on reports that Respondent appeared to be mentally or  
12 physically ill, the Board issued an Order pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 820,  
13 Case Number 800-2020-067287, compelling Respondent to undergo mental and physical  
14 examinations to determine whether he was impaired by a mental or physical illness affecting his  
15 competency to practice medicine. On that same date, the Board served the Order on Respondent  
16 via certified return receipt.

17 11. On or about March 21, 2022, Investigator D.B. with the Department of Consumer  
18 Affairs, Division of Investigation, Health Quality Investigation Unit, contacted Dr. D.T. to  
19 perform a mental examination of Respondent. He scheduled an appointment for April 8, 2022, at  
20 10:00 a.m. On that same date, Investigator D.B. mailed a letter to Respondent informing him of  
21 the appointment with Dr. D.T. and included a copy of the Board's Order. He mailed the letter via  
22 first-class and certified mail. Investigator D.B. also contacted Dr. L.D. to perform a physical  
23 examination of Respondent.

24 12. On or about March 23, 2022, Dr. D.T. informed Investigator D.B. that he needed to  
25 change Respondent's appointment to April 5, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Investigator D.B. mailed a  
26 letter to Respondent informing him of the new appointment with Dr. D.T. He mailed the letter  
27 via first-class and certified mail.

28 13. On or about March 31, 2022, Respondent called the Health Quality Investigation

1 Unit. He spoke with Investigator J.F. Respondent informed Investigator J.F. that he received the  
2 letter from Investigator D.B. and the Order from the Board to undergo the mental and physical  
3 examinations. He also informed Investigator J.F. that he was not attending the mental  
4 examination scheduled for April 5, 2022, or the physical examination. He stated that he was  
5 retired and was going to surrender his medical license.

6 14. On or about April 1, 2022, Investigator D.B. received an e-mail from Respondent  
7 informing him that he has decided to voluntarily surrender his medical license, and assumed that  
8 he would not need to attend the mental exam on April 5, 2022.

9 15. On or about April 2, 2022, Investigator D.B. sent an e-mail to Respondent informing  
10 him that the Board ordered the examinations, he was required to comply with the Board's Order,  
11 and that if he did not show up for the appointments, the Board would take action against his  
12 license. Investigator D.B. also notified him that he needed to contact the Board directly  
13 concerning his wish to surrender his license. Investigator D.B. advised Respondent that the  
14 physical examination was scheduled for April 7, 2022.

15 16. On or about April 4, 2022, Investigator D.B. sent an e-mail to Respondent informing  
16 him that the physical examination was scheduled for April 7, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

17 17. On or about April 5, 2022, Dr. D.T. reported to Investigator D.B. that Respondent did  
18 not show up for the scheduled mental examination.

19 18. On or about April 7, 2022, Dr. L.D. reported to Investigator D.B. that Respondent did  
20 not appear for the scheduled physical examination. On that same date, Investigator D.B. received  
21 a telephone call from Respondent wherein Respondent again stated that he did not want to  
22 undergo any examination.

23 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

24 (Failure to Comply with Order of Examination)

25 19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 821 in that he failed  
26 to comply with the Board's Order issued pursuant to Code section 820 by failing to appear for  
27 scheduled mental and physical examinations. The circumstances are as follows:

28 20. The facts and allegations in paragraphs 10 through 18 above, are incorporated by

1 reference and re-alleged as if fully set forth herein.

2 21. Respondent's acts and/or omissions as set forth in paragraphs 10 through 18 above,  
3 whether proven individually, jointly, or in any combination thereof, constitute Respondent's  
4 failure to comply with an Order issued under Code section 820 in violation of Code section 821.  
5 Therefore, cause for discipline exists.

6 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

7 (Unprofessional Conduct)

8 22. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2334 in that he failed  
9 to comply with the Board's Order issued pursuant to Code section 820 by failing to appear for  
10 scheduled mental and physical examinations. The circumstances are as follows:

11 23. The facts and allegations in paragraphs 10 through 18 above, are incorporated by  
12 reference and re-alleged as if fully set forth herein.

13 24. Respondent's acts and/or omissions as set forth in paragraphs 10 through 18 above,  
14 whether proven individually, jointly, or in any combination thereof, constitute Respondent's  
15 failure to comply with an Order issued under Code section 820 in violation of Code section 2234.  
16 Therefore, cause for discipline exists.

17 **PRAYER**

18 **WHEREFORE**, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
19 and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

20 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 62592,  
21 issued to Respondent Douglas Cameron Aziz, M.D.;

22 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Douglas Cameron Aziz,  
23 M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

24 3. Ordering Respondent Douglas Cameron Aziz, M.D. to pay the Board the costs of the  
25 investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation  
26 monitoring; and

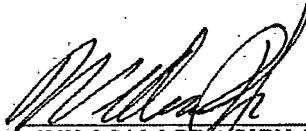
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4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: JUL 25 2022

  
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