

**BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RIZWAN SIKANOAR KHAN, M.D.,  
License No. 63251,  
Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
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**PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER**

By Order of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and Rizwan Sikanoar Khan, M.D., Respondent, the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to the following provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, codified as O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4).

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice as a physician in Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to this matter.

2.

On or about September 4, 2020, Respondent resigned his hospital privileges, following allegations of improper intimate contact with a patient. Respondent had elected to discontinue practicing medicine in November of 2019 in the wake of these allegations.

3.

In connection to those allegations, Respondent voluntarily underwent treatment at the Acumen Institute for treatment of sexual boundary issues. On or about April 14, 2021, the Acumen Institute issued a report, recommending that Respondent submit to various limitations in order to further his ability to practice safely.

4.

Respondent waives any further findings of facts.

## ORDER

The Georgia Composite Medical Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the summary suspension shall be lifted and that the following sanctions shall be imposed on Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia.

### 1.

Beginning on the effective date of this Consent Order (hereinafter "Order"), Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia shall be placed on PROBATION, subject to the following terms:

(a) PRACTICE RESTRICTION. During the period of probation, Respondent shall only engage in practice with male patients. After one year of practicing under this limitation, Respondent may petition the Board to lift this restriction. In connection with this petition, Respondent shall provide the Board with an evaluation from a psychiatrist that he is safe to practice medicine with a female population. The Board shall have the opportunity to review the evaluation and the file and may require Respondent to meet with the Board prior to making a decision on the matter. This provision shall remain in effect pending an order from the Board that it has been terminated.

(b) WORKPLACE RESTRICTION: Respondent shall submit his proposed practice plans to the Board for approval of his workplace. If the Board rejects a proposed workplace, then Respondent may submit an alternative workplace for consideration. Respondent shall report in writing to the Board, with reports submitted by March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, commencing on the first reporting date following the effective date of this Order and continuing while this Order is in effect regarding Respondent's clinical practice, including but not limited to number of hours worked, number of patients seen.

(c) EMPLOYER REPORTS: Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to his employer, who shall provide reports regarding Respondent's clinical practice, including but not limited to number of hours worked, number of patients seen, and the supervising physician's opinion on Applicant's ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. The reports shall be submitted by March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, commencing on the first reporting date following the effective date of this Order and continuing while this Order is in effect. Failure to submit or have such reports submitted in a timely manner shall be considered a violation of this Order.

(d) QUARTERLY VISITS TO PSYCHIATRIST: Respondent shall see a psychiatrist, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to his psychiatrist, who shall make quarterly reports to the Board, with a statement as to Respondent's ability to practice safely, with respect to sexual boundary issues.

(e) TREATMENT: During the period of probation, Respondent will continue treatment with his psychotherapist. Respondent shall supply a copy of this Consent Order to his treating psychotherapist. The psychotherapist shall submit quarterly reports to the Board as to Respondent's progress in treatment and confirm that Respondent remains safe to practice while complying with the terms of this order. Respondent shall comply with all directives from the treating psychotherapist, including participation in additional therapy as directed.

(f) FINE: Within six months of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Said fines shall be sent to Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount by the six months shall be

considered a violation of this Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

(g) PBI COURSE: Within one (1) year from the docketing date of this consent order, Respondent shall successfully complete, at his own expense the PBI course, "Prescribing: Opioids, Pain Management." This coursework shall be in addition to CME requirements required of all Georgia physicians for renewal of their license.

(h) ABIDE BY LAWS, RULES, AND TERMS. The Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms of the Order. If the Respondent shall fail to abide by any of the terms of this Order, Respondent's license shall be subject to discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof after notice and hearing.

(i) PETITION TO TERMINATE ORDER. After three (3) years, Respondent shall be eligible to petition the Board to terminate the Order, by certifying under oath before a notary public that Respondent has complied with all conditions of this Order and submit a notarized statement from his treating physician that Respondent is safe to practice without the need for ongoing treatment. The Board shall review and evaluate Respondent's performance under and compliance with this Order prior to terminating this Order. At such time, should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining or adding any terms or conditions on Respondent's license, the Board shall notify Respondent of its intent to continue or modify this Order to impose any terms deemed necessary at the time of the petition, and Respondent may respond to such notice in writing or request an appearance before the Board as in a non-contested case. This Order shall remain in effect pending a final determination by the Board and notification that it has been terminated.

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In addition to, and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Order and dissemination thereof, shall serve as a **public reprimand** of Respondent by the Board.

3.

Respondent understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Profile. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

4.

The effective date of this Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is docketed. Respondent should receive a docketed copy of the Consent Order from the Board at Respondent's address of record within 10 business days of the docket date. If Respondent has not received a docketed copy of the Consent Order, it is Respondent's responsibility to obtain a docketed copy of the Consent Order from the Board. Respondent must comply with the terms of the Consent Order beginning on the effective date.

5.

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to a hearing in this matter, and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during presentation of this Consent Order to the Board and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order,

once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board and will be reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank. However, if the Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

Approved by the Board, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD



BY: [Signature]  
MATTHEW W. NORMAN, M.D.  
Chairperson

Attest: [Signature]  
DANIEL R. DORSEY  
Executive Director

Consented to: [Signature]  
RIZWAN SIKANDAR KHAN, M.D.  
Respondent

Witness of Signature:

Swore to and subscribed  
before me this 2 day  
of September, 2022.

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC



My commission expires: 09/30/2025

NOTARIZED ONLY FOR  
Rizwan Sikanar Khan

ON THIS DATE  
6/2/22