DAVID M. MEDINA, M.D.

In the Matter of

Holder of License No. 21441
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-21-0867A

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

David M. Medina, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Letter of Reprimand and Probation; 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.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 21441 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 3. The Board initiated case number MD-21-0867A after receiving a complaint regarding Respondent's care and treatment of a 50 year-old female patient ("TC") alleging embolization of the incorrect artery cutting off the blood supply to the spinal cord causing paralysis.
- 4. On September 7, 2021, TC was referred to Respondent for pre-op a discussion of bronchial artery embolization with chemotherapy ("CIPI") and particles ("TACE"). TC had a medical history of stage IV uterine leiomyosarcoma with bilateral lower lobe pulmonary nodules. Additionally, in 2020, TC underwent two rounds of chemotherapy (gemcitabine/docetaxel) and subsequent catheter directed chemotherapy using a pulmonary artery approach in July 2021.

- 5. Paralysis is a known and established potential risk of "TACE" procedures, and the patient signed a consent acknowledging such.
- 6. On September 15, 2021, TC underwent bronchial artery embolization performed by Respondent at a Clinic. The procedure consisted of a supine aortic angiogram via the right femoral artery. Selective catheter access of the two left and two right bronchial arteries was recorded in the report, but without specific vessel location. Both two right and two left bronchial arteries were sequentially embolized with drug eluting beads and infused with liquid chemotherapy. Post-operatively, TC complained of numbness below her breasts and bilateral leg weakness. TC was transferred to a Hospital.
- 7. On September 16, 2021, a non-contrast MRI was performed that showed questionable linear cord signal abnormality in the upper thoracic cord extending from T3-T6. The MRI findings correlated with the clinical picture of spinal artery syndrome. TC was discharged to a rehabilitation facility on September 20, 2021.
- 8. The standard of care requires a physician to abort or reschedule a procedure when the proper instruments are not available. Respondent deviated from this standard of care by failing to abort or reschedule the procedure when the proper instruments were not available.
- 9. The standard of care requires a physician to utilize a micro catheter to protect against embolization of a spinal artery branch. Respondent deviated from the standard of care by failing to utilize a 2F micro catheter to protect against embolization of a spinal artery branch.
- 10. Respondent states that he believes the instruments used were appropriate, but agrees that he was unable to access the appropriate spaces due to difficulty with the angle of approach.

11. Actual patient harm was identified in that TC experienced new onset irreversible paralysis of both lower extremities, bladder dysfunction, and back pain.

12. There was the potential for patient harm in that TC was at risk of tissue ischemia.

## **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.
- 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 15 hours of Board Staff pre-approved Category I Continuing Medical Education ("CME") in an intensive, in-person/virtual course regarding ethics and no less than 4 hours of Board staff pre-approved Category I CME in arterial embolization. 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.

#### b. Obey All Laws

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

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

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 2nd day of April , 2025.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

Patricia E.Mcsorley

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Patricia E. McSorley Executive Director

## **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. Respondent's signing of the Consent Agreement and Order does not constitute an admission that any of these allegations are true, nor does it constitute

agreement with the Board's findings. Respondent voluntarily enters into this Consent Agreement for the purpose of avoiding the expense and uncertainty of an administrative hearing.

- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
  - 13. Respondent has read and understands the conditions of probation.

DAVID M. MEDINA, M.D. DATED: 3/24/25

| 1  | EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed                             |
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| 2  | this 2nd day of April, 2025 to:                                   |
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