



# News Release

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## El Cajon Physician Surrenders License to Practice Medicine

**SACRAMENTO** – The Medical Board has adopted the stipulated surrender of Naga Raja Thota’s license to practice medicine in the state of California, effective March 22, 2017. “The Medical Board’s primary mission is public protection and this action reflects the Board’s ongoing commitment to that mission,” said the Board’s executive director Kimberly Kirchmeyer.

In summary, an Interim Suspension Order was issued on September 20, 2016 immediately suspending Thota’s ability to practice. An Accusation was filed on January 31, 2017 involving twelve causes for discipline, including furnishing dangerous drugs without conducting an appropriate prior examination and without a medical indication, gross negligence for prescribing narcotics and controlled substances without adequate justification and outside the course of his professional practice and without adequately monitoring the use of the controlled substances, repeated negligent acts, violation of statutes regulating dangerous drugs and controlled substances, furnishing drugs to an addict, repeated acts of clearly excessing prescribing, sexual misconduct, sexual exploitation of a patient, failing to maintain adequate and accurate records, signing a document that falsely represents the existence or non-existence of a state of facts, dishonesty or corruption, and general unprofessional conduct. Documents pertaining to these actions can be found at:

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=53526&name=THOTA,NAGA RAJA>

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*The Medical Board encourages individuals to be informed patients and Check Up On Your Doctor’s License at [www.mbc.ca.gov](http://www.mbc.ca.gov) or call (800) 633-2322.*

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