BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of
RICHARD A. BERGER, M.D.

Case No. MD-17-0013A

HOLDER OF LICENSE NO. 20624
For the Practice of Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

ORDER FOR SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND CONSENT TO THE SAME
(Non-Disciplinary)

Richard A. Berger, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender of License; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") as well as the facts stated herein; 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 20624 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated case number MD-16-0622A after receiving a self-report from Respondent that he had a medical condition that limited his ability to safely practice medicine.

4. Respondent subsequently requested to voluntarily surrender his Arizona medical license due to his ongoing medical condition.

5. Respondent has no prior disciplinary history with the Board, and had not been alleged to have committed an act of unprofessional conduct in the above referenced matter.
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement with a physician and accept the surrender of an active license from a physician who admits to unable to safely engage in the practice of medicine. A.R.S. § 32-1451(T)(1).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender License Number 20624, issued to Richard A. Berger, M.D., for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, and return his certificate of license to the Board.

DATED and effective this 6th day of April, 2017.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By: 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 she 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 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. 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.

7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal non-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 non-disciplinary action.

8. 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.
9. **Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.**

Dated: 3/15/2017

RICHARD A. BERGER, M.D.

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by US Mail this 10th day of April, 2017 to:

Richard A. Berger, M.D.
Address of Record

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 10th day of April, 2017 with:

The Arizona Medical Board
9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Board Staff