

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

3 **EDWARD G. BLANKSTEIN, M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. 10529
5 For the Practice of Medicine
6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-14-1130A

**ORDER FOR SURRENDER
OF LICENSE AND CONSENT
TO THE SAME**

7 Edward G. Blankstein, M.D. ("Respondent"), elects to permanently waive any right
8 to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender of License; admits the
9 jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and the acts stated herein; and
10 consents to the entry of this Order 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 10529 for the practice of
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-14-1130A after receiving a complaint
17 reporting that Respondent had been arrested and charged with three counts of acquisition
18 or administration of dangerous drugs.

19 4. The pending criminal charges against Respondent were ultimately
20 dismissed.

21 5. During the course of the Board's investigation, Board staff reviewed
22 Respondent's patient medical records, Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring
23 Program ("CSPMP") Profile and other records from Respondent's office. Additionally,
24 records for five of Respondent's patients were sent to a Medical Consultant ("MC") for
25 review.

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender License Number 10529, issued to Edward Blankstein, M.D., for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, and return his certificate of licensure to the Board.

DATED and effective this 5th day of August, 2016.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By: Patricia E. McSorley
Patricia E. McSorley
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 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended

1 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government
2 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or
3 any other state or federal court.

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

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

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

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

17 10. ***Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.***

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19 Edward Blankstein M.D.
20 EDWARD BLANKSTEIN, M.D.

Dated: 8/1/16

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22 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by
23 US Mail this 5th day of August, 2016 to: Mayan Tahan
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2 5th day of August, 2015 with:
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Mary Pabe,
Board Staff