

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

2 In the Matter of

3 **SAMUEL GRIEF, M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. 28800  
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-14-0670A

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

7 Samuel Grief, M.D. ("Respondent"), elects to permanently waive any right to a  
8 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for a 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 28800 for the practice of  
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-14-0670A after receiving a Disciplinary  
17 Alert Report generated by the Federation of State Medical Boards indicating that  
18 Respondent was issued a Letter of Reprimand by the New York Medical Board based on  
19 action taken against Respondent by the Illinois Medical Board for findings that he issued  
20 numerous prescriptions for non-controlled substances to patients over the internet without  
21 conducting an in-person examination or maintaining medical records.

22 4. On April 26, 2013, Respondent entered into a consent agreement with the  
23 Illinois Medical Board in which his license was suspended for 30 days. The Illinois Medical  
24 Board had found that Respondent issued numerous prescriptions for non-controlled  
25 substances to patients over the internet without first conducting an in-person examination  
or maintaining medical records. Following the suspension, Respondent's Illinois medical

1 license was placed on indefinite probation for no less than five years, and he was  
2 assessed a \$50,000 fine. In addition, Respondent was required to complete continuing  
3 medical education ("CME") regarding proper prescribing habits, and one course of  
4 Category I CME in proper recordkeeping, and finally, he was to complete at least 20 hours  
5 of Category I CME in medical ethics and professional responsibility.

6 6. On May 12, 2014, Respondent entered into a consent order with the New  
7 York Medical Board based on the action taken by the Illinois Medical Board. The New York  
8 Medical Board's Order included the issuance of a Letter of Reprimand and assessment of  
9 a \$2,500 fine. Respondent is additionally required to report any intent to practice within  
10 the State of New York to the New York Medical Board.

#### 11 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12 a. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
13 Respondent.

14 b. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional  
15 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(o) ("[a]ction that is taken against a doctor of  
16 medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or  
17 physical inability to engage safely in the practice of medicine, the doctor's medical  
18 incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that  
19 corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this  
20 paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a  
21 license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise  
22 limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on  
23 probation by that jurisdiction.").

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**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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

**CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.
2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this 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 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 Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Order.
4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its 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

1 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended  
2 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government  
3 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or  
4 any other state or federal court.

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

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

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

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

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

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25 SAMUEL GRIEF, M.D.

DATED: Dec. 19, 2014

1 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
2 this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015 to:

3 Samuel Grief  
4 Address of Record

5 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
6 this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015 with:

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