

BEFORE THE  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY  
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation )  
Against: )  
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PERCY NARANJO, M.D. ) No.06-94-33730  
Certificate No. A-35198 )  
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Respondent. )  
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DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the  
Division of Medical Quality as its Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on December 31, 1998.

IT IS SO ORDERED December 1, 1998.

By: Carole Hurvitz  
CAROLE HURVITZ, M.D.  
Chair - Panel B  
Division of Medical Quality

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10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation	)	Case No. 06-94-33730
Against:	)	
12	)	OAH No. L-1997090036
13 <b>PERCY NARANJO, M.D.</b>	)	
14 P.O. Box 2455	)	<b>STIPULATED SETTLEMENT</b>
Huntington Park, CA 90255	)	<b>AND</b>
15 Physician's and Surgeon's	)	<b>DISCIPLINARY ORDER</b>
Certificate No. A35198,	)	
16 Respondent.	)	
	)	

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18 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** by and between the  
19 parties to the above-entitled proceedings that the following  
20 matters are true:

21 1. An Accusation in case number 06-94-33730 was filed  
22 with the Division of Medical Quality, of the Medical Board of  
23 California Department of Consumer Affairs (the "Division") on  
24 August 5, 1997, and is currently pending against Percy Naranjo,  
25 M.D. (the "respondent").

26 2. The Accusation, together with all statutorily  
27 required documents, was duly served on the respondent on or about

1 August 5, 1997, and respondent filed his Notice of Defense  
2 contesting the Accusation on or about August 13, 1997. A copy of  
3 Accusation No. 06-94-33730 is attached as Exhibit "A" and hereby  
4 incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

5 3. Complainant, Ron Joseph, is the Executive Director  
6 of the Medical Board of California and brought this action solely  
7 in his official capacity. The Complainant is represented by the  
8 Attorney General of California, Daniel E. Lungren, by and through  
9 Deputy Attorney General E. A. Jones III.

10 4. At all times relevant herein, respondent has been  
11 licensed by the Medical Board of California under Physician's and  
12 Surgeon's Certificate No. A35198.

13 5. Respondent is represented in this matter by  
14 himself.

15 6. Respondent has fully read and reviewed the charges  
16 contained in Accusation Number 06-94-33730. Respondent has been  
17 fully advised regarding his legal rights and the effects of this  
18 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

19 7. Respondent understands the nature of the charges  
20 alleged in the Accusation and that, if proven at hearing, the  
21 charges and allegations would constitute cause for imposing  
22 discipline upon his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.  
23 Respondent is fully aware of his right to a hearing on the  
24 charges contained in the Accusation, his right to confront and  
25 cross-examine witnesses against him, his right to the use of  
26 subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the  
27 production of documents in both defense and mitigation of the

1 charges, his right to reconsideration, court review and any and  
2 all other rights accorded by the California Administrative  
3 Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

4 8. Respondent knowingly, voluntarily and irrevocably  
5 waives and gives up each of these rights.

6 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every  
7 allegation of the Accusation No. 06-94-33730, and agrees that  
8 respondent has thereby subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's  
9 Certificate to disciplinary action. Respondent agrees to be  
10 bound by the Division's Disciplinary Order as set forth below.

11 10. Based on the foregoing admissions and stipulated  
12 matters, the parties agree that the Division shall, without  
13 further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the  
14 following order:

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16 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

17 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Physician's and Surgeon's  
18 Certificate number A35198 issued to Percy Naranjo, M.D. is  
19 revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and respondent is  
20 placed on probation for 2 years on the following terms and  
21 conditions. Within 15 days after the effective date of this  
22 decision the respondent shall provide the Division, or its  
23 designee, proof of service that respondent has served a true copy  
24 of this decision on the Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive  
25 Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are  
26 extended to respondent or where respondent is employed to  
27 practice medicine and on the Chief Executive Officer at every

1 insurance carrier where malpractice insurance coverage is  
2 extended to respondent.

3           1.    CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM    Within ninety (90) days  
4 of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall, at his  
5 own expense, enroll in The Physician Assessment and Clinical  
6 Education Program at the University of California, San Diego  
7 School of medicine (hereinafter the "PACE Program") and shall  
8 undergo assessment, clinical training and examination. First,  
9 the respondent shall undergo the comprehensive assessment program  
10 including the measurement of medical skill and knowledge, the  
11 appraisal of physical health and psychological testing. After  
12 assessment, the PACE Evaluation Committee will review all results  
13 and make a recommendation to the Division or its designee, the  
14 respondent and other authorized personnel as to what clinical  
15 training is required, including scope and length, treatment of  
16 any medical or psychological condition, and any other factors  
17 affecting the respondent's practice of medicine. The respondent  
18 shall undertake whatever clinical training and treatment of any  
19 medical or psychological condition as may be recommended by the  
20 PACE Program. Finally, at the completion of the PACE Program,  
21 respondent shall submit to an examination on its contents and  
22 substance. The examination shall be designed and administered by  
23 the PACE faculty. Respondent shall not be deemed to have  
24 successfully completed the program unless he passes the  
25 examination. Respondent agrees that the determination of the  
26 PACE Program faculty as to whether or not he has passed the  
27 examination and or successfully completed the PACE Program shall

1 be binding.

2 Respondent shall complete the PACE Program no later than six  
3 months after his initial enrollment unless the Division or its  
4 designee agrees in writing to a later time for completion.

5 If respondent successfully completes the PACE Program,  
6 including the examination referenced above, he agrees to cause  
7 the PACE representatives to forward a Certification of Successful  
8 Completion of the program to the Division or its designee.

9 If respondent fails to successfully complete the PACE  
10 program within the time limits set forth above, respondent shall  
11 be suspended from the practice of medicine until successful  
12 completion has been achieved, as evidenced by the Certification  
13 of Successful completion issued by the program.

14 Failure to participate in, and successfully complete all  
15 phases of the PACE Program, as outlined above, shall constitute a  
16 violation of probation.

17 2. **MONITORING** Within thirty (30) days of the  
18 effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the  
19 Division or its designee for its prior approval a plan of  
20 practice in which respondent's practice shall be monitored by  
21 another physician in respondent's field of practice, who shall  
22 provide periodic reports to the Division or its designee.

23 If the monitor resigns or is no longer available,  
24 respondent shall, within fifteen (15) days, move to have a new  
25 monitor appointed, through nomination by respondent and approval  
26 by the Division or its designee.

27 3. **OBEY ALL LAWS** Respondent shall obey all federal,

1 state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of  
2 medicine in California, and remain in full compliance with any  
3 court ordered criminal probation, payments and other orders.

4           4.    **QUARTERLY REPORTS**    Respondent shall submit  
5 quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided  
6 by the Division, stating whether there has been compliance with  
7 all the conditions of probation.

8           5.    **PROBATION SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE**    Respondent  
9 shall comply with the Division's probation surveillance program.  
10 Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Division informed of his  
11 business and residence addresses which shall both serve as  
12 addresses of record. Changes of such addresses shall be  
13 immediately communicated in writing to the Division. Under no  
14 circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of  
15 record.

16                 Respondent shall also immediately inform the Division,  
17 in writing, of any travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction  
18 of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than  
19 thirty (30) days.

20           6.    **INTERVIEW WITH THE DIVISION, ITS DESIGNEE OR ITS DESIGNATED**  
21 **PHYSICIAN(S)**    Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with  
22 the Division, its designee or its designated physician(s) upon  
23 request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.

24           7.    **TOLLING FOR OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE, RESIDENCE OR IN-STATE NON-**  
25 **PRACTICE**    In the event respondent should leave California to  
26 reside or to practice outside the State or for any reason should  
27 respondent stop practicing medicine in California, respondent

1 shall notify the Division or its designee in writing within ten  
2 (10) days of the dates of departure and return or the dates of  
3 non-practice within California. Non-practice is defined as any  
4 period of time exceeding thirty (30) days in which respondent is  
5 not engaging in any activities defined in Sections 2051 and 2052  
6 of the Business and Professions Code. All time spent in an  
7 intensive training program approved by the Division or its  
8 designee shall be considered as time spent in the practice of  
9 medicine. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or  
10 practice outside California or of non-practice within California,  
11 as defined in this condition, will not apply to the reduction of  
12 the probationary period.

13           8. COMPLETION OF PROBATION Upon successful completion  
14 of probation, respondent's certificate shall be fully restored.

15           9. VIOLATION OF PROBATION If respondent violates  
16 probation in any respect, the Division, after giving respondent  
17 notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and  
18 carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an  
19 accusation or petition to revoke probation is filed against  
20 respondent during probation, the Division shall have continuing  
21 jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of  
22 probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

23           10. COST RECOVERY The respondent is hereby ordered to  
24 reimburse the Division the amount of \$1000.00 within ninety (90)  
25 days of the effective date of this decision for its investigative  
26 and prosecution costs. Failure to reimburse the Division's cost  
27 of investigation and prosecution shall constitute a violation of





1 communicate directly with the Division regarding this stipulation  
2 and settlement, without notice to or participation by respondent  
3 or his counsel. If the Division fails to adopt this stipulation  
4 as its Order, the stipulation shall be of no force or effect, it  
5 shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties,  
6 and the Division shall not be disqualified from further action in  
7 this matter by virtue of its consideration of this stipulation.

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**ACCEPTANCE**

10 I have read the above Stipulated Settlement and  
11 Disciplinary Order. I have fully reviewed the terms and  
12 conditions and other matters contained therein. I understand the  
13 effect this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order will  
14 have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate, and agree to be  
15 bound thereby. I enter this stipulation freely, knowingly,  
16 intelligently and voluntarily.

17 DATED: 10-26-98

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20 PERCY NARANJO, M.D.  
21 Respondent

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**ENDORSEMENT**

24 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary  
25 Order is hereby respectfully submitted for the consideration of  
26 the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California

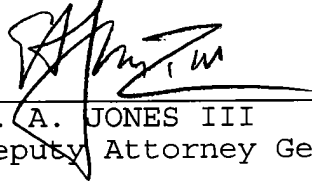
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Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 10-26-98.

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Exhibit: Accusation

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**EXHIBIT A**

**Accusation No. 06-94-33730**

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Huntington Park, CA 90255 )  
14 Physician's and Surgeon's )  
15 Certificate No. A35198, )  
16 Respondent. )

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18 The Complainant alleges:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Ron Joseph ("Complainant") brings this accusation  
21 solely in his official capacity as the Executive Director of the  
22 Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State  
23 of California (hereinafter the "Board").

24 2. On or about April 15, 1980, Physician's and  
25 Surgeon's Certificate No. A35198 was issued by the Board to Percy  
26 Naranjo, M.D. (hereinafter "respondent"). At all times relevant to  
27 the charges brought herein, this license has been in full force and

1 effect. Unless renewed, it will expire on January 31, 1998.

2 **JURISDICTION**

3 3. This accusation is brought before the Division of  
4 Medical Quality of the Board, (hereinafter the "Division"), under  
5 the authority of the following sections of the Business and  
6 Professions Code (hereinafter "Code"):

7 A. Section 2227 of the Code provides that the Board may  
8 revoke, suspend for a period not to exceed one year, or place  
9 on probation and require to pay the costs of probation  
10 monitoring, the license of any licensee who has been found  
11 guilty under the Medical Practice Act.

12 B. Section 2234 of the Code provides that  
13 unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the  
14 following:

15 "(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or  
16 indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or  
17 conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter.

18 (b) Gross negligence.

19 (c) Repeated negligent acts.

20 (d) Incompetence.

21 (e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or  
22 corruption which is substantially related to the  
23 qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and  
24 surgeon.

25 (f) Any action or conduct which would have warranted the  
26 denial of a certificate."

27 D. Section 2242, subdivision (a) of the Code provides

1 that it is unprofessional conduct to prescribe, dispense or  
2 furnish a dangerous drug without medical indication therefor.

3 C. Section 4211 of the Code provides, in pertinent  
4 part, that a "dangerous drug" is any drug which is unsafe for  
5 self-medication and includes any drug or device which by  
6 federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on  
7 prescription or furnished by a laboratory pursuant to Section  
8 4240 of the Business and Professions Code.

9 D. Section 725 of the Code provides that repeated acts  
10 of clearly excessive prescribing or administering of drugs or  
11 treatment constitutes unprofessional conduct.

12 E. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in part, that  
13 the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct  
14 any licentiate found to have committed a violation or  
15 violations of the licensing act, to pay the Board a sum not to  
16 exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and  
17 enforcement of the case.

### 18 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

19 (Gross Negligence)

20 4. Respondent Percy Naranjo, M.D. is subject to  
21 disciplinary action under section 2234, subdivision (b) of the Code  
22 in that he committed acts of gross negligence in the care and  
23 treatment of a patient. The circumstances are as follows:

24 A. On or about October 23, 1990, patient E.P.  
25 presented to respondent for "stress related medical problems  
26 (insomnia, anxiety, depression, gastritis, labile  
27 hypertension)." Respondent examined patient E.P. on

1 approximately 42 occasions between October 23, 1990 and  
2 October 15, 1993. During that period respondent prescribed to  
3 patient E.P. Nardil, Pamelor, Desipramine, Inderal,  
4 Desamethesone, and other medications as more fully set forth  
5 below.

6 B. Respondent prescribed Nardil to patient E.P. on  
7 or about October 23, 1990; November 1 and 16, 1990; December  
8 7, 1990; January 3 and 22, 1991; February 15, 1991; March 7  
9 and 21, 1991; April 15, 1991; October 7 and 23, 1991; December  
10 6, 1991; May 8, 1992; June 1 and 16, 1992; July 9, 23 and 29,  
11 1992; August 7, 17 and 20, 1992; September 10, 1992; October  
12 5 and 29, 1992; November 30, 1992; December 21, 1992; January  
13 7 and 29, 1993; February 22, 1993; March 11, 1993; April 6,  
14 1993; May 7, 1993; June 9, 1993; July 16 and 29, 1993; August  
15 5, 1993; September 7, 1993; and October 15, 1993.

16 C. Respondent prescribed Pamelor to patient E.P.  
17 on or about November 1 and 16, 1990; December 7, 1990; January  
18 3 and 22, 1991; February 15, 1991; March 7 and 21, 1991; April  
19 15, 1991; May 30, 1991; August 9, 1991; October 7 and 23,  
20 1991; December 6, 1991; August 20, 1992; September 10, 1992;  
21 October 5 and 29, 1992; November 30, 1992; December 21, 1992;  
22 January 7 and 29, 1993; February 22, 1993; March 11, 1993;  
23 April 6, 1993; May 7, 1993; June 9, 1993; July 29, 1993;  
24 August 5, 1993; September 7, 1993; and October 15, 1993.

25 D. Respondent prescribed Desipramine to patient  
26 E.P. on or about October 7 and 23, 1991; December 6, 1991;  
27 June 1 and 16, 1992; July 9, 23 and 29, 1992; and August 7 and



1 17, 1992.

2 E. Respondent prescribed Dexamethasone to patient  
3 E.P. on or about January 22, 1991; June 16, 1992; July 9, 23  
4 and 29, 1992; August 7 and 20, 1992; September 10, 1992;  
5 October 5 and 29, 1992; November 30, 1992; December 21, 1992;  
6 January 7 and 29, 1993; February 22, 1993; March 11, 1993;  
7 April 6, 1993; May 7, 1993; June 9, 1993; July 16 and 29,  
8 1993; and August 5, 1993.

9 F. Respondent prescribed Inderal to patient E.P.  
10 on or about June 1 and 16, 1992; July 9, 23 and 29, 1992;  
11 August 7, 17 and 20, 1992; September 10, 1992; October 5 and  
12 29, 1992; November 30, 1992; December 21, 1992; January 7 and  
13 29, 1993; February 22, 1993; March 11, 1993; April 6, 1993;  
14 May 7, 1993; and June 9, 1993.

15 G. On or about October 23, 1990, and at all  
16 material times thereafter as more specifically alleged in  
17 subparagraph 4.B. above, respondent was grossly negligent when  
18 he prescribed Nardil to patient E.P. as a first line  
19 antidepressant without any history in patient E.P. of  
20 refractoriness to other antidepressant medications.

21 H. On or about October 23, 1990, and at all  
22 material times thereafter as more specifically alleged in  
23 subparagraph 4.B. above, respondent was grossly negligent when  
24 he failed to prescribe Nardil in a therapeutic dosage both  
25 initially and throughout the period of treatment.

26 I. On or about October 23, 1990, and at all  
27 material times thereafter as more specifically alleged in

1           subparagraph 4.B. above, respondent was grossly negligent when  
2           he failed to advise, and/or note in the medical records for,  
3           patient E.P. of the need for a special diet and the avoidance  
4           of certain over-the-counter drugs while taking the  
5           prescription medication Nardil.

6                     J.    On or about November 1, 1990, and at all  
7           material times thereafter as more specifically alleged in  
8           subparagraph 4.C. above, respondent was grossly negligent when  
9           he prescribed Pamelor to patient E.P. as a first line  
10          antidepressant without any history in patient E.P. of  
11          refractoriness to other antidepressant medications, including  
12          Nardil.

13                    K.    On or about November 1, 1990, and at all  
14          material times thereafter as more specifically alleged in  
15          subparagraphs 4.B. and 4.C. above, respondent was grossly  
16          negligent when he failed to advise, and/or note in the medical  
17          records for, patient E.P. a warning regarding the potential  
18          life-threatening interaction between Pamelor and Nardil.

19                    L.    On or about November 1, 1990, and at all  
20          material times thereafter as more specifically alleged in  
21          subparagraphs 4.B. and 4.C. above, respondent was grossly  
22          negligent when he failed to discontinue Nardil for 10 to 14  
23          days before beginning patient E.P. on Pamelor.

24                    M.    On or about November 1, 1990, and at all  
25          material times thereafter as more specifically alleged in  
26          subparagraph 4.C. above, respondent was grossly negligent when  
27          he failed to prescribed Pamelor for patient E.P. in

1 therapeutic dosages.

2 N. On or about October 23, 1991, and at all  
3 material times thereafter as more specifically alleged in  
4 subparagraphs 4.B., 4.C., and 4.D. above, respondent was  
5 grossly negligent when he prescribed three antidepressants  
6 (Nardil, Pamelor and Desipramine) to patient E.P. at the same  
7 time.

8 O. On or about October 23, 1991, and at all  
9 material times thereafter as more specifically alleged in  
10 subparagraphs 4.B. and 4.D. above, respondent was grossly  
11 negligent when he failed to discontinue Nardil for 10 to 14  
12 days before beginning patient E.P. on Desipramine.

13 P. On or about October 23, 1991, and at all  
14 material times thereafter as more specifically alleged in  
15 subparagraphs 4.B., 4.C., and 4.D. above, respondent was  
16 grossly negligent when he failed to advise, and/or note in the  
17 medical records for, patient E.P. a warning regarding the  
18 potential life-threatening interaction of Nardil with  
19 Desipramine and Pamelor.

20 Q. On or about January 22, 1991, and at all  
21 material times thereafter as more specifically alleged in  
22 subparagraph 4.E. above, respondent was grossly negligent when  
23 he prescribed to patient E.P. Dexamethasone in the absence of  
24 indications for its use.

25 R. On or about June 1, 1992, and at all material  
26 times thereafter as more specifically alleged in subparagraphs  
27 4.B. and 4.F. above, respondent was grossly negligent when he

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prescribed to patient E.P. Inderal, which is contraindicated for use with Nardil.

S. From on or about October 23, 1990 through October 15, 1993, respondent was grossly negligent in the care and treatment of patient E.P. for the following reasons:

(1) Respondent failed to order laboratory tests for liver, thyroid and bone marrow function for the treatment of depression and hypertension in patient E.P.

(2) Respondent failed to note patient E.P.'s weight in the medical chart in connection with the treatment of hypertension in patient E.P.

(3) Respondent failed to consider alternative therapies in light of patient E.P.'s failure to obtain relief for the same symptoms over the course of three years under respondent's care as more specifically described in subparagraphs 4.A. through 4.F.

(4) Respondent failed to assess whether the headaches and high blood pressure of which patient E.P. complained throughout the three years of treatment by respondent was a result of the Nardil therapy, inasmuch as headaches and high blood pressure are common side effects of treatment with Nardil.

T. Nardil, Pamelor, Desipramine, Inderal and Dexamethasone are dangerous drugs within the meaning of section 4211 of the Code.

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**SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

(Repeated Negligent Acts)

5. Respondent Percy Naranjo, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234, subdivision (c) of the Code in that he committed repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of a patient. The circumstances are as follows:

A. The facts and allegations in paragraph 4 above are incorporated here as if fully set forth.

**THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

(Incompetence)

6. Respondent Percy Naranjo, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234, subdivision (d) of the Code in that he was incompetent in the care and treatment of a patient. The circumstances are as follows:

A. The facts and allegations in paragraph 4 above are incorporated here as if fully set forth.

**FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

(Prescribing without Medical Indication)

7. Respondent Percy Naranjo, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under section 2242, subdivision (a) of the Code in that he prescribed, dispensed or furnished a dangerous drug without medical indication therefor. The circumstances are as follows:

A. The facts and allegations in subparagraph 4.Q. above are incorporated here as if fully set forth.

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1 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 (Excessive Prescribing)

3 8. Respondent Percy Naranjo, M.D. is subject to  
4 disciplinary action under section 725 of the Code in that he  
5 clearly excessively prescribed or administered drugs or treatment  
6 for a patient. The circumstances are as follows:

7 A. The facts and allegations in subparagraphs 4.Q.  
8 and 4.R. above are incorporated here as if fully set forth.

9 B. Repeatedly prescribing a drug which is either  
10 not indicated or contraindicated constitutes excessive  
11 prescribing within the meaning of section 725 of the Code.

12 **PRAYER**

13 **WHEREFORE**, the complainant requests that a hearing be  
14 held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing,  
15 the Division issue a decision:

16 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's  
17 Certificate Number A35198, heretofore issued to respondent Percy  
18 Naranjo, M.D.;

19 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of  
20 respondent's authority to supervise physician's assistants,  
21 pursuant to section 3527 of the Code;

22 3. Ordering respondent to pay the Board the reasonable  
23 costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case and, if  
24 placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring;

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DATED: August 5, 1997

  
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