

In the Matter of

Case No. MD-08-0612

RICHE BAST, M.D.

**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT
FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION**

Holder of License No. **14854**
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and Richie Bast, M.D. ("Respondent") the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

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

2. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Interim Consent Agreement.

3. This Interim Consent Agreement will not become effective until signed by the Executive Director.

4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for interim 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.

1 5. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Upon signing this
2 agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Executive Director, Respondent
3 may not revoke acceptance of the Interim Consent Agreement. Any modifications to this Interim
4 Consent Agreement are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.

5 6. This Interim Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that
6 will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National
7 Practitioner Databank and on the Board's website.

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

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12 Richie Bast M.D.
13 RICHIE BAST, M.D.

Dated: 06/11/2008

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1 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

2 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the
3 practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

4 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 14854 for the practice of allopathic
5 medicine in the State of Arizona.

6 3. On September 9, 1995, Respondent entered into a Stipulated Rehabilitation Agreement.
7 Respondent subsequently violated the terms of his Agreement and was placed on Probation on
8 May 16, 2000.

9 4. In 2001, Respondent relapsed and signed a Consent Agreement and Order for Suspension
10 and Probation which became effective June 6, 2002. Respondent successfully completed MAP on
11 June 6, 2007.

12 5. On June 4, 2008, the Board received an anonymous complaint stating that Respondent
13 may have a substance abuse problem concerning medications not prescribed to him.

14 6. On June 9, 2008, Board Staff and Michel Sucher, M.D. met with Respondent, who admitted
15 relapsing on Vicodin, Percocet, and Tylenol # 3; which were not prescribed to him.

16 7. Based on the information in the Board's possession, it is the Board's position that there is
17 evidence that if Respondent were to practice medicine in Arizona at this time there would be a
18 danger to the public health and safety.

19 **INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

20 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
21 Respondent.

22 2. The Executive Director may enter into a consent agreement with a physician if
23 there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety. A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25); A.A.C. R4-
24 16-504.

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INTERIM ORDER

IT IS HEREBY AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall not practice clinical medicine or any medicine involving direct patient care, and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment including prescription medications, until Respondent applies to the Board and receives permission to do so.

2. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the pending investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 11th day of June 2008.



ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By *Lisa S. Wynn*
LISA S. WYNN
Executive Director

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 11th day of June, 2008 with:

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EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed this 11th day of June, 2008 to:

Richie Bast, M.D.
Address of Record

Kathleen J. Miller