

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

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

Vivek Mangesh Savur, M.D.

**Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. A 33689**

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2019-056226

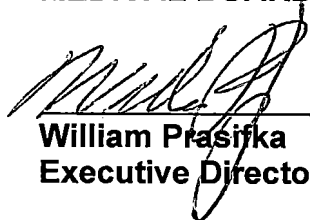
DECISION

**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 30, 2022.

IT IS SO ORDERED December 23, 2022.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



**William Prasifka
Executive Director**

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Against:

13 VIVEK MANGESH SAVUR, M.D.
14 3314 Bordeaux Drive
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

15 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
16 No. A 33689,

17 Respondent.

Case No. 800-2019-056226

OAH No. 2022050138

**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF
LICENSE AND ORDER**

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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 this
24 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Rebecca L. Smith, Deputy
25 Attorney General.

26 2. Vivek Mangesh Savur, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by
27 attorney Raymond J. McMahon, whose address is 5440 Trabuco Road, Irvine, California 92620.

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1 3. On or about April 7, 1979, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.
2 A 33689 to Respondent. That license expired on October 31, 2020, and has not been renewed.

3 **JURISDICTION**

4 4. First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-056226 was filed before the Board, and is
5 currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required
6 documents were properly served on Respondent on April 6, 2022. Respondent timely filed his
7 Notice of Defense contesting the First Amended Accusation. A copy of the First Amended
8 Accusation No. 800-2019-056226 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

9 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

10 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
11 charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-056226. Respondent also
12 has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated
13 Surrender of License and Order.

14 6. 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 First Amended Accusation; the right to confront and
16 cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own
17 behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the
18 production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision;
19 and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable
20 laws.

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

23 **CULPABILITY**

24 8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in First Amended
25 Accusation No. 800-2019-056226, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline
26 upon his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

27 9. For the purpose of resolving the First Amended Accusation without the expense and
28 uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could

1 establish a factual basis for the charges in the First Amended Accusation 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 understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue
5 an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further
6 process.

7 CONTINGENCY

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

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

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

22 ORDER

23 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 33689, issued
24 to Respondent Vivek Mangesh Savur, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board, effective
25 December 30, 2022.

26 1. The surrender of Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate and the
27 acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline

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1 against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part
2 of Respondent's license history with the Board.

3 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a physician and surgeon in
4 California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

5 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was
6 issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

7 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in
8 the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must
9 comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or
10 surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations
11 contained in First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-056226 shall be deemed to be true, correct
12 and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

13 5. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the
14 amount of ten thousand two hundred one dollars and fifty cents (\$10,201.50) prior to issuance of
15 a new or reinstated license.

16 6. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or
17 petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of
18 California, all of the charges and allegations contained in First Amended Accusation, No. 800-
19 2019-056226 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of
20 any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

21 **ACCEPTANCE**

22 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully
23 discussed it with my attorney Raymond J. McMahon. I understand the stipulation and the effect
24 it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of
25 License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the
26 Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

27 DATED: _____

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VIVEK MANGESH SAVUR, M.D.
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25 License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the
26 Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

27 DATED: October 27th 2022

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VIVEK MANGESH SAVUR, M.D.
Respondent

1 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Vivek Mangesh Savur, M.D. the terms and
2 conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I
3 approve its form and content.

4 DATED: October 27, 2022


RAYMOND J. MCMAHON
Attorney for Respondent

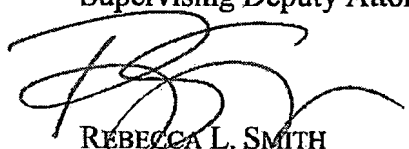
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7 **ENDORSEMENT**

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

10 DATED: 10/27/2022

Respectfully submitted,

11 ROB BONTA
12 Attorney General of California
13 JUDITH T. ALVARADO
14 Supervising Deputy Attorney General


15 REBECCA L. SMITH
16 Deputy Attorney General
17 Attorneys for Complainant

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Exhibit A

First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-056226

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FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION

14 **VIVEK MANGESH SAVUR, M.D.**
15 **7320 Woodlake Avenue, Suite 250**
16 **West Hills, CA 91307-1495**

17 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**
18 **No. A 33689,**

Respondent.

19 **PARTIES**

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

23 2. On or about April 7, 1979, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
24 Number A 33689 to Vivek Mangesh Savur, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's
25 Certificate expired on October 31, 2020, and has not been renewed.

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JURISDICTION

3. This First Amended Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

4. Section 118 of the Code states:

(a) The withdrawal of an application for a license after it has been filed with a board in the department shall not, unless the board has consented in writing to such withdrawal, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a proceeding against the applicant for the denial of the license upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order denying the license upon any such ground.

(b) The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground.

(c) As used in this section, "board" includes an individual who is authorized by any provision of this code to issue, suspend, or revoke a license, and "license" includes "certificate," "registration," and "permit."

5. Section 2004 of the Code states:

The board shall have the responsibility for the following:

(a) The enforcement of the disciplinary and criminal provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

(b) The administration and hearing of disciplinary actions.

(c) Carrying out disciplinary actions appropriate to findings made by a panel or an administrative law judge.

(d) Suspending, revoking, or otherwise limiting certificates after the conclusion of disciplinary actions.

(e) Reviewing the quality of medical practice carried out by physician and surgeon certificate holders under the jurisdiction of the board.

(f) Approving undergraduate and graduate medical education programs.

(g) Approving clinical clerkship and special programs and hospitals for the programs in subdivision (f).

(h) Issuing licenses and certificates under the board's jurisdiction.

(i) Administering the board's continuing medical education program.

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1 (B) Drug or alcohol abuse directly resulting in harm to patients or the extent
that such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice safely.

2 (C) Criminal conviction directly involving harm to patient health.

3 (D) Inappropriate prescribing resulting in harm to patients and a probationary
4 period of five years or more.

5 (2) An accusation or statement of issues alleged that the licensee committed any
of the acts described in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of paragraph (1), and a
6 stipulated settlement based upon a nolo contendere or other similar compromise that
does not include any prima facie showing or admission of guilt or fact but does
7 include an express acknowledgment that the disclosure requirements of this section
would serve to protect the public interest.

8 (b) A licensee required to provide a disclosure pursuant to subdivision (a) shall
9 obtain from the patient, or the patient's guardian or health care surrogate, a separate,
signed copy of that disclosure.

10 (c) A licensee shall not be required to provide a disclosure pursuant to
11 subdivision (a) if any of the following applies:

12 (1) The patient is unconscious or otherwise unable to comprehend the
disclosure and sign the copy of the disclosure pursuant to subdivision (b) and a
13 guardian or health care surrogate is unavailable to comprehend the disclosure and
sign the copy.

14 (2) The visit occurs in an emergency room or an urgent care facility or the visit
15 is unscheduled, including consultations in inpatient facilities.

16 (3) The licensee who will be treating the patient during the visit is not known to
the patient until immediately prior to the start of the visit.

17 (4) The licensee does not have a direct treatment relationship with the patient.

18 (d) On and after July 1, 2019, the board shall provide the following
19 information, with respect to licensees on probation and licensees practicing under
probationary licenses, in plain view on the licensee's profile page on the board's
20 online license information internet web site.

21 (1) For probation imposed pursuant to a stipulated settlement, the causes
alleged in the operative accusation along with a designation identifying those causes
22 by which the licensee has expressly admitted guilt and a statement that acceptance of
the settlement is not an admission of guilt.

23 (2) For probation imposed by an adjudicated decision of the board, the causes
24 for probation stated in the final probationary order.

25 (3) For a licensee granted a probationary license, the causes by which the
probationary license was imposed.

26 (4) The length of the probation and end date.

27 (5) All practice restrictions placed on the license by the board.

28 (e) Section 2314 shall not apply to this section.

STATUTES

9. Section 726 of the Code states:

(a) The commission of any act of sexual abuse, misconduct, or relations with a patient, client, or customer constitutes unprofessional conduct and grounds for disciplinary action for any person licensed under this or under any initiative act referred to in this division.

(b) This section shall not apply to consensual sexual contact between a licensee and his or her spouse or person in an equivalent domestic relationship when that licensee provides medical treatment, to his or her spouse or person in an equivalent domestic relationship.

10. Section 729 of the Code states:

(a) Any physician and surgeon, psychotherapist, alcohol and drug abuse counselor or any person holding himself or herself out to be a physician and surgeon, psychotherapist, or alcohol and drug abuse counselor, who engages in an act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, or sexual contact with a patient or client, or with a former patient or client when the relationship was terminated primarily for the purpose of engaging in those acts, unless the physician and surgeon, psychotherapist, or alcohol and drug abuse counselor has referred the patient or client to an independent and objective physician and surgeon, psychotherapist, or alcohol and drug abuse counselor recommended by a third-party physician and surgeon, psychotherapist, or alcohol and drug abuse counselor for treatment, is guilty of sexual exploitation by a physician and surgeon, psychotherapist, or alcohol and drug abuse counselor.

(b) Sexual exploitation by a physician and surgeon, psychotherapist, or alcohol and drug abuse counselor is a public offense:

(1) An act in violation of subdivision (a) shall be punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of not more than six months, or a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that imprisonment and fine.

(2) Multiple acts in violation of subdivision (a) with a single victim, when the offender has no prior conviction for sexual exploitation, shall be punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of not more than six months, or a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that imprisonment and fine.

(3) An act or acts in violation of subdivision (a) with two or more victims shall be punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for a period of 16 months, two years, or three years, and a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); or the act or acts shall be punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of not more than one year, or a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that imprisonment and fine.

(4) Two or more acts in violation of subdivision (a) with a single victim, when the offender has at least one prior conviction for sexual exploitation, shall be punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code for a period of 16 months, two years, or three years, and a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); or the act or acts shall be punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of not more than one year, or a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that imprisonment and fine.

1 (5) An act or acts in violation of subdivision (a) with two or more victims, and
2 the offender has at least one prior conviction for sexual exploitation, shall be
3 punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal
4 Code for a period of 16 months, two years, or three years, and a fine not exceeding
5 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

6 For purposes of subdivision (a), in no instance shall consent of the patient or
7 client be a defense. However, physicians and surgeons shall not be guilty of sexual
8 exploitation for touching any intimate part of a patient or client unless the touching is
9 outside the scope of medical examination and treatment, or the touching is done for
10 sexual gratification.

11 (c) For purposes of this section:

12 (1) "Psychotherapist" has the same meaning as defined in Section 728.

13 (2) "Alcohol and drug abuse counselor" means an individual who holds himself
14 or herself out to be an alcohol or drug abuse professional or paraprofessional.

15 (3) "Sexual contact" means sexual intercourse or the touching of an intimate
16 part of a patient for the purpose of sexual arousal, gratification, or abuse.

17 (4) "Intimate part" and "touching" have the same meanings as defined in
18 Section 243.4 of the Penal Code.

19 (d) In the investigation and prosecution of a violation of this section, no person
20 shall seek to obtain disclosure of any confidential files of other patients, clients, or
21 former patients or clients of the physician and surgeon, psychotherapist, or alcohol
22 and drug abuse counselor.

23 (e) This section does not apply to sexual contact between a physician and
24 surgeon and his or her spouse or person in an equivalent domestic relationship when
25 that physician and surgeon provides medical treatment, other than psychotherapeutic
26 treatment, to his or her spouse or person in an equivalent domestic relationship.

27 (f) If a physician and surgeon, psychotherapist, or alcohol and drug abuse
28 counselor in a professional partnership or similar group has sexual contact with a
patient in violation of this section, another physician and surgeon, psychotherapist, or
alcohol and drug abuse counselor in the partnership or group shall not be subject to
action under this section solely because of the occurrence of that sexual contact.

11. Section 2234 of the Code, states:

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

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

(b) Gross negligence.

(c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more
negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a
separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute
repeated negligent acts.

1 (1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically
2 appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single
3 negligent act.

4 (2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or
5 omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but
6 not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the
7 licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure
8 constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.

9 (d) Incompetence.

10 (e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption that is
11 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and
12 surgeon.

13 (f) Any action or conduct that would have warranted the denial of a certificate.

14 (g) The failure by a certificate holder, in the absence of good cause, to attend
15 and participate in an interview by the board. This subdivision shall only apply to a
16 certificate holder who is the subject of an investigation by the board.

17 COST RECOVERY

18 12. Section 125.3 of the Code states:

19 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a
20 disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department or before the
21 Osteopathic Medical Board, upon request of the entity bringing the proceeding, the
22 administrative law judge may direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or
23 violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the
24 investigation and enforcement of the case.

25 (b) In the case of a disciplined licensee that is a corporation or a partnership, the
26 order may be made against the licensed corporate entity or licensed partnership.

27 (c) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where
28 actual costs are not available, signed by the entity bringing the proceeding or its
designated representative shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of
investigation and prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of
investigative and enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not
limited to, charges imposed by the Attorney General.

(d) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount
of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested
pursuant to subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard
to costs shall not be reviewable by the board to increase the cost award. The board
may reduce or eliminate the cost award, or remand to the administrative law judge if
the proposed decision fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant to
subdivision (a).

(e) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as
directed in the board's decision, the board may enforce the order for repayment in any
appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights
the board may have as to any licensee to pay costs.

1 (f) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall be
conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

2 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the board shall not renew or
3 reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered
under this section.

4 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the board may, in its discretion,
5 conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any
6 licensee who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement
with the board to reimburse the board within that one-year period for the unpaid
costs.

7 (h) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement
8 for costs incurred and shall be deposited in the fund of the board recovering the costs
to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

9 (i) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from including the recovery of
10 the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated settlement.

11 (j) This section does not apply to any board if a specific statutory provision in
12 that board's licensing act provides for recovery of costs in an administrative
disciplinary proceeding.

13 FACTUAL SUMMARY

14 13. On May 30, 2019, the Board received a complaint from a detective with the Los
15 Angeles Police Department stating that three female victims disclosed incidents of sexual assault
16 by Respondent. Two of the three patients identified by the LAPD detective were willing to
17 participate in the investigation.¹ On December 6, 2019, the Board received an additional
18 complaint from a patient alleging that Respondent attempted to touch her inappropriately on
19 numerous occasions.

20 Patient 1:²

21 14. Patient 1³ worked as an office clerk at Respondent's neurology medical office
22 from approximately 1989 through 1995. She had a friendly relationship with Respondent and
23 considered him to be a friend.

24 ¹ One of the patients complained to the Board in 2017 that Respondent engaged in sexual
25 misconduct during years of examinations.

26 ² For privacy purposes, the patients in this Accusation are referred to as Patients 1, 2, and 3, with
their identities disclosed to Respondent in discovery.

27 ³ Patient 1's factual allegations against Respondent are barred by the relevant statute of
28 limitations. The facts and circumstances alleged against Respondent by Patient 1 are set forth herein to
demonstrate Respondent's pattern and practice, and sexual proclivities with his patients.

1 15. Patient 1 began seeing Respondent for medical care in approximately 1999
2 through January 6, 2014 for an elbow injury, headaches, neck pain, and depression. They
3 continued to have a friendly relationship and Patient 1 considered him a friend.

4 16. At Patient 1's medical appointments with Respondent, he would tell her that he
5 loved her. Respondent's wife was his office manager. Respondent would tell Patient 1 that his
6 wife was not having sex with him and would tell Patient 1 that she should have sex with him. He
7 would also ask her to go to Las Vegas with him. Patient 1 thought that Respondent was being
8 overly friendly and flirting. She ignored the comments, did not have sex with him, and did not go
9 to Las Vegas with him.

10 17. During an examination in 2013, Respondent noticed that Patient 1 did not shave
11 her vagina and told her that he hated when women shaved their vaginas. Patient 1 did not
12 respond to his comment.

13 18. In approximately 2013, Respondent's friendliness with Patient 1 became more
14 physical. He began kissing her cheeks and massaging her shoulders and back, down to her
15 buttocks, when she would see him for medical appointments.

16 19. In December 2013, Patient 1 injured herself after tripping and falling to the
17 ground. She was treated in the emergency room.

18 20. Patient 1 saw Respondent approximately 10 days later, on January 6, 2014,
19 because she was having neck pain, back pain, and headaches. Patient 1 was taken to an
20 examination room by Respondent's medical assistant, told to change into a gown and that
21 Respondent would be in to see her. She changed into the gown and removed her undergarments,
22 including her underwear. She was sitting on the examination table when Respondent entered the
23 examination room. Respondent told Patient 1 to stand so he could check her back. Patient 1,
24 upset about her injuries, started crying. Respondent stood in front of Patient 1 with his hands on
25 her neck massaging the area. He asked if it hurt, then moved his hands to Patient 1's back still
26 asking her if it hurt. He untied the gown and moved his hands to her breasts. He kissed her lips
27 and then started kissing her breasts while moving one of his hands around her thigh and groin.
28 He then inserted one of his fingers into Patient 1's vagina, digitally penetrating her. With his

1 other hand, Respondent grabbed Patient 1's hand and placed her hand on his pants. He undid his
2 belt and zipper and pulled his penis out. Patient 1 told Respondent to stop. Patient 1 left
3 Respondent's office and did not return. She was afraid and did not want to get Respondent in
4 trouble.

5 **Patient 2:**

6 21. Respondent was Patient 2's physician from approximately 2014 to 2016. He treated
7 her for migraine headaches.

8 22. Patient 2 described Respondent as personable and friendly during her medical
9 appointments. Respondent would often ask about her personal life and marriage. Respondent
10 would also share personal information about himself. He told Patient 2 that he had prostate
11 cancer and had to wear pads because he had leakage. He also told Patient 2 that he was
12 considering a penile implant because he was unable to get an erection.

13 23. During an appointment in 2016, Patient 2 told Respondent about marital problems
14 that she was experiencing. While Patient 2 spoke with Respondent, he appeared to be touching
15 himself underneath his lab coat. Patient 2 thought that she misinterpreted his actions since he had
16 prostate cancer and could not get an erection.

17 24. At the end of another appointment, in approximately October 2016, Respondent
18 pulled Patient 2 to him and kissed her as she was leaving. She panicked, pulled away, and walked
19 out of the examination room to the front counter to get her bill. She was shocked that Respondent
20 kissed her but did not say anything about it to his medical assistant/receptionist.

21 25. The following morning, Respondent called Patient 2 on her cell phone and
22 apologized for kissing her. Patient 2 said that it was fine and quickly hung up.

23 26. Given Respondent's apology and her need for migraine treatment, Patient 2 kept
24 her next appointment with Respondent, scheduled for November 2016. During her appointment,
25 Respondent told her that she was a beautiful woman and that she should have a good man. At the
26 end of the appointment, when she was getting ready to exit the examination room, Respondent
27 told her that he wanted to do one more thorough exam. He told her to lie on her back on the
28 examination table. After Patient 2 laid down, Respondent lifted her dress and began to perform

1 oral sex on her. She told him to stop, got up and left his office. When Patient 2 got home, she
2 was too scared to tell her husband or son what had happen. That was her last medical
3 appointment with Respondent.

4 **Patient 3:**

5 27. In 2009, Patient 3 was experiencing headaches and her primary care physician,
6 J.S., M.D., referred her to Respondent.

7 28. In approximately June of 2009, Patient 3 was first seen by Respondent at his
8 office. She was examined by Respondent and he prescribed Depakote to treat her headaches.
9 She continued to have her headaches treated by Respondent and underwent trials of different
10 medications for the headaches.

11 29. In approximately August 2016, Patient 3 saw Respondent at his office to treat her
12 headaches and to find out the result of a recently completed MRI. Respondent asked her about
13 her headaches and blood pressure as well as how things were going in her life. Patient 3 told
14 Respondent that she was worried about her husband's health. Respondent told Patient 3 that she
15 was like a 50-year-old little girl. Patient 3 did not know what he meant by the comment and did
16 not ask for clarification. She ignored the comment but it made her uncomfortable.

17 30. Patient 3's next medical appointment with Respondent was in September 2016.
18 She was sitting on the examination table in the examination room with Respondent standing in
19 front of her performing an eye examination. While checking Patient 3's eyes, Respondent put his
20 right hand on her left leg. Respondent then told Patient 3 that she needed to be loved and she
21 needed someone to love her. Patient 3 ignored the comments, as she felt that she had a good
22 patient-physician relationship with Respondent and trusted him.

23 31. When Patient 3 next saw Respondent in approximately October 2016 for a medical
24 appointment, he again told Patient 3 that she needed someone who could love and caress her.
25 Patient 3 told Respondent that he could say that to his wife, but not to say it to her again. After
26 Patient 3 left the appointment, Respondent called her and asked if she was uncomfortable with
27 what he had said. She told him that he needed to drop the issue and not say that kind of stuff to
28 her again.

1 32. When Patient 3 saw Respondent for a medical appointment in early 2017, she
2 asked if he was all right, as he did not have immediate appointments available when she called to
3 make an appointment. Respondent told Patient 3 that he had prostate cancer. She said that she
4 was sorry and asked if he would be all right. He then told Patient 3 that he was having leaking
5 problems and was in pain. She told him that she is not his doctor and he is sharing too much
6 information.

7 33. Also in early 2017, Patient 3's husband had a triple bypass surgery on his heart.
8 She was very stressed and having horrible headaches. She made a medical appointment with
9 Respondent to address her horrible headaches. At her appointment, Respondent told Patient 3
10 that she was a 50-year-old little girl who needed to be loved, caressed, and held. Patient 3 told
11 Respondent that he needed to stop making those comments. Patient 3 asked him to focus on her
12 health. Respondent then apologized to Patient 3 for his inappropriate comments.

13 34. At another appointment in 2017, Respondent asked about Patient 3's husband.
14 She told Respondent that her husband was having tremors in his hands. Respondent told Patient
15 3 to make an appointment to have her husband see him. A couple of days later, Respondent
16 showed up at Patient 3's house without an invitation and said he was there to check on her
17 husband. Respondent had his stethoscope with him and examined Patient 3's husband. He then
18 prescribed medication for Patient 3's husband.

19 35. In March of 2017, Respondent called Patient 3 and asked how her husband was
20 doing. He said that he was in the neighborhood and wanted to check on her husband.
21 Respondent then showed up at Patient 3's house and examined her husband. By May of 2017,
22 Patient 3's husband had recovered from this heart surgery and returned to work.

23 36. In approximately May of 2017, Patient 3 saw Respondent at his office for a
24 medical appointment. In the examination room, Respondent again told Patient 3 that she was like
25 a 50-year-old girl and that she needed to be loved and caressed. Respondent then put his hands
26 on Patient 3's shoulders to give her a hug. He told her that everything was going to be all right.
27 He then said that he would treat Patient 3 at home and that her husband did not have to be there.

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1 37. Thereafter, Respondent called Patient 3 while her husband was at work. She told
2 Respondent that her husband was at home resting because she was afraid that Respondent would
3 show up at her house if she said that her husband was not home.

4 38. In approximately August of 2017, Patient 3 was experiencing neck pain and made
5 an appointment to see Respondent. She wore loose fitting shorts to the appointment. While in
6 the examination room, sitting on the examination table, Respondent put his hands on Patient 3's
7 legs. He moved his left hand up her right thigh underneath her shorts. His hand reached up to
8 where her pubic hair started. Patient 3 shifted backwards and Respondent looked at her. Patient
9 3 then told him that he needed to get a life. Respondent asked Patient 3 if she was uncomfortable.
10 She responded that she was uncomfortable and he apologized. He then told Patient 3 that she
11 needed to be loved. Patient 3 asked Respondent if those were the only words in his vocabulary
12 and he apologized. Patient 3 then left Respondent's office.

13 39. At another medical appointment in 2017, on a date that Patient 3 cannot recall,
14 Respondent tried to kiss her while she sat on the examination table in the examination room. She
15 backed away. She could feel Respondent's penis on her leg through his pants. His penis did not
16 feel erect. Patient 3 gave Respondent a dirty look and left the office.

17 40. In approximately November or December 2017, Patient 3 made a medical
18 appointment to see Respondent about her headaches and neck pain. Patient 3 brought her friend,
19 P.E., to the appointment. Ms. E. accompanied Patient 3 to the examination room and sat in a
20 chair in the room while Patient 3 sat on the examination table. When Respondent entered the
21 room, Ms. E. was talking on her cell phone. Respondent examined Patient 3's eyes, ears and
22 throat. She told him about her headaches and neck pain. Respondent then put both of his hands
23 on Patient 3's legs and told her that she needed to be loved, caressed, and held so that someone
24 could show her that they love her. When she felt his hands on her legs, Patient 3 closed her eyes
25 and moved back on the table. Ms. E. hung up her cellphone, pushed Respondent's hand away,
26 and asked what all of that was about. Respondent appeared startled by Ms. E.'s question. Patient
27 3 then said, "Let's go." to Ms. E. and they left Respondent's office. That was Patient 3's last visit
28 with Respondent.

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41. The standard of care requires that the physician maintain a professional demeanor during the taking of a medical history and examination. Comments designed to influence or entice a patient to have sexual relations with the physician are completely out of bounds. Likewise, the standard of care in performing a physical examination requires that the physician conduct the examination in a professional manner and to never touch a patient in a sexual manner.

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1 47. The allegations set forth in the First and Second Causes for Discipline are
2 incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

3 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 **(Repeated Negligent Acts - Patients 2 and 3)**

5 48. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234, subdivision (c), of
6 the Code, in that he committed repeated acts of negligence in his care and treatment of Patient 2
7 and 3. Complainant refers to and, by this reference incorporates herein, paragraphs 21 through
8 47, above, as though fully set forth herein. The circumstances are as follows:

9 49. The allegations set forth in the First, Second and Third Causes for Discipline are
10 incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

11 50. Each of the alleged acts of gross negligence set forth above in the Third Cause for
12 Discipline is also a negligent act.

13 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

14 **(Unprofessional Conduct)**

15 51. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 726, 729, and 2234, of the
16 Code, in that he has engaged in unprofessional conduct which breaches the rules or ethical code
17 of the medical profession, or conduct which is unbecoming to a member in good standing of the
18 medical profession, and which demonstrates an unfitness to practice medicine. Complainant
19 refers to and, by this reference incorporates herein, paragraphs 21 through 50, above, as though
20 fully set forth herein. The circumstances are as follows:

21 52. The allegations set forth in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Causes for Discipline
22 are incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

23 **PRAYER**

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

26 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 33689,
27 issued to Respondent Vivek Mangesh Savur, M.D.;

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2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Vivek Mangesh Savur, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

3. Ordering Respondent Vivek Mangesh Savur, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and

4. If disciplined, ordering Respondent Vivek Mangesh Savur, M.D., to disclose his discipline to patients as required by section 2228.1 of the Code; and

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

DATED: AUG 17 2022



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