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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

December 10, 2008

Former Los Angeles area physician surrenders license after Medical Board files Accusation against him

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation of misconduct by the Medical Board of California, former Los Angeles physician Tan Shin Lee surrendered his license to practice medicine. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

Lee operated a solo general practice office, First-Ditman Medical Clinic, in Los Angeles, where he primarily provided medical weight loss services. After receiving a complaint from one of Lee's patients in November 2004, the Medical Board of California began an investigation. On June 28, 2007, an Accusation was filed by the Medical Board charging Lee with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, dispensing controlled substances without an appropriate prior examination, failure to maintain adequate and accurate records, improper dispensing of drugs, and improper storage of drugs in his care and treatment of five patients.

An Amended Accusation was filed on November 9, 2007, more specifically charging Lee with violating Business and Professions (B&P) Code sections 2234(b)(c)(d) for gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in his care and treatment of five patients and demonstrating a lack of medical knowledge, judgment, and skill; 2242(a) for dispensing controlled substances without an appropriate prior examination; 2266 for failure to maintain adequate and accurate records with respect to his care and treatment of these patients; sections 4170(a)(1), (a)(4), (a)(6), (a)(7), and (a)(8) for the improper dispensing of drugs to four of these patients when he allowed drugs to be dispensed by unlicensed medical assistants, mislabeling of drugs by not dispensing them to the patients in a proper container with the required information, failing to offer the patient a written prescription, instead dispensing the drugs from his office, and failing to provide the patient with a written disclosure of the patient's option to have the prescription filled at any pharmacy. Lee also violated B&P Code 4172 and California Code of Regulations (CCR) 1356.3 in that he failed to store medications in a secure and locked area.

Subsequently, Lee signed a Stipulated Surrender of his license, and the Medical Board adopted the Stipulation as its decision in the matter.

The public record documents in this case can be accessed on our Web site at www.mbc.ca.gov under the heading "Enforcement Public Documents."

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

October 10, 2008

Medical Board of California Accusation leads to surrender of former San Diego area physician's license

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation of sexual misconduct by the Medical Board of California, former San Diego area physician Gene Washington Lin surrendered his license to practice medicine, effective October 10, 2008. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

The Medical Board filed an Accusation against Lin on March 13, 2008. The Board accused Lin of violating Business and Professions Code sections 2227 (sexual abuse or misconduct with a patient); 2234(b) (gross negligence); 2234(c) (repeated negligent acts); and 2234 (general unprofessional misconduct).

In September 2005, Lin, a board-certified psychiatrist, began treating a female patient at Alvarado Parkway Institute (Alvarado), a psychiatric facility. Following the patient's discharge from Alvarado, Lin continued to treat the patient on an outpatient basis at Psychiatric Centers of San Diego, Chula Vista Clinic. In March 2007, the Medical Board received a complaint from a social worker with Child Protective Services, reporting that Lin's patient had told her daughter she was six weeks pregnant with Lin's child. A few days later, Lin's patient discussed the specifics of their sexual relationship with her social worker. In April 2007, the patient filed a complaint with the Medical Board against Lin, stating she had gone to a hotel with Lin, she was now pregnant, and that Lin had admitted to her that he was wrong. Allegedly, Lin also telephoned his patient's husband, who was living in Mexico at the time, and apologized to him. When Lin was informed of the complaint, he resigned his medical staff privileges at Sharp Memorial Hospital. Lin then advised the CEO of Psychiatric Centers at San Diego of the complaint and resigned from that group.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

September 30, 2008

**Medical Board of California Accusation leads to
revocation of former Los Alamitos physician's license**

SACRAMENTO — After a hearing on an Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation, the Medical Board of California revoked the license to practice medicine of former Los Alamitos physician David Larkin, with an effective date of August 29, 2008. Larkin filed a request to stay this decision, which was granted for 30 days for the purpose of allowing the Board time to review and consider his Petition for Reconsideration. The Petition was denied, and Larkin's license was revoked, effective September 26, 2008. Executive Director Barb Johnston stated, "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission."

Larkin owned Crown Cosmetic Surgery, Inc., where he engaged in hair transplant surgery. Acting on Larkin's behalf, two "surgical coordinators" performed the initial intake and exam of patients seeking hair transplants and dispensed the drug, Propecia. Neither person was licensed by any health care-related agency in California. Examining patients and furnishing patients potentially dangerous drugs constitutes the unlicensed practice of medicine, which Larkin aided and abetted. In its Decision, the Medical Board found that Larkin violated Business and Professions Code section 2234(a) for unprofessional conduct; sections 2052(b), 2264, and 2242 for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine; section 2238 for aiding and abetting the violation of drug laws of the state of California; section 2242(a) for aiding and abetting the prescribing of dangerous drugs without an appropriate prior examination and a medical indication; and section 2266 for failure to maintain adequate records, by not noting his patients' visits.

Larkin was already on probation for prior misconduct at the time of this Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation, which, in its decision, provided the Medical Board an additional basis for revocation of Larkin's medical license. In the prior Accusation, Larkin was accused of gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and incompetence in his care, management, and treatment of patients. In 2002, Larkin entered into a stipulated settlement and disciplinary order, wherein a revocation was stayed, with 10 years' probation, including 90 days' actual suspension of his medical license, and no practice until completion of a clinical training program.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

September 26, 2008

**Medical Board of California
revokes West Covina physician's medical license**

SACRAMENTO — Former physician Arthur Vallejo was already on probation for misconduct when the Medical Board of California revoked his medical license, effective September 26, 2008. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board. On March 1, 2006, Vallejo and eight other defendants were indicted by a grand jury of various charges, including conspiracy, insurance fraud, capping, tax evasion, grand theft, and operating a business without workers' compensation insurance. Vallejo pled guilty on January 12, 2007, to violating Penal Code section 550(a)(6) (insurance fraud); violating Revenue and Taxation Code section 19705(a)(1) (making and subscribing a fraudulent tax return); and violating Unemployment Insurance Code section 2117.5 (failure to file a tax return).

In April 2004, Vallejo was hired to supervise two medical clinics in Lemon Grove and North Hollywood. The clinics were owned by two non-physician employers who were using the clinics as mills to process fraudulent Medicare claims. At the Lemon Grove clinic, many patients were paid by "cappers" or recruiters to go to the clinic. Patients at the Lemon Grove clinic, many of whom did not speak English, were recruited by cappers from casinos, trolley stops, and senior citizen centers. Regardless of their histories or complaints, the patients at both clinics received the same tests, such as blood draws, urine samples, ultrasounds, and heart tests. Medicare was billed for elaborate, expensive procedures that were either never performed or performed unnecessarily.

Although Vallejo was not involved with setting up the two clinics and did not benefit financially, except for his salary, he soon became aware of the criminal conduct of his two non-physician employers. It was acknowledged that Vallejo, in July 2004, made a brief and half-hearted attempt to reform his employers' practices; however, the only change that resulted was his receiving more favorable work benefits. Vallejo continued to facilitate his non-physician employers' criminal activity by lending his medical license and Medicare billing number, when he knew that fraudulent activities were occurring. Additionally, it was established that Vallejo and his employers failed to register with the California Employment Development Department and failed to file payroll and withholding taxes for the period of April 1, 2004 through June 20, 2005, with the intent to evade taxes. Vallejo continued his employment at the two clinics until they were raided by law enforcement and closed.

Vallejo's medical license was previously placed on probation for five years by the Medical Board, pursuant to a stipulated settlement, which was effective December 19, 2005. The probation was based on charges of gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, making false statements, and inadequate record keeping, involving four patients he treated from 1999 through 2001 while in solo practice. At the time of this disciplinary action, Vallejo already knew he was the subject of a criminal investigation regarding his actions at the two medical clinics.

One of the conditions of Vallejo's 2005 probationary order was to obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in California. The maximum discipline for probation violations is revocation of probation. In this case, the Medical Board established cause for serious discipline because of Vallejo's felony insurance fraud conviction and his underlying misconduct.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

August 21, 2008

**Medical Board of California Accusation leads
to surrender of former Newport Beach physician's license**

SACRAMENTO — After being indicted on federal charges, former Newport Beach physician Paul A. Lessler had an Accusation filed against him by the Medical Board of California. Lessler stipulated to surrender his license to the Medical Board, effective August 21, 2008. Lessler and seven other doctors working with him at University Pain Specialists, together with other individuals, were federally indicted in U.S. District Court, Central District of California on February 14, 2007. The doctors were alleged to have been involved in a \$12 million Medicare insurance scam. On May 24, 2007, Lessler pled guilty to three counts in the Indictment: violation of 18 U. S. C. sections 371 (conspiracy), 1347 (health care fraud), and 2 (aiding and abetting health care fraud). "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

Lessler owned and operated a group medical practice called University Pain Specialists Medical Group. Seven other doctors worked with Lessler in his medical group. Lessler, along with these physicians, paid individuals (marketers) to recruit elderly, infirm, and mentally ill residents at board and care facilities for respiratory treatments. The marketers, in turn, paid illegal kickbacks to the owners and administrators of the board and care facilities for the referrals. The elderly, infirm, and mentally ill residents also were provided kickbacks, such as soda, candy, and donuts. The respiratory treatments included aerosol inhalations for sputum mobilization and manipulation of the chest wall to facilitate lung function. The respiratory treatments were provided by unsupervised respiratory therapists at the board and care facilities. Medicare was fraudulently billed on a daily or almost daily basis for these services, under the pretense that the treatments were rendered and directly supervised in the respective doctor's medical office. This was in direct violation of Medicare's coverage requirements.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

July 31, 2008

Medical Board of California Accusation leads to surrender of former Bellflower physician's license

SACRAMENTO — Facing disciplinary action by the Medical Board of California, former Bellflower physician, Christopher I. Ajigbotafe, has surrendered his license to practice medicine. The Medical Board filed an Accusation against him on January 30, 2008, after Ajigbotafe was convicted of a felony. Upon conviction of a crime, the board is authorized to suspend or revoke a physician's medical license. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

On October 24, 2007, in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Ajigbotafe was convicted, upon his plea of nolo contendere, of two counts for failure to file income tax in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code section 19706. Ajigbotafe was placed on probation for three years, ordered to serve 180 days in the county jail, and pay restitution of \$52,776.47. Ajigbotafe also was required to surrender his medical license. The stipulated surrender of Ajigbotafe's license was approved by the Medical Board, effective July 31, 2008. However, since November 2007, Ajigbotafe's medical license has been in delinquent status for non-renewal.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

July 1, 2008

**Medical Board of California Accusation leads
to surrender of former San Diego physician's license**

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation of wrongdoing by the Medical Board of California, former San Diego physician Can Quoc Bui surrendered his license to practice medicine. The stipulated surrender of his license is effective July 1, 2008. Medical Board Executive Director Barb Johnston stated, "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the board's ongoing commitment to that mission."

The Medical Board accused Bui of violating Business and Professions (B&P) Code sections 2227, 2234, and 2234(b)(c) in that he engaged in repeated negligent and grossly negligent acts in his care and treatment of six patients. Bui was further accused of violating B&P Code section 2242 for prescribing both dangerous drugs and controlled substances without an appropriate examination or documentation of medical indication; B&P Code section 2238 in that he violated state and federal drug statutes by prescribing these drugs; and B&P Code section 2266 for his failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

May 30, 2008

Medical Board of California revokes former Monterey physician's license

SACRAMENTO — The medical license of former physician Richard Duboe Seigle has been revoked by the Medical Board of California, effective May 30, 2008. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

On April 11, 2008, Administrative Law Judge James Ahler proposed revocation of Seigle's medical license, stating this was the only measure of discipline that would ensure public protection. Judge Ahler's decision was based on evidence that Seigle was guilty of violating Business and Professions Code (B&P) section 2234(b)(c) and (d), in that he committed gross negligence, repeated acts of negligence, and incompetence in the care and treatment of several patients; B&P Code section 2266, for his failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records; B&P Code section 2242, for his failure to conduct an appropriate examination or document medical indication to support his prescribing of dangerous drugs; B&P Code section 725, for excessively prescribing medications to his patients; and B&P Code section 2241, for prescribing dangerous drugs to patients who were known addicts.

Additionally, Seigle was found guilty of violating B&P Code sections 726 and 2234(e) for engaging in a sexual relationship with a former patient and then lying to the Medical Board about that relationship.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

May 30, 2008

Medical Board of California revokes former Modesto physician's license

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation of wrongdoing by the Medical Board of California, former Modesto physician David Sylvester Kerwin has surrendered his license to practice medicine. The stipulated surrender of Kerwin's license was approved by the Medical Board, effective May 30, 2008. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

The Medical Board accused Kerwin of gross negligence in his care and treatment of seven patients, two of whom died from drug overdoses. Kerwin was accused of violating Business and Professions (B&P) Code section 725 for excessive prescribing; B&P Code section 2234(b)(c), gross negligence and repeated negligent acts, B&P Code section 2241.5, violation of the Intractable Pain Treatment Act; and Health and Safety Code section 11210, unnecessary and excessive prescribing.

In a previous decision in 1982, Kerwin was disciplined after the Medical Board found that he was over prescribing drugs to his patients. Kerwin's license was suspended, with the suspension stayed. He was placed on five years' probation, he was prohibited from prescribing Schedule II drugs, and ordered to surrender his Schedule II DEA permit to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

May 2, 2008

Medical Board of California revokes former Burbank physician's license for felony conviction

SACRAMENTO — The medical license of Byron Flores has been revoked by the Medical Board of California, effective May 2, 2008. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

On December 23, 2005, an Accusation was filed by the Medical Board charging Flores with gross negligence in the care and treatment of three diabetic patients. Flores was alleged to have administered steroids and antibiotics without documenting justification. Flores wrote brief, illegible notes in his patients' records, lacking important details, such as patient history, physical examination, findings, clarifying information, etc.

A First Amended Accusation was filed on September 29, 2006, when, in a criminal proceeding on July 14, 2005, Flores was charged with five felony counts of violating Business and Professions Code section 2052(b), conspiring, aiding, or abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine. Flores had permitted an unlicensed employee, posing as "Dr. Flores," to treat four pediatric patients. Flores entered a plea of nolo contendere, and a judgment was entered for four misdemeanor charges of violating B&P Code section 2052(b).

A Second Amended Accusation, was filed on April 12, 2007, adding charges of gross negligence and dishonesty, based on the care provided to four pediatric patients, and his unethical and unlawful arrangement with his employee.

A Third Amended Accusation was filed on December 20, 2007, adding a felony conviction for violating Welfare and Institutions Code section 14107(b)(1), presenting false Medi-Cal claims.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

April 24, 2008

Medical Board of California revokes former Huntington Beach physician's license after felony conviction

SACRAMENTO — The medical license of John Edwin Bohm has been revoked by the Medical Board of California, effective April 24, 2008. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

On December 16, 2005, in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Bohm entered a plea of nolo contendere relating to his sexual misconduct with one of his patients. On January 5, 2005, criminal charges were filed against him for his alleged sexual misconduct in connection with two patients. Bohm was convicted of one count for violating Business and Professions Code section 729(a), sexual exploitation of a patient by a physician. Imposition of Bohm's sentence was suspended, and Bohm was placed on summary probation for three years, with certain conditions, including fines and restitution, and ordered to stay away from both patients.

A Second Amended Accusation was filed by the Medical Board on March 21, 2006, claiming Bohm was subject to disciplinary action under B&P Code section 726, in that he committed acts of sexual abuse or misconduct with three patients; B&P Code section 729, in that he committed an act of sexual abuse, misconduct, and/or relations with three patients; B&P Code section 2234(e), in that he committed dishonest and corrupt acts in his care and treatment of three patients; and B&P Code section 2236, conviction of an offense related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician.

On March 5, 2008, Administrative Law Judge Humberto Flores revoked Bohm's medical license, concluding that Bohm was guilty of violating B&P Code section 726, in that Bohm committed acts of sexual misconduct with two patients; violating B&P Code section 729, in that he engaged in acts constituting sexual exploitation of the same two patients; and violating B&P Code section 2236(a), based on Bohm's criminal conviction of a violation of B&P Code section 729. Judge Flores also found that Bohm's actions constituted unprofessional contact and that he committed corrupt acts of sexual exploitation of two patients in violation of B&P Code sections 2234 and 2234(e), respectively. Judge Flores applied B&P Code section 2246, which requires the board to automatically revoke the license of a physician found to have violated B&P Code section 729.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

March 17, 2008

**Medical Board of California Accusation leads
to surrender of former Los Angeles area physician's license**

SACRAMENTO — After being found guilty and convicted of felonies in U.S. District Court for violating Title 18 United States Code sections 1347 and 1956 (a)(1)(B)(1), former Los Angeles physician Sumner T. Bohee stipulated to surrender his California medical license, effective March 17, 2008. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

Bohee pled guilty of committing healthcare fraud and money laundering. Bohee was the owner of a medical clinic, Phoenix Multi-Specialty Group. Vasu Wheelchair Repair, a medical equipment supply company, employed sales representatives to pay Medicare beneficiaries to be examined at the medical clinic. Bohee ordered multiple, unnecessary radiology, ultrasound, and laboratory tests on the Medicare beneficiaries, and he received illegal kickbacks. Bohee also provided fraudulent Certificates of Medical Necessity to justify claims to Medicare for durable medical equipment, including motorized wheelchairs and hospital beds, which often were never provided to the beneficiaries. Vasu Wheelchair Repair paid Bohee in cash and checks made payable to fraudulent names, and Bohee then deposited these funds into fraudulent bank accounts.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

March 11, 2008

**Medical Board of California Accusation leads
to surrender of former Los Angeles area physician's license**

SACRAMENTO — After entering a plea agreement in Federal Court, in which he pled guilty to healthcare fraud in violation of 18 United States Code section 1347, former Los Angeles physician Mamdouh Sadek Bahna was ordered to cease the practice of medicine and surrender his medical license. Based on the federal action, the Medical Board filed an Accusation of wrongdoing against Bahna. Bahna stipulated to surrender his license effective March 11, 2008. Medical Board Executive Director Barb Johnston stated, "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the board's ongoing commitment to that mission."

The Medical Board's Accusation charged that Bahna was subject to disciplinary action after he knowingly participated in a scheme to defraud private health insurance companies, by hiring marketers and patient recruiters to locate insured patients willing to undergo unnecessary surgeries, offering the patients cash. Bahna performed excessive treatment, created false medical records, and submitted fraudulent claims to insurance providers.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

March 4, 2008

**Medical Board of California Accusation
leads to surrender of former Santa Rosa physician's license**

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation of wrongdoing by the Medical Board of California, former Santa Rosa physician Calvin S. Steever has surrendered his license to practice medicine. The stipulated surrender of his license is effective March 4, 2008. Medical Board Executive Director Barb Johnston stated, "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the board's ongoing commitment to that mission."

The Medical Board accused Steever of gross negligence, incompetence, repeated negligent acts, and unprofessional conduct in the treatment of two patients while he was employed as a physician at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville, California.

Specifically, the Accusation charges that Steever was presented with an inmate patient with complaints of shortness of breath who had a history significant for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The patient's vital signs were significant for oxygen saturation; however, Steever failed to perform a full workup to determine the cause of the patient's abnormal oxygen saturation level. Three days later, the patient was found unresponsive and was rushed to an emergency room in acute cardiopulmonary arrest, where he later died of extensive bilateral pneumonia.

In a second patient case, the board charged that Steever treated a 35-year-old inmate patient, with a history of multiple gunshot wounds, for treatment of chronic pain. The patient advised Steever that his pain had been controlled by a high dosage of methadone "on the outside." However, he had not received methadone during his current incarceration, and there were no records to confirm that the patient had been on such a high dosage. Steever proceeded to prescribe methadone in the high dosage suggested by the patient who was "opiate naïve," without verifying the patient's previous dosage. A few days later, the patient was found unresponsive and without a pulse. He subsequently died, with the cause being a myocardial infarction, secondary to advanced coronary vascular disease.

The public record documents in this case can be accessed on our Web site at www.mbc.ca.gov under the heading "Enforcement Public Documents."

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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**Medical Board of California accusation
leads to surrender of former Bakersfield physician's license**

SACRAMENTO — Facing an Accusation of wrongdoing by the Medical Board of California, former Bakersfield physician Zachary K. Cosgrove, has surrendered his license to practice medicine. The stipulated surrender of his license is effective on February 19, 2008. Medical Board Executive Director Barb Johnston stated, "The mission of the Medical Board is to protect healthcare consumers. We work diligently to achieve our mission by vigorously enforcing the Medical Practice Act."

The Medical Board of California accused Cosgrove of unprofessional conduct for violating Business and Professions Code sections 726, sexual misconduct; 2234(b), gross negligence; 2234, unprofessional conduct; 2234(c), repeated negligent acts; and conviction of a misdemeanor, 136.1(a)(1) of the Penal Code, dissuading a witness; and a statutory drug violation for possession of marijuana and marijuana smoking paraphernalia.

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