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BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of
SHARON D. HARGRAVES, M.D.
Holder of License No. 32527
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-17-0219A
**ORDER FOR LETTER
OF REPRIMAND; AND
CONSENT TO THE SAME**

Sharon D. Hargraves, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for a 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.
2. Respondent is the holder of license number 32527 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
3. The Board initiated case number MD-17-0219A after receiving notification of a malpractice settlement regarding Respondent's care and treatment of a 38 year-old female patient ("JH") alleging improper administration of sedative agents with subsequent patient death.
4. On August 8, 2014, JH underwent an elective hysteroscopy and endometrial ablation at a Women's Health Center where Respondent held privileges. Respondent performed anesthesiology services for the procedure.
5. Respondent administered deep sedation for JH's operative procedure using IV doses of Propofol and Fentanyl. JH developed bradyarrhythmias that were unresponsive to medications and which progressed to cardiopulmonary arrest. Just prior to arrest, the pulse oximeter was noted to be 50% by the anesthesia technician who suggested to Respondent that she administer oxygen via ambu bag to the patient. ACLS

1 protocol was implemented with return of vital signs and spontaneous breathing. JH was
2 never intubated and did not regain consciousness. Approximately one hour transpired from
3 the end time of surgery until EMS was called. JH was subsequently transferred to a
4 Hospital for further care where she subsequently expired.

5 6. The standard of care for providing anesthesia for a patient undergoing an
6 office based elective hysteroscopy and endometrial ablation requires safe administration of
7 a maximal depth of sedation. Respondent deviated from this standard of care by
8 improperly administering potent sedatives, inadequately monitoring the patient and failing
9 to timely and appropriately respond to the patient's respiratory and cardiac event.

10 7. Actual patient harm was identified in that the patient died.

11 8. Respondent reported that on October 18, 2017, she completed the American
12 Society of Anesthesiologists SEE 2017-Volume 33A Electronic for a total of 30 Category I
13 Continuing Medical Education credits.

14 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

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

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

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 9th day of March, 2018.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By Patricia E. McSorley
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.

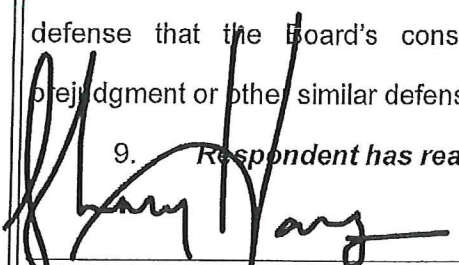
5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context 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.

1 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof)
2 to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of
3 the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any
4 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
5 by the parties.

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

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

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

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14 SHARON D. HARGRAVES, M.D.


DATED: 2/14/18

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16 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
this 9th day of March, 2018 to:

17 Stephen W. Myers
18 Mitchel Stein Carey, PC
19 One Renaissance Square
20 2 North Central Avenue, Suite 1450
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Attorney for Respondent

21 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
22 this 9th day of March, 2018 with:

23 Arizona Medical Board
24 1740 W Adams St, Suite 4000
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Board staff