



1           5.     JH subsequently missed two appointments, and then was seen by  
2 Respondent on July 28, 2014 for revision of her prescription for Lamictal and for foot pain.  
3 An examination showed no abnormalities, and Respondent referred JH to a podiatrist.

4           6.     On August 1, 2014, JH was seen by Respondent for review of "routine"  
5 laboratory studies and EKG results. Laboratory studies were noted to be in normal range,  
6 with the exception of elevated serum iron and saturation. Respondent did not note any  
7 treatment recommendations or referrals with respect to the iron level.

8           7.     On August 5, 2014, JH was seen by Respondent for a refill of Adderall. JH  
9 did not return to Respondent's office after this visit, and has established care with another  
10 provider.

11          8.     JH alleged that Respondent was disrespectful to his office staff using  
12 profanity and making inappropriate comments in her presence. JH further alleged that  
13 Respondent came to her place of business, which is a bar, and loudly discussed her  
14 medical issues while having a drink. Respondent denied making inappropriate or profane  
15 comments to his office staff. Respondent admitted that he went to the bar where  
16 Respondent works but denied discussing her medical issues and stated that he believes  
17 that the patient may have invited him to visit. Respondent stated that the patient was  
18 extremely comfortable with him visiting her workplace.

19          9.     The standard of care requires a physician to address abnormal laboratory  
20 results with further testing, treatment or referral to another provider. Respondent deviated  
21 from this standard of care by failing to appropriately address elevated iron findings on  
22 patient JH's lab work.

23          10.    The standard of care requires a physician to maintain appropriate boundaries  
24 with patients. Respondent deviated from the standard of care by attempting to interact  
25 with a patient who was not a friend or family member outside of the clinical setting.



1 required for the biennial renewal of medical licensure. The Probation shall terminate upon  
2 Respondent's proof of successful completion of the CME.

3 **b. Obey All Laws**

4 Respondent shall obey all state, federal and local laws, all rules governing the  
5 practice of medicine in Arizona, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered  
6 criminal probation, payments and other orders.

7 **b. Tolling**

8 In the event Respondent should leave Arizona to reside or practice outside the  
9 State or for any reason should Respondent stop practicing medicine in Arizona,  
10 Respondent shall notify the Executive Director in writing within ten days of departure and  
11 return or the dates of non-practice within Arizona. Non-practice is defined as any period of  
12 time exceeding thirty days during which Respondent is not engaging in the practice of  
13 medicine. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside Arizona or of  
14 non-practice within Arizona, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary period.

15 3. The Board retains jurisdiction and may initiate new action against  
16 Respondent based upon any violation of this Order. A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r).

17 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.  
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20 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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22 By Patricia E. McSorley  
23 Patricia E. McSorley  
24 Executive Director  
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1           7.     This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal  
2 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data  
3 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

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

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

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

13           11.    ***Respondent has read and understands the conditions of probation.***

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LUCIO ARTEAGA, M.D.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

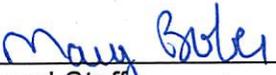
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17 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
18 this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016 to:

19 Lucio Arteaga, M.D.  
20 Address of Record

21 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
22 this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016 with:

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Board Staff