

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

3 **ROGELIO D. NARANJA, M.D**

4 Holder of License No. 13156
5 For the Practice of Medicine
6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-17-0836A

**ORDER FOR SURRENDER
OF LICENSE AND CONSENT
TO THE SAME**

7 Rogelio D. Naranja, M.D. ("Respondent"), elects to permanently waive any right to a
8 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender of License; admits the
9 jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") as well as the facts stated herein; and
10 consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

11 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

14 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 13156 for the practice of
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-17-0836A after receiving a complaint
17 regarding Respondent's care and treatment of four patients alleging inappropriate
18 prescribing of controlled substances.

19 4. During the course of the Board's investigation, a Medical Consultant ("MC")
20 reviewed Respondent's care and treatment of four patients. The MC identified deviations
21 from the standard of care with regard to all four patients including failure to address
22 psycho-stimulants being simultaneously prescribed by another provider to a patient, failing
23 to consider a patient's entire medical regimen and prevent untoward drug-to-drug
24 interactions, relying on alprazolam for a patient with known alcoholism who was in early
25 recovery, and failing to document a rationale to warrant the risks of prescribing a

1 benzodiazepine to a patient concurrently taking an opioid and sedative hypnotic. The MC
2 identified potential harm for all four patients.

3 5. On or about October 23, 2018, Respondent notified the Board that he had
4 retired from the practice of medicine and no longer provides patient care.

5 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

8 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
9 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(e) ("Failing or refusing to maintain adequate
10 records on a patient.") and A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r) ("Committing any conduct or practice
11 that is or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public.").

12 3. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement
13 with a physician and accept the surrender of an active license from a physician who
14 admits to having committed an act of unprofessional conduct. A.R.S. § 32-1451(T)(2).

15 **ORDER**

16 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender License
17 Number 13156, issued to Rogelio Naranja, M.D., for the practice of allopathic medicine in
18 the State of Arizona, and return his certificate of licensure to the Board.

19 DATED and effective this 5th day of December, 2018.

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21 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

22 By: Patricia E. McSorley
23 Patricia E. McSorley
24 Executive Director
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CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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11 ROGELIO NARANJA, M.D.

Dated: 11-6-18

12 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by
13 US Mail this 5th day of December, 2018 to:

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15 Sanders and Parks, P.C.
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18 Attorney for Respondent

19 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
20 5th day of December, 2018 with:

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

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Board staff