

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

2 In the Matter of
3 **JAMES M. C. RYAN, M.D.**
4 Holder of License No. 53075
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-19-0084A____

**INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF
LICENSE**

7 **INTRODUCTION**

8 The above-captioned matter came for discussion before the Arizona Medical Board
9 ("Board") at its March 7, 2019 meeting, where it had been placed on the agenda to
10 consider possible summary action against James M. C. Ryan, M.D. ("Respondent").
11 Having considered the information in the matter and being fully advised, the Board enters
12 the following Interim Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Summary
13 Suspension of License, pending a formal hearing or other Board action. A.R.S. § 32-
14 1451(D).

15 **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

18 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 53075 for the practice of
19 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

20 3. The Board initiated case number MD-19-0084A after receiving information
21 indicating that the Medical Board of California issued an Accusation against Respondent's
22 California medical license in case 800-2016-022096. The Accusation contained
23 allegations that Respondent engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with three patients
24 (Patient A, B and C).

25 4. During an investigational interview with Board staff on February 15, 2019,
Respondent denied all allegations documented in the Accusation. Respondent reported

1 to Board staff that during the time period covered by the Accusation, he was experiencing
2 delirium that affected his ability to recall specific events.

3 5. The Executive Director issued an Interim Order to require Respondent to
4 complete an evaluation with a Board-approved provider ("Interim Order"). Respondent
5 failed to schedule the evaluation within 14 days as required by the Interim Order.
6 Respondent stated that he could not afford to have the evaluation completed.

7 6. Based on Respondent's failure to complete the Interim Order, Respondent
8 was offered an Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Restriction ("Practice
9 Restriction").

10 7. Respondent refused to enter into the Practice Restriction, and informed
11 Board staff that he did not intend to comply with the Interim Order.

12 8. During the Board's consideration of the above captioned matter on March 7,
13 2019, Board staff presented the foregoing to the Board. Based on the evidence
14 presented, the Board voted unanimously to summarily suspend Respondent's license.

15 **INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

18 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct
19 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(s) ("Violating a formal order, probation, consent
20 agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director under
21 this chapter.").

22 3. Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the public
23 health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action. A.R.S. § 32-1451(D).

1 ORDER

2 Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, set forth
3 above,

4 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

5 1. Respondent's license to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona,
6 License No. 53075, is summarily suspended. Respondent is prohibited from practicing
7 medicine in the State of Arizona and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment
8 including prescription medications or injections of any kind.

9 2. The Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law constitute written notice
10 to Respondent of the charges of unprofessional conduct made by the Board against
11 Respondent. Respondent is entitled to a formal hearing to defend these charges as
12 expeditiously as possible after the issuance of this Order.

13 3. The Board's Executive Director is instructed to refer this matter to the Office
14 of Administrative Hearings for scheduling of an administrative hearing to be commenced
15 within sixty days from the date of the issuance of this Order, unless stipulated and agreed
16 otherwise by Respondent. A.R.S. § 32-1451(D).

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18 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 8th day of March, 2019.

19 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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21 By Patricia E. McSorley
22 Patricia E. McSorley
23 Executive Director
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EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
this 8th day of March, 2019 to:

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