

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

**In the Matter of the Accusation Against:**

**Mats Fredrik Hagstrom, M.D.**

**Physician's & Surgeon's  
Certificate No. G 80721**

**Case No. 800-2019-052252**

**Respondent.**

**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 April 30, 2021.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED: April 2, 2021.**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**



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

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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

14 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G  
80721

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16 Respondent.

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

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of  
21 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this  
22 matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Jane Zack Simon,  
23 Supervising Deputy Attorney General.

24 2. Respondent Mats Fredrik Hagstrom, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this  
25 proceeding by Mark Oium of Oium Reyen & Pryor, 220 Montgomery Street, San Francisco CA  
26 94104.

27 3. On March 1, 1995, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G  
28 80721 to Mats Fredrik Hagstrom, M.D. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full

1 force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2019-052252,  
2 and will expire on March 31, 2023, unless renewed.

3 **JURISDICTION**

4 4. Accusation No. 800-2019-052252 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 November 12, 2020. Respondent timely filed his Notice of  
7 Defense contesting the Accusation.

8 5. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2019-052252 is attached as Exhibit A.

9 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

10 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the  
11 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2019-052252. Respondent has also carefully read,  
12 fully discussed with his counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and  
13 Disciplinary Order.

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

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

22 **CULPABILITY**

23 9. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation  
24 No. 800-2019-052252, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his  
25 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

26 10. Respondent does not contest that, at an administrative hearing, Complainant could  
27 establish a prima facie case with respect to the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-  
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1 2019-052252, and that he has thereby subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate, No. G  
2 80721 to disciplinary action.

3 11. Respondent agrees that his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to  
4 discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the  
5 Disciplinary Order below.

6 **CONTINGENCY**

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

17 13. Respondent agrees that if he ever petitions for early termination or modification of  
18 probation, or if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against him before the  
19 Board, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2019-052252 shall be  
20 deemed true, correct and fully admitted by respondent for purposes of any such proceeding or any  
21 other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of California.

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

25 15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that  
26 the Board may, without further notice or opportunity to be heard by the Respondent, issue and  
27 enter the following Disciplinary Order:

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**DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 80721 issued to Respondent Mats Fredrik Hagstrom, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for seven (7) years on the following terms and conditions:

1. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - ABSTAIN FROM USE. Respondent shall abstain completely from the personal use or possession of controlled substances as defined in the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, dangerous drugs as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4022, and any drugs requiring a prescription. This prohibition does not apply to medications lawfully prescribed to Respondent by another practitioner for a bona fide illness or condition.

Within 15 calendar days of receiving any lawfully prescribed medications, Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee of the: issuing practitioner's name, address, and telephone number; medication name, strength, and quantity; and issuing pharmacy name, address, and telephone number.

2. ALCOHOL - ABSTAIN FROM USE. Respondent shall abstain completely from the use of products or beverages containing alcohol.

3. PSYCHIATRIC/SUBSTANCE ABUSE EVALUATION. At the Board's discretion, and on whatever periodic basis that may be required by the Board or its designee, Respondent shall undergo and complete a psychiatric and/or substance abuse evaluation (and associated testing, if deemed necessary) by a Board-appointed evaluator, who shall consider any information provided by the Board or its designee and any other information the evaluator deems relevant, and shall furnish a written evaluation report to the Board or its designee. Respondent shall cooperate fully with any evaluation, and shall pay the cost of all evaluations and testing. Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions recommended by the evaluator within 15 calendar days after being notified by the Board or its designee.

4. NOTICE OF EMPLOYER OR SUPERVISOR INFORMATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall provide to the Board the names, physical addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of any and all employers and

1 supervisors. Respondent shall also provide specific, written consent for the Board, Respondent's  
2 worksite monitor, and Respondent's employers and supervisors to communicate regarding  
3 Respondent's work status, performance, and monitoring.

4 For purposes of this section, "supervisors" shall include the Chief of Staff and Health or  
5 Well Being Committee Chair, or equivalent, if applicable, when the Respondent has medical staff  
6 privileges.

7 5. BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING. Respondent shall immediately submit to  
8 biological fluid testing, at Respondent's expense, upon request of the Board or its designee.  
9 "Biological fluid testing" may include, but is not limited to, urine, blood, breathalyzer, hair  
10 follicle testing, or similar drug screening approved by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall  
11 make daily contact with the Board or its designee to determine whether biological fluid testing is  
12 required. Respondent shall be tested on the date of the notification as directed by the Board or its  
13 designee. The Board may order a Respondent to undergo a biological fluid test on any day, at  
14 any time, including weekends and holidays. Except when testing on a specific date as ordered by  
15 the Board or its designee, the scheduling of biological fluid testing shall be done on a random  
16 basis. The cost of biological fluid testing shall be borne by the Respondent.

17 During the first year of probation, Respondent shall be subject to 52 to 104 random tests.  
18 During the second year of probation and for the duration of the probationary term, up to five (5)  
19 years, Respondent shall be subject to 36 to 104 random tests per year. Only if there has been no  
20 positive biological fluid tests in the previous five (5) consecutive years of probation, may testing  
21 be reduced to one (1) time per month. Nothing precludes the Board from increasing the number  
22 of random tests to the first-year level of frequency for any reason.

23 Prior to practicing medicine, Respondent shall contract with a laboratory or service,  
24 approved in advance by the Board or its designee, that will conduct random, unannounced,  
25 observed, biological fluid testing and meets all of the following standards:

- 26 (a) Its specimen collectors are either certified by the Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry  
27 Association or have completed the training required to serve as a collector for the United  
28 States Department of Transportation.

1 (b) Its specimen collectors conform to the current United States Department of  
2 Transportation Specimen Collection Guidelines.

3 (c) Its testing locations comply with the Urine Specimen Collection Guidelines published  
4 by the United States Department of Transportation without regard to the type of test  
5 administered.

6 (d) Its specimen collectors observe the collection of testing specimens.

7 (e) Its laboratories are certified and accredited by the United States Department of Health  
8 and Human Services.

9 (f) Its testing locations shall submit a specimen to a laboratory within one (1) business day  
10 of receipt and all specimens collected shall be handled pursuant to chain of custody  
11 procedures. The laboratory shall process and analyze the specimens and provide legally  
12 defensible test results to the Board within seven (7) business days of receipt of the  
13 specimen. The Board will be notified of non-negative results within one (1) business day  
14 and will be notified of negative test results within seven (7) business days.

15 (g) Its testing locations possess all the materials, equipment, and technical expertise  
16 necessary in order to test Respondent on any day of the week.

17 (h) Its testing locations are able to scientifically test for urine, blood, and hair specimens  
18 for the detection of alcohol and illegal and controlled substances.

19 (i) It maintains testing sites located throughout California.

20 (j) It maintains an automated 24-hour toll-free telephone system and/or a secure on-line  
21 computer database that allows the Respondent to check in daily for testing.

22 (k) It maintains a secure, HIPAA-compliant website or computer system that allows staff  
23 access to drug test results and compliance reporting information that is available 24 hours a  
24 day.

25 (l) It employs or contracts with toxicologists that are licensed physicians and have  
26 knowledge of substance abuse disorders and the appropriate medical training to interpret  
27 and evaluate laboratory biological fluid test results, medical histories, and any other  
28 information relevant to biomedical information.

1 (m) It will not consider a toxicology screen to be negative if a positive result is obtained  
2 while practicing, even if the Respondent holds a valid prescription for the substance.

3 Prior to changing testing locations for any reason, including during vacation or other travel,  
4 alternative testing locations must be approved by the Board and meet the requirements above.

5 The contract shall require that the laboratory directly notify the Board or its designee of  
6 non-negative results within one (1) business day and negative test results within seven (7)  
7 business days of the results becoming available. Respondent shall maintain this laboratory or  
8 service contract during the period of probation.

9 A certified copy of any laboratory test result shall be received in evidencen in any  
10 proceedings between the Board and Respondent.

11 If a biological fluid test result indicates Respondent has used, consumed, ingested, or  
12 administered to himself or herself a prohibited substance, the Board shall order Respondent to  
13 cease practice and instruct Respondent to leave any place of work where Respondent is practicing  
14 medicine or providing medical services. The Board shall immediately notify all of Respondent's  
15 employers, supervisors and work monitors, if any, that Respondent may not practice medicine or  
16 provide medical services while the cease-practice order is in effect.

17 A biological fluid test will not be considered negative if a positive result is obtained while  
18 practicing, even if the practitioner holds a valid prescription for the substance. If no prohibited  
19 substance use exists, the Board shall lift the cease-practice order within one (1) business day.

20 After the issuance of a cease-practice order, the Board shall determine whether the positive  
21 biological fluid test is in fact evidence of prohibited substance use by consulting with the  
22 specimen collector and the laboratory, communicating with the licensee, his or her treating  
23 physician(s), other health care provider, or group facilitator, as applicable.

24 For purposes of this condition, the terms "biological fluid testing" and "testing" mean the  
25 acquisition and chemical analysis of a Respondent's urine, blood, breath, or hair.

26 For purposes of this condition, the term "prohibited substance" means an illegal drug, a  
27 lawful drug not prescribed or ordered by an appropriately licensed health care provider for use by  
28 Respondent and approved by the Board, alcohol, or any other substance the Respondent has been



1 instructed by the Board not to use, consume, ingest, or administer to himself or herself.

2 If the Board confirms that a positive biological fluid test is evidence of use of a prohibited  
3 substance, Respondent has committed a major violation, as defined in section 1361.52(a), and the  
4 Board shall impose any or all of the consequences set forth in section 1361.52(b), in addition to  
5 any other terms or conditions the Board determines are necessary for public protection or to  
6 enhance Respondent's rehabilitation.

7 6. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS. Within thirty (30) days  
8 of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee, for its  
9 prior approval, the name of a substance abuse support group which he or she shall attend for the  
10 duration of probation. Respondent shall attend substance abuse support group meetings at least  
11 once per week, or as ordered by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall pay all substance  
12 abuse support group meeting costs.

13 The facilitator of the substance abuse support group meeting shall have a minimum of three  
14 (3) years experience in the treatment and rehabilitation of substance abuse, and shall be licensed  
15 or certified by the state or nationally certified organizations. The facilitator shall not have a  
16 current or former financial, personal, or business relationship with Respondent within the last five  
17 (5) years. Respondent's previous participation in a substance abuse group support meeting led by  
18 the same facilitator does not constitute a prohibited current or former financial, personal, or  
19 business relationship.

20 The facilitator shall provide a signed document to the Board or its designee showing  
21 Respondent's name, the group name, the date and location of the meeting, Respondent's  
22 attendance, and Respondent's level of participation and progress. The facilitator shall report any  
23 unexcused absence by Respondent from any substance abuse support group meeting to the Board,  
24 or its designee, within twenty-four (24) hours of the unexcused absence.

25 7. WORKSITE MONITOR FOR SUBSTANCE-ABUSING LICENSEE. Within  
26 thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the  
27 Board or its designee for prior approval as a worksite monitor, the name and qualifications of one  
28 or more licensed physician and surgeon, other licensed health care professional if no physician

1 and surgeon is available, or, as approved by the Board or its designee, a person in a position of  
2 authority who is capable of monitoring the Respondent at work. Respondent shall have an  
3 approved worksite monitor for each location where Respondent practices medicine.

4 The worksite monitor shall not have a current or former financial, personal, or familial  
5 relationship with Respondent, or any other relationship that could reasonably be expected to  
6 compromise the ability of the monitor to render impartial and unbiased reports to the Board or its  
7 designee. If it is impractical for anyone but Respondent's employer to serve as the worksite  
8 monitor, this requirement may be waived by the Board or its designee, however, under no  
9 circumstances shall Respondent's worksite monitor be an employee or supervisee of the licensee.

10 The worksite monitor shall have an active unrestricted license with no disciplinary action  
11 within the last five (5) years, and shall sign an affirmation that he or she has reviewed the terms  
12 and conditions of Respondent's disciplinary order and agrees to monitor Respondent as set forth  
13 by the Board or its designee.

14 Respondent shall pay all worksite monitoring costs.

15 The worksite monitor shall have face-to-face contact with Respondent in the work  
16 environment on as frequent a basis as determined by the Board or its designee, but not less than  
17 once per week; interview other staff in the office regarding Respondent's behavior, if requested  
18 by the Board or its designee; and review Respondent's work attendance.

19 The worksite monitor shall verbally report any suspected substance abuse to the Board and  
20 Respondent's employer or supervisor within one (1) business day of occurrence. If the suspected  
21 substance abuse does not occur during the Board's normal business hours, the verbal report shall  
22 be made to the Board or its designee within one (1) hour of the next business day. A written  
23 report that includes the date, time, and location of the suspected abuse; Respondent's actions; and  
24 any other information deemed important by the worksite monitor shall be submitted to the Board  
25 or its designee within 48 hours of the occurrence.

26 The worksite monitor shall complete and submit a written report monthly or as directed by  
27 the Board or its designee which shall include the following: (1) Respondent's name and  
28 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate number; (2) the worksite monitor's name and signature; (3)

1 the worksite monitor's license number, if applicable; (4) the location or location(s) of the  
2 worksite; (5) the dates Respondent had face-to-face contact with the worksite monitor; (6) the  
3 names of worksite staff interviewed, if applicable; (7) a report of Respondent's work attendance;  
4 (8) any change in Respondent's behavior and/or personal habits; and (9) any indicators that can  
5 lead to suspected substance abuse by Respondent. Respondent shall complete any required  
6 consent forms and execute agreements with the approved worksite monitor and the Board, or its  
7 designee, authorizing the Board, or its designee, and worksite monitor to exchange information.

8 If the worksite monitor resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within five (5)  
9 calendar days of such resignation or unavailability, submit to the Board or its designee, for prior  
10 approval, the name and qualifications of a replacement monitor who will be assuming that  
11 responsibility within fifteen (15) calendar days. If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a  
12 replacement monitor within sixty (60) calendar days of the resignation or unavailability of the  
13 monitor, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the  
14 practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall  
15 cease the practice of medicine until a replacement monitor is approved and assumes monitoring  
16 responsibility.

17 8. VIOLETION OF PROBATION CONDITION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSING  
18 LICENSEES. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of  
19 probation.

20 A. If Respondent commits a major violation of probation as defined by section  
21 1361.52, subdivision (a), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take  
22 one or more of the following actions:

23 (1) Issue an immediate cease-practice order and order Respondent to undergo a clinical  
24 diagnostic evaluation to be conducted in accordance with section 1361.5, subdivision (c)(1), of  
25 Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, at Respondent's expense. The cease-practice  
26 order issued by the Board or its designee shall state that Respondent must test negative for at least  
27 a month of continuous biological fluid testing before being allowed to resume practice. For  
28 purposes of determining the length of time a Respondent must test negative while undergoing

1 continuous biological fluid testing following issuance of a cease-practice order, a month is  
2 defined as thirty calendar (30) days. Respondent may not resume the practice of medicine until  
3 notified in writing by the Board or its designee that he or she may do so.

4 (2) Increase the frequency of biological fluid testing.

5 (3) Refer Respondent for further disciplinary action, such as suspension, revocation, or  
6 other action as determined by the Board or its designee.

7 B. If Respondent commits a minor violation of probation as defined by section  
8 1361.52, subdivision (c), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take  
9 one or more of the following actions:

10 (1) Issue a cease-practice order;

11 (2) Order practice limitations;

12 (3) Order or increase supervision of Respondent;

13 (4) Order increased documentation;

14 (5) Issue a citation and fine, or a warning letter;

15 (6) Order Respondent to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation to be conducted in  
16 accordance with section 1361.5, subdivision (c)(1), of Title 16 of the California Code of  
17 Regulations, at Respondent's expense;

18 (7) Take any other action as determined by the Board or its designee.

19 C. Nothing in this Decision shall be considered a limitation on the Board's authority  
20 to revoke Respondent's probation if he or she has violated any term or condition of probation. If  
21 Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the  
22 opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was  
23 stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed  
24 against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter  
25 is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

26 9. PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM (ETHICS COURSE). Within 60 calendar  
27 days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professionalism program,  
28 that meets the requirements of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1358.1.

1 Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete that program. Respondent shall  
2 provide any information and documents that the program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall  
3 successfully complete the classroom component of the program not later than six (6) months after  
4 Respondent's initial enrollment, and the longitudinal component of the program not later than the  
5 time specified by the program, but no later than one (1) year after attending the classroom  
6 component. The professionalism program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in  
7 addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

8 A professionalism program taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the  
9 Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board  
10 or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the program would have  
11 been approved by the Board or its designee had the program been taken after the effective date of  
12 this Decision.

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

16 10. PATIENT DISCLOSURE. Before a patient's first visit following the effective  
17 date of this order and while Respondent is on probation, Respondent must provide all patients, or  
18 patient's guardian or health care surrogate, with a separate disclosure that includes Respondent's  
19 probation status, the length of the probation, the probation end date, all practice restrictions  
20 placed on Respondent by the Board, the Board's telephone number, and an explanation of how  
21 the patient can find further information on Respondent's probation on Respondent's profile page  
22 on the Board's website. Respondent shall obtain from the patient, or the patient's guardian or  
23 health care surrogate, a separate, signed copy of that disclosure. Respondent shall not be required  
24 to provide a disclosure if any of the following applies: (1) The patient is unconscious or  
25 otherwise unable to comprehend the disclosure and sign the copy of the disclosure and a guardian  
26 or health care surrogate is unavailable to comprehend the disclosure and sign the copy; (2) The  
27 visit occurs in an emergency room or an urgent care facility or the visit is unscheduled, including  
28 consultations in inpatient facilities; (3) Respondent is not known to the patient until immediately

1 prior to the start of the visit; (4) Respondent does not have a direct treatment relationship with the  
2 patient.

3 11. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - MAINTAIN RECORDS AND ACCESS TO  
4 RECORDS AND INVENTORIES. Respondent shall maintain a record of all controlled  
5 substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed by Respondent, and any  
6 recommendation or approval which enables a patient or patient's primary caregiver to possess or  
7 cultivate marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient within the meaning of Health  
8 and Safety Code section 11362.5, during probation, showing all of the following: 1) the name and  
9 address of the patient; 2) the date; 3) the character and quantity of controlled substances involved;  
10 and 4) the indications and diagnosis for which the controlled substances were furnished.

11 Respondent shall keep these records in a separate file or ledger, in chronological order. All  
12 records and any inventories of controlled substances shall be available for immediate inspection  
13 and copying on the premises by the Board or its designee at all times during business hours and  
14 shall be retained for the entire term of probation.

15 12. SOLO PRACTICE PROHIBITION: Respondent is prohibited from engaging in  
16 the solo practice of medicine. Prohibited solo practice includes, but is not limited to, a practice  
17 where: 1) Respondent merely shares office space with another physician but is not affiliated for  
18 purposes of providing patient care, or 2) Respondent is the sole physician practitioner at that  
19 location.

20 If Respondent fails to establish a practice with another physician or secure employment in  
21 an appropriate practice setting within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision,  
22 Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of  
23 medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. The Respondent shall not resume  
24 practice until an appropriate practice setting is established.

25 If, during the course of the probation, the Respondent's practice setting changes and the  
26 Respondent is no longer practicing in a setting in compliance with this Decision, the Respondent  
27 shall notify the Board or its designee within five (5) calendar days of the practice setting change.  
28 If Respondent fails to establish a practice with another physician or secure employment in an

1 appropriate practice setting within 60 calendar days of the practice setting change, Respondent  
2 shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within  
3 three (3) calendar days after being so notified. The Respondent shall not resume practice until an  
4 appropriate practice setting is established.

5 13. NOTIFICATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision,  
6 the Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or  
7 the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to  
8 Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine,  
9 including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief  
10 Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to  
11 Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15  
12 calendar days.

13 This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

14 14. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE  
15 NURSES. During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants and  
16 advanced practice nurses.

17 15. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all  
18 rules governing the practice of medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any  
19 court ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.

20 16. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS. Respondent shall submit quarterly  
21 declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has  
22 been compliance with all the conditions of probation.

23 Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end  
24 of the preceding quarter.

25 17. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

26 Compliance with Probation Unit

27 Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit.

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1       Address Changes

2       Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and  
3 residence addresses, email address (if available), and telephone number. Changes of such  
4 addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no  
5 circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business  
6 and Professions Code section 2021, subdivision (b).

7       Place of Practice

8       Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's or patient's place  
9 of residence, unless the patient resides in a skilled nursing facility or other similar licensed  
10 facility.

11       License Renewal

12       Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's  
13 license.

14       Travel or Residence Outside California

15       Respondent shall immediately inform the Board or its designee, in writing, of travel to any  
16 areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty  
17 (30) calendar days.

18       In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice  
19 ,Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of  
20 departure and return.

21       18.     INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE. Respondent shall be  
22 available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the  
23 probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.

24       19.     NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board  
25 or its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than  
26 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent's return to practice. Non-practice is  
27 defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine as defined in Business and  
28 Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct



1 patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by the Board. If  
2 Respondent resides in California and is considered to be in non-practice, Respondent shall  
3 comply with all terms and conditions of probation. All time spent in an intensive training  
4 program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-  
5 practice and does not relieve Respondent from complying with all the terms and conditions of  
6 probation. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while  
7 on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be  
8 considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a  
9 period of non-practice.

10 In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar  
11 months, Respondent shall successfully complete the Federation of State Medical Boards 'Special  
12 Purpose Examination, or, at the Board's discretion, a clinical competence assessment program  
13 that meets the criteria of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model  
14 Disciplinary Orders and Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

15 Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years.

16 Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term.

17 Periods of non-practice for a Respondent residing outside of California will relieve  
18 Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the  
19 exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws;  
20 General Probation Requirements; Quarterly Declarations; Abstain from the Use of Alcohol and/or  
21 Controlled Substances; and Biological Fluid Testing..

22 20. COMPLETION OF PROBATION. Respondent shall comply with all financial  
23 obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the  
24 completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall  
25 be fully restored.

26 21. VIOLATION OF PROBATION. Failure to fully comply with any term or  
27 condition of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any  
28 respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke

1 probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to  
2 Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation,  
3 the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation  
4 shall be extended until the matter is final.

5 22. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this Decision, if  
6 Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy  
7 the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.  
8 The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in  
9 determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate  
10 and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent  
11 shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its  
12 designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject  
13 to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the  
14 application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.

15 23. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS. Respondent shall pay the costs associated  
16 with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which  
17 may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of  
18 California and delivered to the Board or its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar  
19 year.

20 24. FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply  
21 for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health  
22 care licensing action agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained  
23 in Accusation No. 800-2019-052252 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by  
24 Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or  
25 restrict license.

#### 26 ACCEPTANCE

27 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully  
28 discussed it with my attorney, Mark Oium. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have

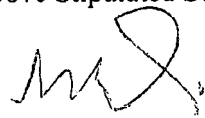
1 on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and  
2 Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the  
3 Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

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5 DATED: 2-17-2021

  
6 **MATS FREDRIK HAGSTROM, M.D.**  
7 *Respondent*

8 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Mats Fredrik Hagstrom, M.D. the terms  
9 and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary  
10 Order. I approve its form and content.

11 DATED: 2-17-2021

  
12 **MARK OIUM**  
13 Oium Reyen & Pryor  
14 *Attorneys for Respondent*

15 **ENDORSEMENT**

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

18 DATED: 2/17/2021

19 Respectfully submitted,

20 **XAVIER BECERRA**  
21 *Attorney General of California*

  
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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2019-052252**

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8 **BEFORE THE**  
9 **MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 800-2019-052252

13 **Mats Fredrik Hagstrom, M.D.**  
909 Hyde St., Suite 423  
San Francisco, CA 94109

**A C C U S A T I O N**

14 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
15 No. G 80721,

16 Respondent.

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18 **PARTIES**

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

22 2. On March 1, 1995, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
23 Number G 80721 to Mats Fredrik Hagstrom, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's  
24 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will  
25 expire on March 31, 2021, unless renewed.

26 **JURISDICTION**

27 3. Section 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the  
28 Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed

1 one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other  
2 action taken in relation to discipline as the Board deems proper.

3 4. Section 2234 of the Code provides that the Board shall take action against any  
4 licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct.

5 5. Section 2239 of the Code provides that it is unprofessional conduct for a licensee to  
6 use alcohol, dangerous drugs or controlled substances to the extent or in such a manner as to be  
7 dangerous or injurious to the licensee, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that  
8 such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice medicine safely.

9 6. Section 822 of the Code provides that the Board may take action if a licensee's  
10 ability to practice his or her profession safely is impaired because of mental or physical illness.

11 7. Section 2228.1 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board shall require a  
12 licensee who is disciplined based on drug or alcohol abuse to the extent that such use impairs the  
13 ability of the licensee to practice safely to disclose to his or her patients information regarding his  
14 or her probation status. The licensee is required to disclose: Probation status, the length of the  
15 probation, the probation end date, all practice restrictions placed on the license by the Board, the  
16 Board's telephone number, and an explanation of how the patient can find further information on  
17 the licensee's probation on the Board's Internet Web site.

#### 18 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

19 8. Respondent is a plastic surgeon who maintains cosmetic plastic surgery practices in  
20 San Francisco and Roseville, California.

21 9. In January 2019, the Medical Board received a complaint from a physician who  
22 treated Respondent in the hospital for acute renal failure resulting from opioid withdrawal. A  
23 urine test taken during the hospitalization was positive for multiple illicit substances, including  
24 codeine, morphine, hydromorphone, oxycodone and oxymorphone, none of which were  
25 prescribed to Respondent.

26 10. Respondent has a lengthy history of substance abuse dating back to his residency  
27 training. Respondent was referred to and completed the Medical Board's former Diversion  
28 Program in the "mid-1990s," but maintains that he continued to use alcohol while he was in the

1 Diversion Program and after he completed the Program. Over the past two decades, Respondent  
2 has alternated between periods of sobriety and relapse. During relapses, Respondent reports  
3 using multiple illicit substances including oxycodone, fentanyl, ketamine, cocaine,  
4 benzodiazepines and heroin, purchased for the most part from street dealers. When not using,  
5 Respondent maintained sobriety with drugs such as Suboxone or buprenorphine,<sup>1</sup> some of which  
6 were prescribed and some purchased on the street. On occasion, between 2015-2017, Respondent  
7 acknowledged that he prescribed benzodiazepines to his girlfriend and members of his office  
8 staff, for the purpose of diverting them for self-use. Respondent continued his heavy alcohol use.

9 11. When Respondent presented to the hospital in acute renal failure in January 2019, he  
10 reported that he had been using up to 320 mg of oxycodone per day and drinking half a bottle of  
11 liquor per night. Throughout this period, Respondent saw patients and had performed surgery the  
12 same day he was hospitalized for opioid withdrawal. Respondent's treating physician referred  
13 him for substance abuse treatment.

14 12. Respondent underwent an addiction medicine screening and evaluation in early  
15 February 2019. The recommendation was for intensive treatment, but Respondent declined  
16 because he did not wish to stop working. He entered a less intensive recovery program in early  
17 February 2019, and reports that he has maintained sobriety since that time. He is prescribed  
18 Suboxone, but it was not until May 2019 that he agreed to relinquish the "supply" of Suboxone he  
19 had purchased on the street. In the summer of 2020, Respondent was non-compliant with the  
20 requirements of his treatment program in that he failed to attend scheduled appointments or attend  
21 required online meetings.

22 13. Respondent underwent an evaluation by a Board-appointed psychiatrist. The  
23 evaluator concluded that Respondent has a severe opioid use disorder that is currently in  
24 remission.<sup>2</sup> In addition, Respondent has a severe alcohol use disorder, also in remission, and a  
25 generalized anxiety disorder. The evaluator noted the longstanding and severe nature of  
26 Respondent's substance use disorders, his past history of treatment non-adherence, and the

27 <sup>1</sup> Suboxone and buprenorphine are medications used to treat opioid addiction.

28 <sup>2</sup> The evaluator noted that Respondent is on maintenance therapy, meaning that he is taking a prescribed agonist medication.

1 jeopardy created by Respondent's serious substance abuse. However, given that Respondent has  
2 been in treatment and has been abstinent for more than 12 months, the evaluator concluded that  
3 Respondent can safely practice medicine, but only if he remains abstinent and sober.

4 **FIRST CAUSE FOR BOARD ACTION**

5 (Impaired Ability to Safely Practice)

6 14. Respondent's certificate is subject to action by the Board pursuant to sections 2227  
7 and 822 of the Code in that Respondent is impaired in his ability to safely practice medicine as a  
8 result of mental illness and/or substance abuse.

9 **SECOND CAUSE FOR BOARD ACTION**

10 (Unprofessional Conduct: Dangerous Use of Drugs and Alcohol)

11 15. Respondent's certificate is subject to Board action for unprofessional conduct  
12 pursuant to sections 2234 and/or 2239 of the Code in that his long history of drug and alcohol  
13 abuse, obtaining illicit drugs for self-use, and diversion of drugs by use of his prescribing  
14 privileges, constitute unprofessional conduct and the use of alcohol and controlled substances in a  
15 manner dangerous to himself and the public.

16 **PRAYER**

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

19 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 80721,  
20 issued to Mats Fredrik Hagstrom, M.D.;

21 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Mats Fredrik Hagstrom, M.D.'s  
22 authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

23 3. Ordering Mats Fredrik Hagstrom, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the  
24 costs of probation monitoring;

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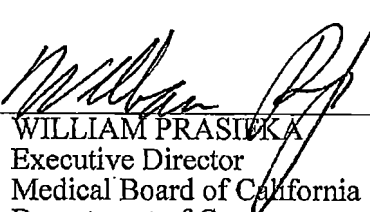
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1        4.    Ordering Respondent, if placed on probation, to provide patient notification in  
2 accordance with Business and Professions Code section 2228.1; and

3        5.    Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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5    DATED:        **NOV 12 2020**

  
6    WILLIAM PRASTIKA  
7    Executive Director  
8    Medical Board of California  
9    Department of Consumer  
10    Affairs  
11    State of California  
12    Complainant

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