

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

3 **RANDALL J. MOORE, M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. 17958
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-23-0420A

**ORDER FOR LETTER OF REPRIMAND
AND PROBATION; AND CONSENT TO
THE SAME**

6 Randall J. Moore, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a
7 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Letter of Reprimand and Probation;
8 admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of
9 this Order by the Board.

10 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

11 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of
12 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

13 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 17958 for the practice of
14 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

15 3. The Board initiated case number MD-23-0420A after receiving notification of
16 a malpractice settlement regarding Respondent's care and treatment of a 31 year-old male
17 patient ("RG") alleging failure to evaluate and treat the patient's alcohol use disorder,
18 failure to follow up on abnormal liver lab results, and failure to refer the patient to the
19 United States Air Force ("USAF") Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment
20 ("ADAPT") program.

21 4. RG was a USAF Academy graduate and a qualified fighter pilot. On January
22 9, 2017, RG's primary care manager ("PCM") documented an abnormal liver function test
23 ("LFT") that the PCM concluded was related to an acute viral illness.

24 5. On September 22, 2017, RG had an emergency room ("ER") follow-up with
25 the PCM for nausea and vomiting. The PCM noted that the ER found abnormal LFTs and

1 elevated mean corpuscular volume ("MCV"). RG's status was changed to Duties Not to
2 Include Flying ("DNIF"). The PCM ordered a cardiology consultation.

3 6. On October 12, 2017, RG was seen by Respondent for an annual physical.
4 RG's lab results showed GGT 623, AST 105, ALT 209, TG 280, MCV 104.6, and WBC
5 2.5.

6 7. On October 26, 2017, Respondent ordered additional lab tests including a
7 hepatitis panel.

8 8. On November 2, 2017, the PCM referred RG to gastroenterology and
9 hematology.

10 9. On November 3, 2017, RG was seen by Respondent for chronic inability to
11 fall asleep without 1-2 beers. Respondent diagnosed RG with insomnia and prescribed
12 zolpidem.

13 10. On December 13, 2017, there was a documented discussion amongst clinic
14 physicians and the supervising flight surgeon. RG denied alcohol problems; however, in
15 order for him to return to flight status, the care team agreed that RG would need to pass a
16 physical fitness test and have normal or normalizing LFTs.

17 11. On February 27, 2018, RG was counseled by supervising flight surgeon and
18 Respondent regarding lab testing that showed clear evidence of alcohol abuse. RG was
19 referred to ADAPT.

20 12. On February 28, 2018, ADAPT evaluated RG and did not diagnose alcohol
21 abuse.

22 13. On March 1, 2018, the PCM noted RG had shortness of breath during a run
23 and diagnosed fatigue. The PCM noted that ADAPT cleared RG so he could return to
24 flying status.

1 14. From July 2, 2018, to August 14, 2018, RG was seen at the Mental Health
2 Clinic ("MHC") once a week.

3 15. On October 25, 2018, the PCM noted that RG had elevated liver enzymes.

4 16. On November 29, 2018, RG was seen by Respondent for an annual
5 physical. RG's lab results showed GGT 1751, CDT 2.3, WBC 3, AST 261, and ALT 251.
6 RG admitted to drinking alcohol after failing his annual military fitness test. Respondent
7 advised RG to follow-up with MHC therapist and ADAPT counselor.

8 17. On June 10, 2019, RG was admitted to a civilian hospital for complaints of
9 lower body pain and numbness from feet to sternum. RG was diagnosed with Guillain-
10 Barre Syndrome ("GBS") and alcoholic hepatitis.

11 18. On July 23, 2019, RG was admitted to a civilian hospital for a GBS flare up
12 and it was noted that he had elevated LFTs, was suspected to be related to alcohol use.

13 19. On August 6, 2019, RG was seen by Respondent who prescribed RG Lyrica,
14 which was previously prescribed by neurology.

15 20. On December 20, 2019, at 0300, RG presented to a civilian hospital via EMS
16 with complaints of a distended abdomen, weakness, and vomiting. RG was admitted for
17 acute alcoholic hepatitis and hepatic encephalopathy with an EtOH level of 329. At 1609,
18 RG coded and was pronounced dead after resuscitative efforts failed.

19 21. The standard of care requires a physician to diagnose and treat a patient
20 with a suspected substance use disorder. Respondent deviated from this standard of care
21 by failing to diagnose and treat a patient with alcohol use disorder.

22 22. The standard of care prohibits a physician from prescribing controlled
23 substances to a patient with known alcohol dependence without clinical justification.
24 Respondent deviated from the standard of care by prescribing zolpidem and Lyrica to a
25 patient with known regular alcohol use without clinical justification.

23. Actual patient harm was identified in that RG expired due to sequelae of alcohol use disorder.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

a. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

b. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(e) ("Failing or refusing to maintain adequate records on a patient.").

c. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r) ("Committing any conduct or practice that is or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public.").

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

2. Respondent is placed on Probation for a period of six months with the following terms and conditions:

a. Continuing Medical Education

Respondent shall within 6 months of the effective date of this Order obtain no less than 5 hours of Board Staff pre-approved Category I Continuing Medical Education ("CME") in the diagnosis and treatment of alcohol use disorder. Respondent shall within **thirty days** of the effective date of this Order submit his request for CME to the Board for pre-approval. Upon completion of the CME, Respondent shall provide Board staff with satisfactory proof of attendance. The CME hours shall be in addition to the hours required for the biennial renewal of medical licensure. The Probation shall terminate upon Respondent's proof of successful completion of the CME.

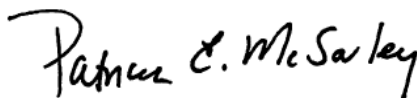
1 **b. Obey All Laws**

2 Respondent shall obey all state, federal and local laws, all rules governing the
3 practice of medicine in Arizona, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered
4 criminal probation, payments and other orders.

5 3. The Board retains jurisdiction and may initiate new action against
6 Respondent based upon any violation of this Order. A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(s)

7 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 7th day of November, 2024.

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9 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

10 By 
11 Patricia E. McSorley
12 Executive Director

13 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

14 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the
15 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent
16 acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

17 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely
18 and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

19 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to
20 a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge
21 this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action
22 related thereto or arising from said Order.

23 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its
24 Executive Director.

1 5. All admissions made by Respondent in this Order are solely for final
2 disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil
3 litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent
4 are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or
5 federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the
6 State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

7 6. Notwithstanding any language in this Order, this Order does not preclude in
8 any way any other State agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from
9 instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate
10 now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent,
11 including but not limited to, violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent
12 acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Board, this Order makes no
13 representations, implied or otherwise, about the views or intended actions of any other
14 state agency or officer or political subdivisions of the State relating to this matter or other
15 matters concerning Respondent.

16 7. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof)
17 to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of
18 the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any
19 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
20 by the parties.

21 8. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal
22 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data
23 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

24 9. If any part of the Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the
25 remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

1 10. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a
2 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,
3 prejudgment or other similar defense.

4 11. Any violation of this Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result
5 in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(s) ("[v]iolating a formal order, probation,
6 consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive
7 director under this chapter.") and 32-1451.

8 12. ***Respondent has read and understands the conditions of probation.***

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RANDALL J. MOORE, M.D.

DATED: 10/07/2024

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15 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing
16 mailed this 7th day of November, 2024 to:

17 Randall J. Moore, M.D.
18 Address of Record

19 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
20 this 7th day of November, 2024 with:

21 Arizona Medical Board
22 1740 West Adams, Suite 4000
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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Board staff