GEORGE B. WILSON, M.D.

In the Matter of

Holder of License No. 46028 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine In the State of Arizona. Case No. MD-21-0630A

# ORDER FOR LETTER OF REPRIMAND AND CONSENT TO THE SAME

George B. Wilson, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Letter of Reprimand; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- Respondent is the holder of license number 46028 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 3. The Board initiated case number MD-21-0630A after receiving notification of a malpractice settlement regarding Respondent's interpretation of an abdominal/pelvic CT scan for a 67 year-old female patient ("VW").
- 4. On September 22, 2016, at 1200, VW presented to the Hospital Emergency Department with a one day history of acute severe bilateral lower abdominal pain and bright red bleeding per rectum. Respondent interpreted an abdomen/pelvic CT scan with contrast and reported "fecal stasis and markedly abnormal appearance to the distal descending/sigmoid colon. Partial volvulus of this portion of the colon cannot be excluded. Small amount of free fluid. Mild fatty liver. No other significant or focal abnormality." Respondent failed to diagnosis/report free air on VW's abdominal/pelvic CT scan.

5. The standard of care requires a physician to identify and report abnormal findings on imaging studies. Respondent deviated from this standard of care by failing to report free air (indicating bowel perforation) on VW's abdominal/pelvic CT scan. VW's condition deteriorated and VW died on September 24, 2016 from multi-organ failure, septic shock, volvulus and acute respiratory failure.

### **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)(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.

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

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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Patricia E. McSorlev **Executive Director** 

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#### **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.
- 2 Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

- 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Order.
- 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
- 5. All admissions made by Respondent in this Order are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.
- 6. Notwithstanding any language in this Order, this Order does not preclude in any way any other State agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent, including but not limited to, violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Board, this Order makes no representations, implied or otherwise, about the views or intended actions of any other state agency or officer or political subdivisions of the State relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent.
- 7. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any

modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.

- 8. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.
- 9. If any part of the Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.
- 10. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.
- 11. Any violation of this Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(s) ("[v]iolating a formal order, probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director under this chapter.") and 32-1451.
  - 12. Respondent has read and understands the conditions of probation.

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GEORGE B. WILSON, M.D.

DATED: 23 DOWN 2074

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2	mailed this 7th day of November 2024 to:
3	George B. Wilson, M.D. Address of Record
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5	ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 7th day of November, 2024 with:
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