

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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3 In the Matter of

Case No: MD-08-0145

4 **ABRAHAM SAYEGH, M.D.**

5 Holder of License No. 18816
6 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
7 In the State of Arizona.

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

8 **INTRODUCTION**

9 The above-captioned matter came on for discussion before the Arizona Medical
10 Board ("Board") at an emergency Board teleconference meeting on March 7, 2008. After
11 reviewing relevant information and deliberating, the Board voted to consider proceedings
12 for a summary action against Abraham Sayegh, M.D. ("Respondent") license. Having
13 considered the information in the matter and being fully advised, the Board enters the
14 following Interim Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Summary Suspension
15 of License, pending formal hearings or other Board action. A.R.S. § 32-1451(D).

16 **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

19 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 18816 for the practice of allopathic
20 medicine in the State of Arizona.

21 3. The Board initiated case number MD-08-0145 after receiving an anonymous
22 complaint on February 22, 2008 that Respondent may have a substance abuse problem.

23 4. As a result of an investigative interview with Board Staff and the Board's
24 addiction medicine consultant on February 28, 2008, Respondent was issued an Interim
25 Order for Biological Fluid and Hair Testing. On March 6, 2008, the Board received the

1 results of the hair test which was positive for Oxycodone. Subsequently, Respondent
2 admitted to the Board's addiction medicine consultant that he had relapsed and stated that
3 he would immediately cease practicing medicine.

4 5. Respondent previously participated in the Board's Monitored Aftercare
5 Program (MAP) on two separate occasions, 1990-1994 and 1999-2004.

6 6. Respondent's continued substance abuse presents a danger to the public
7 health and safety.

8 **INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

9 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
10 Respondent, holder of License No. 18816 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the
11 State of Arizona.

12 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
13 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(f) ("[h]abitual intemperance in the use of alcohol
14 or habitual substance abuse.").

15 3. Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the
16 public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action. A.R.S. § 32-
17 1451(D).

18 **ORDER**

19 Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, set forth
20 above,

21 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

22 1. Respondent's license to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona,
23 License No. 18816, is summarily suspended.

24 2. The Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law constitute written notice
25 to Respondent of the charges of unprofessional conduct made by the Board against him.

1 Respondent is entitled to a formal hearing to defend these charges as expeditiously as
2 possible after the issuance of this order.

3 3. The Board's Executive Director is instructed to refer this matter to the Office
4 of Administrative Hearings for scheduling of an administrative hearing to be commenced
5 as expeditiously as possible from the date of the issuance of this order, unless stipulated
6 and agreed otherwise by Respondent.

7 DATED this 7th day of March, 2008.

8 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

9 (SEAL)



10 *Lisa S. Wynn*

11 By: _____
12 LISA S. WYNN
13 Executive Director

14 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
15 7th day of March 2008, with:

16 The Arizona Medical Board
17 9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
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19 Executed copy of the foregoing mailed by Certified
20 Mail this 7th day of March 2008, to:

21 Abraham Sayegh, M.D.
22 Address of Record

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24 mail this 7th day of March 2008, to:

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