

BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

Case No: MD-14-1593A

ROBERT W. SOMMER, M.D.

**INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF
LICENSE**

Holder of License No. 31443
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

INTRODUCTION

The above-captioned matter came on for discussion before the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") at its Summary Action meeting on February 2, 2015. After reviewing relevant information and deliberating, the Board voted to consider proceedings for a summary action against Robert W. Sommer, M.D. ("Respondent"). Having considered the information in the matter and being fully advised, the Board enters the following Interim Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Summary Suspension of License, pending formal hearings or other Board action. A.R.S. § 32-1451(D).

INTERIM 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. 31443 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. On or about December 4, 2014, the Board received a complaint from a person wishing to remain confidential alleging that Respondent is or may be physically or mentally unable to safely engage in the practice of medicine. Specifically, the complainant alleged that:

- i. Respondent has been hospitalized with mental and cognitive impairments.
- ii. Respondent has been found to have neuropsychological deficits.

1 Respondent, holder of License No. 31443 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the
2 State of Arizona.

3 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
4 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(q) (“[a]ny conduct or practice that is or might be
5 harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public.”).

6 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
7 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(dd) (“[f]ailing to furnish information in a timely
8 manner to the board or the board's investigators or representatives if legally requested by
9 the board.”).

10 4. Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the
11 public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action. A.R.S. § 32-
12 1451(D).

13 ORDER

14 Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, set forth
15 above,

16 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

17 1. Respondent’s license to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona,
18 License No. 31443, is summarily suspended. Respondent is prohibited from practicing
19 medicine in the State of Arizona and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment
20 including prescription medications or injections of any kind until receiving permission from
21 the Board to do so.

22 2. The Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law constitute written notice
23 to Respondent of the charges of unprofessional conduct made by the Board against him.
24 Respondent is entitled to a formal hearing to defend these charges as expeditiously as
25 possible after the issuance of this Order.

