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BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of
SUDHIR RANJAN, M.D.
Holder of License No. 13308
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-13-1231A
**ORDER FOR LETTER OF
REPRIMAND AND PROBATION;
AND CONSENT TO THE SAME**

Sudhir Ranjan, M.D. ("Respondent"), elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for a Letter of Reprimand and Probation; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

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 number 13308 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
3. The Board initiated case number MD-13-1231A after receiving a complaint regarding Respondent's care and treatment of a 67 year-old female patient ("RC") alleging improper performance of a peribulbar block to the patient prior to a cataract removal procedure.
4. Respondent administered a peribulbar block to RC for a cataract removal. During the operation, the surgeon was unable to remove the cataract completely due to abnormal conditions in the eye including hemorrhage and a possible perforation. Fearing further damage to the eye, the surgeon aborted the procedure. RC was immediately referred to a retinal surgeon to complete the cataract removal and repair the damage to the eye. At RC's second operation two days later, the retinal surgeon discovered that the

1 retina was completely detached and there was injury to the optic nerve. The injury was
2 determined to be irreparable and RC suffered the loss of her eye.

3 5. A medical consultant review of the procedure found insufficient evidence to
4 make a determination that Respondent deviated from the standard of care in performing
5 the peribulbar block, providing informed consent or with regard to Respondent's basic
6 anesthesia monitoring.

7 6. Respondent's documentation for the procedure was inadequate as
8 Respondent failed to document vital signs and failed to list the amounts and times of the
9 local anesthetics administered.

10 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

13 b. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
14 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(e) ("[f]ailing or refusing to maintain adequate
15 records on a patient..").

16 **ORDER**

17 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

18 1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

19 2. Respondent is placed on Probation for a period of 6 months with the
20 following terms and conditions:

21 a. **Continuing Medical Education**

22 Respondent shall within 6 months of the effective date of this Order obtain no
23 less than 15 hours of Board Staff pre-approved Category I Continuing Medical Education
24 ("CME") in an intensive, in-person course regarding medical recordkeeping. Respondent
25 shall within thirty days of the effective date of this Order submit his request for CME to the

1 Board for pre-approval. Upon completion of the CME, Respondent shall provide Board
2 Staff with satisfactory proof of attendance. The CME hours shall be in addition to the hours
3 required for the biennial renewal of medical licensure.

4 **b. Obey All Laws**

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

8 **c. Tolling**

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

16 **d. Probation Termination**

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18 3. Board staff shall terminate the Probation upon Respondent's successful
19 completion of the CME coursework. The Board retains jurisdiction and may initiate new
20 action against Respondent based upon any violation of this Order.

21 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 2nd day of March, 2015. *April*

22 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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24 By Patricia E. McSorley
25 Patricia E. McSorley
Interim Acting Executive Director
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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 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 agreement, 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 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.

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.

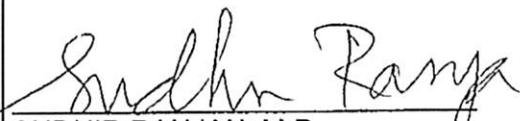
4 8. If any part of the Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the
5 remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

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 acknowledges that, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2501(16), he
14 cannot act as a supervising physician for a physician assistant while his license is on
15 probation.

16 12. ***Respondent has read and understands the conditions of probation.***

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19 SUDHIR RANJAN, M.D.

DATED: 02/03/15

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21 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
this 2nd day of April, 2015 to:

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Attorney for Respondent

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2 this 2nd day of April, 2015 with:

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