

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

2 In the Matter of

3 **Michael R. Rollins, M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. 30379
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
6 In the State of Arizona

Case No. MD-09-1528A

**ORDER FOR LETTER OF REPRIMAND
AND CONSENT TO THE SAME**

7 Michael R. Rollins, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a
8 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Letter of Reprimand; admits the
9 jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order
10 by the Board.

11 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

12 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of
13 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

14 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 30379 for the practice of
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-09-1528A after receiving a complaint
17 regarding Respondent's care and treatment of a 38 year-old male patient ("JH") alleging
18 improper performance of a laparoscopic left adrenalectomy that required additional
19 surgical procedures resulting in injuries to the surrounding organs.

20 4. On May 22, 2006, JH was admitted to the hospital for hydration and
21 betablockade. Respondent performed a laparoscopic left adrenalectomy the following
22 day. The pathology reported a small amount of adrenal gland in the specimen and a CT
23 scan showed findings consistent with a residual left adrenal mass. On May 27, 2006, a
24 repeat laparoscopic adrenalectomy was performed by Respondent. A frozen section done
25 during the operation confirmed adrenal tissue. The final pathology report days later

1 revealed that the tissue removed was benign nodal tissue; there was no adrenal tissue
2 present.

3 5. On June 1, 2006, fecal material was found in JH's drain and he was taken
4 back to surgery. JH underwent exploratory laparotomy, resection of the splenic flexure with
5 colostomy creation. The perforated colon discovered was a complication from the second
6 adrenal operation. The pathology revealed portions of spleen and the colon specimen. On
7 June 9, 2006, JH was noted to have excessive bleeding out one of the drains and he was
8 presumed to have a splenic bleed. JH underwent exploratory laparotomy, splenectomy,
9 evacuation of hematoma and abscess, and resection of the remainder of the left adrenal
10 gland. Final pathology showed infarction and laceration of the spleen. A 3cm adrenal
11 adenoma was also noted. JH slowly recovered and underwent CT guided drainage of
12 intra-abdominal fluid collections several days later. On July 2, 2006, JH was discharged to
13 a skilled nursing facility.
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15 6. The standard of care requires a physician to remove the entire gland and to
16 avoid removing any part of or injury to the pancreas.

17 7. Respondent deviated from the standard of care by removing only a portion of
18 the adrenal gland and a portion of the pancreas when he performed a laparoscopic left
19 adrenalectomy on May 23, 2006.

20 8. By not performing the first operation correctly, Respondent subjected JH to
21 multiple operations and complications that included perforated colon, colostomy,
22 splenectomy, and an open abdominal wound.

23 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

24 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
25 Respondent.

1 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this
2 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving
3 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended
4 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government
5 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or
6 any other state or federal court.

7 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof)
8 to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of
9 the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any
10 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
11 by the parties.

12 7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal
13 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data
14 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

15 8. If any part of the Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the
16 remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

17 9. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a
18 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,
19 prejudgment or other similar defense.

20 10. Any violation of this Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result
21 in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(r) ("[v]iolating a formal order, probation,
22 consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive
23 director under this chapter") and 32-1451.

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MICHAEL ROLLINS, M.D.

DATED: 7/12/10

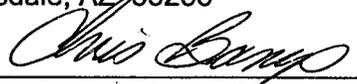
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