

1 Notice of Supervision was filed in January, 2007, designating another supervising physician, that
2 physician denies that he signed the form and denies that he supervised Respondent.

3 6. Random chart reviews performed by Board staff showed that Respondent
4 continued to treat patients after December, 2006, by performing vaginal exams, thyroid studies,
5 administering vaccinations, ordering Lipid and HIV panels and treating penile adhesions among
6 other things. These health care tasks were performed by Respondent without being delegated by
7 a board-approved supervising physician.

8 7. After December, 2006, Respondent did not meet with a Board-approved
9 supervising physician weekly to discuss patient management.

10 8. After termination of the supervisory physician relationship in December, 2006,
11 Respondent continued to use the prescription pad of the former supervising physician as recently
12 as December, 2007.

13 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

14 1. The Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants possesses jurisdiction over
15 the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

16 2. The Board has received substantial evidence supporting the Findings of Fact
17 described above and said findings constitute unprofessional conduct or other grounds for the
18 Board to take disciplinary action.

19 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
20 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2501(21)(c) (“[p]erforming health care tasks that have not been
21 delegated by the supervising physician,”) and A.R.S. § 32-2501(21)(x) (“[v]iolating or attempting
22 to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate a
23 provision of this chapter;” specifically, A.R.S. § 32-2532(B) (“[a]ll prescription orders issued by a
24 physician assistant shall contain the name, address and telephone number of the supervising
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1 physician. . .”) and A.R.S. § 32-2531(D) (“[a] physician assistant shall meet in person with the
2 supervising physician at least once each week to discuss patient management. . .”).

3 **ORDER**

4 Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

5 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

6 1. Respondent is issued a Decree of Censure for performing health care tasks without
7 supervising physician delegated authority.

8 2. Respondent is placed on probation for ten years with the following terms and
9 conditions:

10 a. Respondent shall obtain twenty (20) hours of Board Staff pre-approved Category I
11 Continuing Medical Education (“CME”) in ethics. Respondent shall provide Board Staff with
12 satisfactory proof of attendance. The CME hours are in addition to the hours required for renewal
13 of Respondent’s physician assistant license.

14 b. Board staff shall conduct quarterly chart reviews. The Board may take additional
15 disciplinary or remedial action based upon the chart reviews.

16 c. Respondent shall obey all federal, state, and local laws and all rules governing the
17 performance of health care tasks in Arizona.

18 3. In the event Respondent should leave Arizona to reside or practice health care
19 tasks outside the State or for any reason should Respondent stop performing health care tasks in
20 Arizona, Respondent shall notify the Executive Director in writing within ten days of departure and
21 return of the dates of non-practice within Arizona. Non-practice is defined as any period of time
22 exceeding thirty days during which Respondent is not performing health care tasks. Periods of
23 temporary or permanent residence or practice outside Arizona or of non-practice within Arizona,
24 will not apply to the reduction of the probationary period.

1 4. This is the final Order in case number PA-07-0056A and shall supersede any
2 previous Order in this case.

3 **RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REHEARING AND REVIEW**

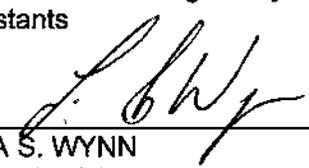
4 Respondent is hereby notified that he has the right to petition for a rehearing or review.
5 The petition for rehearing or review must be filed with the Board's Executive Director within thirty
6 (30) days after service of this Order. A.R.S. § 41-1092.09(B). The petition for rehearing or
7 review must set forth legally sufficient reasons for granting a rehearing or review. A.A.C. R4-16-
8 103. Service of this order is effective five (5) days after the date of mailing. A.R.S. § 41-
9 1092.09(C). If a petition for rehearing or review is not filed, the Board's Order becomes effective
10 thirty-five (35) days after it is mailed to Respondent.

11 Respondent is further notified that the filing of a motion for rehearing or review is required
12 to preserve any rights of appeal to the Superior Court.

13 DATED on this 2nd day of November, 2008.



14 The Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician
15 Assistants

16 By 
17 LISA S. WYNN
18 Executive Director

19 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
20 day of November, 2008 with:

21 Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants
22 9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road
23 Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

24 Executed copy of the foregoing
25 mailed by U.S. Mail this
day of November, 2008, to:

Valentine E. Okon, P.A.-C
Address of Record

