

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: December 21, 2020
 ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California
 SUBJECT: Special Faculty Permit Review Committee
 Recommendation
 STAFF CONTACT: Marina O'Connor, Chief of Licensing

REQUESTED ACTION:

- 1) Approve the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee's (SFPRC) recommendation for a Special Faculty Permit (SFP) appointment for Pedro Alexandre Steyn dos Reis Alves Catarino, M.D., pursuant to California and Business Professions Code (BPC) section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

BACKGROUND:

The Medical Board of California (Board) is authorized to issue an SFP to a physician who is academically eminent and meets all the requirements pursuant to BPC section 2168.1.

The SFP authorizes an individual to practice medicine only within the medical school and its affiliated institutions where the SFP holder is providing instruction as part of the medical school's educational program, and for which the medical school has assumed direct responsibility.

The SFPRC is comprised of two Board members, one who is a physician and one who is a public member, and one representative from each of the 11 allopathic medical schools in California. Effective January 1, 2021, the SFPRC shall include one individual to represent academic medical centers in California selected by the academic medical centers by consensus. The SFPRC reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the eligibility of the applicants applying pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(c)(1).

At the SFPRC's December 9, 2020 meeting, the SFPRC reviewed the qualifications of an applicant from the University of California, Los Angeles, (UCLA), David Geffen School of Medicine. Jonathan R. Hiatt, M.D., Vice Dean for Faculty at David Geffen School of Medicine, Professor of Surgery at UCLA, presented UCLA's request for Dr. Catarino to receive an SFP. Dr. Hiatt indicated that Dr. Catarino is internationally known and recognized for his areas of interest in the field of aortic surgery, including minimally invasive techniques, mechanical circulatory support and thoracic organ heart and lung transplantation with particular expertise in donation after circulatory death (DCD). Dr. Catarino is notably responsible for driving the use of DCD heart and lung transplantation in the United Kingdom, including performing the world's first successful DCD heart-lung transplant, developing a novel multi-organ support device for reanimation, transport and assessment of donor organs, and introducing minimally invasive thoracic aortic surgery and thoracic transplant.

Dr. Catarino was recruited to UCLA and Cedars-Sinai from the Royal Papworth Hospital in Cambridge where he spent eleven years working in cardiothoracic transplantation and serving as Director of Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Support. Dr. Catarino is considered a preeminent physician and is an active researcher and has received a number of grants for his work, has an excellent bibliography in his field, is a busy local, national and international lecturer and educator and has received a number of research fellowship and clinical excellence awards. Dr. Catarino is the recipient of major honors and awards including National Health Service Clinical Excellence Awards for 2018 - 2020 and the 2015 Ionescu SCTS Consultant Travel Fellowship to the Kyoto living lobar lung transplant program.

If approved for an SFP appointment by the Board, Dr. Catarino will hold a full-time faculty position as Health Sciences Associate Clinical Professor at UCLA, where he has already been approved for an interim appointment as Visiting Associate Professor. Dr. Catarino will serve as Surgical Director of Aortic Surgery at the school's major affiliate, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he will be responsible for providing leadership and clinical direction, programmatic activities for growth along with establishment and maintenance of procedures to ensure the highest quality of patient care. Dr. Catarino's innovative surgical techniques and unique expertise in minimally invasive thoracic aortic surgery and thoracic transplantation will enable him to introduce these new unique surgical techniques with a focus on optimizing outcomes and providing advanced treatments.

EDUCATION:

Medical School

University of Cambridge
United Kingdom: 1988-1991

University of Oxford Medical School
United Kingdom: 1991-1994

Graduated: 1994

Postgraduate Training

Glasgow Royal Infirmary
United Kingdom: 1994-1995

Royal Victoria Infirmary
United Kingdom: 1995-1994

Royal College of Surgeons of England
United Kingdom: 1995-1999

The John Radcliffe Hospital
United Kingdom: 1999-2001

Royal Brompton Hospital
United Kingdom: 2002-2007 and 2008 - 2009

Duke University Medical Center
North Carolina: 2007-2009

SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

The SFPRC recommended approval of Dr. Catarino for an SFP at UCLA, pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).