

**State of New Hampshire
New Hampshire Board of Medicine
Concord, New Hampshire 03301**

In the Matter of:
Maria Gaticales
(License #5740)

Docket No. 2023-MED-Gaticales-0538

VOLUNTARY PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT NOT TO PRACTICE

The New Hampshire Board of Medicine (“Board”) first granted Maria Gaticales, MD (“Dr. Gaticales or Respondent”) a license to practice as a Medical Doctor (“MD”) on June 13, 1977. Dr. Gaticales was issued license number 5740.

On or about April 3, 2023, the Board received information expressing concerns about the prescribing practices of Dr. Gaticales. The Board is conducting an expedited investigation into the matter(s).

Recognizing an investigation is underway, Dr. Gaticales enters into into a *Voluntary* Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board as follows:

1. Recognizing that professional misconduct allegations are now pending against me before the Board, I, Maria Gaticales, MD voluntarily agree not to practice as a Medical Doctor in the State of New Hampshire effective upon my signing this *Voluntary* Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice.
2. I admit to no violations of NH RSA Chapter 329 or any administrative rules, ethical provisions, or any other laws, statutes, or regulations, adopted by the Board.

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3. Understanding that this *Voluntary Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice* and the restrictions herein shall remain until further order of the Board, I hereby specifically waive any statute of limitations, or laches defense, which might be then available, including but not limited to, those based on RSA 332-G: 8 and RSA 332-G: 9.
4. I understand that this *Voluntary Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice* shall remain in place until such time the ongoing investigation into this matter is completed and the adjudicatory process has been completed.
5. In the event that I apply for a renewal of my license while this agreement is in effect, I voluntarily agree to waive any statutory or administrative time deadlines regarding the Board's final action on any such license renewal application. I understand that by waiving such deadlines, the Board's final action on any such license renewal application will be automatically deferred until after the disposition of this Board matter and that my license will not expire while this Preliminary Agreement is in effect.
6. I voluntarily enter into this Preliminary Agreement with the Board and state that no promises or representations have been made to me other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.
7. I further understand that this document shall become a permanent part of my file and will be maintained by the Board as a public document.
8. I have had the opportunity to seek and obtain the advice of an attorney of my choosing in connection with my decision to sign this *Voluntary Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice*.

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9. I am of sound mind and not under the influence of any substance that would impair my judgement at the time I sign this Preliminary Agreement.

10. I understand that my failure to comply with the terms of this *Voluntary* Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice shall constitute unprofessional conduct under Chapter RSA 329 and may subject me to discipline under RSA 329: 17.

FOR RESPONDENT

Date: 4/13/23

Maria Gaticales MD
Respondent (Maria Gaticales, MD)

FOR THE BOARD

This *Voluntary* Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice is hereby accepted in accordance with the binding terms and conditions set forth above.

Date: 4/21/2023

Emily R. Baker
(Signature)

Emily R. Baker MD
Print Name
Authorized Representative of the
New Hampshire Board of Medicine