

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

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

**David Leroy Sprenger, M.D.**

**Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. G 87304**

**Respondent.**

**Case No. 800-2019-058419**

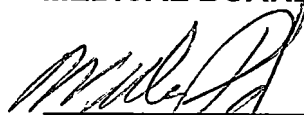
**DECISION**

**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 December 23, 2022.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED December 16, 2022.**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**

  
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**William Prasifka  
Executive Director**

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12 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
13 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

14 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

15 **DAVID LEROY SPRENGER, M.D.**  
16 **7601 Hospital Dr., Ste. 202**  
**Sacramento, CA 95823-5408**

17 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G**  
18 **87304**

19 Respondent.

Case No. 800-2019-058419

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**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF**  
**LICENSE AND ORDER**

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

23 **PARTIES**

24 1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of  
25 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this  
26 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Megan R. O'Carroll, Deputy  
27 Attorney General.

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2. David Leroy Sprenger, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Steven L. Simas, whose address is: 354 Pacific Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

3. On or about August 20, 2004, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 87304 to David Leroy Sprenger, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2019-058419 and will expire on January 31, 2022, unless renewed.

#### **JURISDICTION**

4. Accusation No. 800-2019-058419 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on December 31, 2021. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2019-058419 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

#### **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2019-058419. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.

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

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

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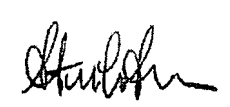
1 License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the  
2 Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

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4 DATED: 11/2/22

  
5 DAVID LEROY SPRENGER, M.D.  
6 Respondent

7 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent David Leroy Sprenger, M.D. the terms and  
8 conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I  
9 approve its form and content.

10 DATED: 11/02/2022

  
11 STEVEN L. SIMAS  
12 Attorney for Respondent

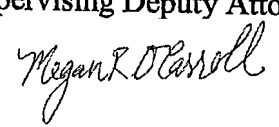
13 **ENDORSEMENT**

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

16 DATED: 11/22/2022

17 Respectfully submitted,

18 ROB BONTA  
19 Attorney General of California  
20 STEVE DIEHL  
21 Supervising Deputy Attorney General

  
22 MEGAN R. O'CARROLL  
23 Deputy Attorney General  
24 Attorneys for Complainant

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## **Exhibit A**

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

15 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
16 **No. G 87304,**

17 Respondent.

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20 **PARTIES**

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

24 2. On or about August 20, 2004, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
25 Number G 87304 to David Leroy Sprenger, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's  
26 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will  
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4. Section 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other action taken in relation to discipline as the Board deems proper.

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

If a licensing agency determines that its licensee's ability to practice his or her profession safely is impaired because the licensee is mentally ill, or physically ill affecting competency, the licensing agency may take action by any one of the following methods:

- The licensing section shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or license until it has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the condition which caused its action and until it is satisfied that with due regard for the public health and safety the person's right to practice his or her profession may be safely reinstated.

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

## FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

8. On or about July 17, 2019, Respondent was in a motorized bicycle accident, causing multiple traumatic injuries that required hospitalization. During his hospital course, he suffered a stroke.

9. On or about August 7, 2019, Medical Board of California received an anonymous complaint alleging that Respondent was incapacitated and that his medical corporation was operating without a current medical director. The Medical Board commenced an investigation, during which Respondent was interviewed and voluntarily agreed to submit to a mental evaluation.

10. On or about May 12, 2021, Respondent was evaluated by a clinical neuropsychologist. The neuropsychologist conducted a clinical interview with Respondent and performed a full neuropsychological evaluation, including a battery of tests designed to measure cognitive function. Following the assessment, the psychologist diagnosed Respondent with Major Vascular Neurocognitive Disorder, secondary to stroke. The neuropsychologist concluded that Respondent's condition has caused significant impairments in the moderate to severe range. These impairments include loss of executive functions in areas such as sustained attention and concentration, distractibility, new learning, sequencing, visual scanning, and abstract thinking. The neuropsychologist opined that these are indications of significant cerebral trauma. As a result of these impairments, the neuropsychologist concluded that Respondent's ability to practice medicine is impaired at this time and that Respondent is not able to practice medicine safely.

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1 **CAUSE FOR ACTION**

2 **(Mental Illness and/or Physical Illness Affecting Competency)**

3 11. Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 87304 is subject to  
4 action under section 822 in that he is not able to practice medicine safely as he suffers from a  
5 mental illness and/or physical illness that affects his competency to practice medicine.

6 12. Paragraphs 8 through 10, above, are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged  
7 as if fully set forth herein.

8 **PRAYER**

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


11 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 87304,  
12 issued to Respondent David Leroy Sprenger, M.D.;

13 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent David Leroy Sprenger,  
14 M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

15 3. Ordering Respondent David Leroy Sprenger, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the  
16 investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation  
17 monitoring; and

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

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20 DATED: DEC 31 2021

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22 For: WILLIAM PRASIFKA  
23 Executive Director  
24 Medical Board of California  
25 Department of Consumer Affairs  
26 State of California  
27 Complainant  
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Deputy Director

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