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RE: Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 62711
Case No. 800-2019-055704

Public Letter of Reprimand

An investigation by the Medical Board of California revealed that during the care and treatment of a patient, you failed to optimize non-opiate treatment options for the patient's chronic pain; failed to fully assess the patient's opioid addiction risks prior to initiating long-term opioid therapy; failed to prescribe a naloxone antidote to the patient who had a high risk of overdose; failed to appropriately monitor the patient's narcotic therapy with regular toxicology testing or functional assessments; failed to obtain informed consent for long-term opioid therapy; failed to establish a pain care agreement; and failed to maintain adequate and accurate records..

These actions constitute a violation of Business and Professions Code 2234(a), 2234(b), and 2266.

Pursuant to the authority of the California Business and Professions Code section 2233, you are hereby issued this Public Letter of Reprimand by the Medical Board of California, and you are required to do the following: complete a medical record keeping course and a prescribing practices course.

William Prasifka
Executive Director