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BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the matter of
MANUEL ABRANTE, M.D.
Holder of License No. 22262
For the Practice of Medicine
In the State of Arizona

Case No. M.D. 14-1215A
**ORDER FOR SURRENDER
OF LICENSE AND
CONSENT TO THE SAME**

Manuel Abrante, M.D. ("Respondent"), elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender of License; 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 22262 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
3. The Board initiated case number MD-14-1215A after receiving a report that Respondent had been arrested on or about August 22, 2014 by Mesa Police Department based on allegations that he had inappropriately touched a patient during an examination. Subsequently, Respondent was indicted on eleven counts of sexual abuse in violation of A.R.S. §13-1404A.
4. On February 26, 2015, Respondent retired from the practice of medicine.
5. Respondent admits that, if true, the acts described above would constitute unprofessional conduct. However, Respondent denies any wrongdoing.
6. Respondent has requested that the Board accept the surrender of his license.

1 DATED and effective this 4th day of June, 2015.

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3 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

4 By: Patricia E. McSorley
5 Patricia E. McSorley
6 Executive Director
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8 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

9 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and
10 the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order").
11 Respondent acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel
12 regarding this matter.

13 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into
14 freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce
15 such entry.

16 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any
17 rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters
18 alleged, or to challenge this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and
19 waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Order.

20 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by
21 its Executive Director.

22 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of
23 this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil
24 litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by
25 Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of
26 another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or
27 criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal
28 court.

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

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

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

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

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17 MANUEL ABRANTE, M.D.

Dated: April 6, 2015

18 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by
19 U.S. Mail this 4th day of June, 2015 to:

20 Paul J. Giancola
21 Snell & Wilmer, LLP
22 400 E Van Buren
23 Phoenix, AZ 85004-2202
24 Attorney for Respondent

25 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
26 4th day of June, 2015 with:

27 The Arizona Medical Board
28 9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

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Board Staff