

BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

WAQAS ALI, M.D.

Holder of License No. 47449
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-14-0199A

**INTERIM ORDER FOR PRACTICE
RESTRICTION AND CONSENT TO THE
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INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

Waqas Ali, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Interim Order for Practice Restriction; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1451(B).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 47449 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
3. The Board initiated case no. MD-14-0199A after receipt of a Board Action Disciplinary Alert Report ("DAR") indicating that the Illinois Medical Board summarily suspended Dr. Ali's license.
4. On May 23, 2013, Dr. Ali was indicted by the United States District Court in Peoria, Illinois, for obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and deception. From at least January 2011 to January 2013, Dr. Ali issued and caused to be issued hundreds of fraudulent and deceptive prescriptions under his DEA registration number to fictitious patients for hydrocodone tablets.
5. On January 8, 2014, the Illinois Board summarily suspended Dr. Ali's license after he was terminated from work for testing positive for controlled substances

and due to the District Court indictment. The Illinois Board based the action on Dr. Ali's immediate danger to the Public Health, Safety, or Welfare.

6. On January 23, 2014, Dr. Ali entered a guilty plea in United States District Court. The sentencing is scheduled for May 2014.

6. The Executive Director has consulted with investigative staff and the Board's medical consultant, who has reviewed the case and agrees that a consent agreement is appropriate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. The Executive Director may enter into a consent agreement with a physician if there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25) and § 32-1451(F); A.A.C. R4-16-504.

3. Based on the information in the Board's possession there is evidence that if Respondent were to practice medicine in Arizona there would be a danger to the public health and safety.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's practice is limited in that he shall not practice medicine in the State of Arizona and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment including prescription medications until Respondent applies to the Board and receives permission to do so. The Board may require any combination of staff approved assessments, evaluations, treatments, examinations or interviews it finds necessary to assist in determining whether Respondent is able to safely resume such practice.

2. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the pending investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 24th day of February, 2014.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By Patricia E. McSorley
PATRICIA E. MCSORLEY
Interim Acting Executive Director

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF INTERIM ORDER

1. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Order for Practice Restriction and Consent to the Same and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Interim Order"). Respondent acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.
2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Interim Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
3. By consenting to this Interim Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Interim Order in its entirety as issued, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Interim Order.
4. The Interim Order is not effective until approved and signed by the Executive Director.
5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent

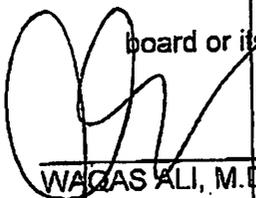
are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

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

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

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

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



WAQAS ALI, M.D.

DATED: 2/24/14

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
this 24th day of February, 2014 to:

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this 24th day of February, 20⁰⁴ with:

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