AGENDA CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 1:30 PM

Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

I. OPEN FORUM

MINUTES November 16, 2021 and December 21, 2021

III. <u>UPDATES</u>

II.

- A. Chair Updates
- B. DPH Updates

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Physician Licensure Compact
- B Federation of State medical Boards Workgroup on Physician Sexual Misconduct

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

- A. <u>Christopher Betz, M.D. Petition No. 2019-807</u> Presentation of Consent Order - Presented by Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
- B. <u>Othman El-Alami, M.D Petition No. 2020-546</u> Presentation of Consent Order - Presented by Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH
- C. <u>Alfred J. Ranieri MD Petition No. 2019-1279</u> Presentation of Consent Order - Presented by Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
- D. <u>Syed U. Hadi, M.D. Petition No. 2019-1163</u> Presentation of Consent Order - Presented by Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
- E. <u>Waile Ramadan, MD, Petition No. 2019-810</u> Presentation of Consent Order - Presented by Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH

ADJOURN

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Connecticut Medical Examining Board via Microsoft Teams

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MINUTES of November 16, 2021

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
	Allyson Duffy, MD
	Marie C. Eugene, DO
	Robert Green, MD
	Michele Jacklin
	Joseph Kaliko, Esq
	Marilyn Katz, MD
	Shawn London, MD
	Edward McAnaney, Esq.
	Jean Rexford
	Daniel Rissi, MD
	Harold Sauer. MD
	David Schwindt, MD
	C. Steven Wolf, MD
	Andrew Yuan, DO
	Peter Zeman, MD
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Brimal Patel, MD
	William C. Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. <u>MINUTES</u>

The draft minutes of the September 24, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Green, seconded by Ms. Jacklin.

The draft minutes of the October, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Rissi, seconded by Mr. Kaliko.

II. <u>OPEN FORUM</u>

None

III. UPDATES

A. <u>Chair Updates</u>

Chair Emmett gave an update concerning the Medical Board/DPH workgroup discussions.

Ms. Rexford and Dr. Katz provided an update of the physician licensure compact meetings required by Public Act 21-152.

Ms. Rexford commented on the Federation of State Medical Boards annual survey.

Department of Public Health None

IV. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. John Lynch, II, MD - Petition No. 2021-726

Assistant to Attorney General Elizabeth Bannon was present for this matter. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of John Lynch, MD. Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Attorney Sullivan provided information in support of the Motion for Summary Suspension Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to grant the motion for Summary Suspension.

The Board voted to grant the motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice of medicine represents a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety Dr. London abstained from voting and Dr. Zeman recused himself from voting. A hearing in this matter will be held on December 1, 2021. The hearing panelists in this

B. Scott Houghton, MD Petition No. 2021-805

matter will be Mr. Andrews, Dr. Wolf, and Mr. Kohlhepp.

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a License Reinstatement Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present and was represented by Attorney Hilary Fischer Nelson. Deputy Associate Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present for this matter

The Board was asked to review the proposed Order.

Mr. Kaliko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sauer, to support the reinstatement of Dr. Houghton's license. The motion passed unanimously.

C. <u>Michael Imevbore, MD Petition No. 2021-805</u>

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Aaron Hershman was present for respondent. This matter was reviewed and rejected at the August 17, 2021 meeting.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the Consent Order for discussion.

Following discussion, the Board unanimously rejected the Consent Order as written. The Board recommended that a period of probation with chart review be added to the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Arjuna Mannam, MD Petition No. 2020-890

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent ws not present and was not represented

Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sauer, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of six months. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Eugene who abstained and Dr. Wolf and Dr. Green who recused themselves from voting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MINUTES of December 21, 2021

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson Allyson Duffy, MD Robert Green, MD Michele Jacklin Joseph Kaliko, Esq Marilyn Katz, MD William C. Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C Jean Rexford Daniel Rissi, MD Harold Sauer. MD David Schwindt, MD C. Steven Wolf, MD Andrew Yuan, DO Peter Zeman, MD
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq. Brimal Patel, MD Marie C. Eugene, DO Shawn London, MD Edward McAnaney, Esq.

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. <u>UPDATES</u>

Chair Updates

Chair Emmett gave an update concerning the Medical Board/DPH workgroup discussions.

Chair Emmett asked for volunteers for the 2022 annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Department of Public Health

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Department of Public Health provided an update of the discussion concerning the physician licensure compact.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nami Bayan, MD Petition No. 2020-1053
 - A. Respondent Motion to Reopen Hearing
 - B. Argument Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Dr. Bayan was represented by Attorney Paul Knag. Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health.

The Board heard comments from Attorney Knag and Attorney Wilan regarding respondent's motion to reopen the hearing which was held on May 14, 2021.

Mr. Kaliko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kohlhepp, to deny respondent's Motion to Reopen The motion to deny passed with all in favor except Dr. Green and Dr. Wolf who recused themselves from voting.

The Board heard comments from Attorney Knag and Attorney Wilan regarding the Proposed Memorandum of Decision.

Ms. Jacklin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kohlhepp, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision which revokes the license of Dr. Bayan. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Green and Dr. Wolf who recused themselves from voting.

B. <u>Marcus Krane, MD</u>

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application of Marcus Krane, MD. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, recommending that Dr. Krane's license application be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Sauer who recused himself from voting.

III. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Michael Imevbore, MD Petition No. 2021-805

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Aaron Hershman was present for respondent. This matter was reviewed and rejected at the November 16, 2021meeting.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaliko, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$5000.00 civil penalty and probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

B. J. James Bruno, II, M.D. Petition No.: 2020-5

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney James Biondo was present for respondent.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$1000.00 civil penalty.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. <u>Ho D. Anh, M.D.; Petition No. 2020-352</u>

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Charles Norman was present for respondent.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaliko, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Rania Rifaey, M.D. Petition No.: 2019-811

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Patrick Monahan was present with respondent.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaliko, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$1000.00 civil penalty.

The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Katz who recused herself from voting.

E. Murray Wellner, M.D., Petition Nos. 2018-1142, 2020-28

Staff Attorney Aden Baume, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Nathan Favreau was present with respondent.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kohlhepp, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$1000.00 civil penalty and probation for a period of nine months.

The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who was opposed and Dr. Green who recused himself from voting.

E. Syed U. Hadi, M.D. Petition No. 2019-1163

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Jim Rosenblum was present with respondent.

Mr. Kaliko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$5000.00 civil penalty.

After extensive discussion during which Board members spoke in opposition to approving the Consent Order, the motion to approve the Consent Order was rejected unanimously.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD CONSENT ORDER COVER SHEET

Respondent: Christopher Betz, M.D.

Petition No. 2019-807

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Medical School: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine Year of Graduation: 2009

07/01/2009-06/30/2010	Orthopedic Surgery	Intern	Peninsula Hospital North Shore, Far Rockaway, NY
07/01/2010-02/29/2012	Orthopedic Surgery	Resident	Peninsula Hospital North Shore, Far Rockaway, NY
03/01/2012-7/1/2014	Orthopedic Surgery	Resident	Plainview Hospital North Shore, Plainview, NY
08/01/2014-08/01-2015	Sports Medicine	Fellowship	University of Massachusetts, Worcester, MA

Current employment: Starling Orthopedics License: 054049 Issued: 4/21/2015 Type of Practice: Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgeon Board Certification: American Osteopathic Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (October 2017) Malpractice History: None reported. Past History with DPH: None Investigation Commenced: 7/19/2019

THIS CONSENT ORDER DISCIPLINE:

- Reprimand
- \$1,000 Civil Penalty

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY OF THE CASE:

The Department's Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section opened this petition after receiving a referral from the Department's Facilities Licensing and Investigations Section.

On or about September 14, 2018, respondent performed surgery on the left knee of patient #1, when the right knee was the planned site. The Department alleges that respondent's care for patient #1 deviated from the standard of care in that he operated on the wrong knee and/or he failed to follow the pre-incision time-out protocol and independently verify the laterality of the procedure.

Dr. Betz has successfully completed continuing education coursework entitled: Preventing Error and Near Misses in Surgery for Individuals and Teams

WILL THIS RESULT IN A REPORT TO THE N.P.D.B. BANK? Yes

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

In re: Christipher Betz, M.D.

Petition No. 2019-807

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Christopher Betz, M.D., of Cheshire, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 054049 to practice as a physician and surgeon by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges, and respondent denies, that:

- On or about September 14, 2018, respondent performed a surgery on the left knee of Patient 1, when the right knee was the planned site in the pre-operative work-up and documentation and radiology, and in Patient 1's informed consent documentation. Respondent's care for Patient 1 on or about September 14, 2018, deviated from the standard of care in one or more ways:
 - a. he operated on the wrong knee; and/or
 - b. he failed to follow the pre-incision time-out protocol and independently verify the laterality of the procedure.
- 2. The above described allegations constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-13c(4).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing nor admitting any fact, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (hereinafter "the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if

proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14, and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

WHEREAS, respondent has successfully completed continuing education coursework entitled: Preventing Error and Near Misses in Surgery for Individuals and Teams.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17, and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- 1. Respondent waives respondent's right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
- 2. Respondent's license number 054409 to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
- 3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
- 4. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to respondent's licensure.
- 5. This Consent Order is effective on the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.
- 6. This Consent Order is a public document. Respondent understands and agrees that the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Board in which respondent's compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and that all disciplinary actions will appear on respondent's physician profile pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 20-13j.
- 7. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards and respondent waives any

right to seek reconsideration or modification of this Consent Order pursuant to §4-181a of GENERLCO 2/99 7B-2 the General Statutes of Connecticut without the express consent and agreement of the Department. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this document. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

- 8. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
- 9. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted. Respondent hereby waives any claim of error that could be raised that is related to or arises during the course of the Board's discussions regarding whether to approve or reject this Consent Order and/or a member's participation during this process, through the Board member's review or comments, including but not limited to bias or reliance on evidence outside the administrative record if this matter proceeds to a hearing on a statement of charges resulting in a proposed decision by the Board and/or a panel of the Board and a final decision by the Board.
- 10. Respondent has consulted with his attorney prior to signing this document.
- 11. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the State's Attorney's Office where the allegation occurred or Bureau Chief of the applicable unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
- 12. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

I, Christopher Betz, M.D., have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Christopher Betz, M.D. 4th day of Januart Subscribed and sworn to before me this _ 2022. **DIEGO FERNANDO PROANO CABEZAS** Notary Public, State of Connecticut My Commission Expires May 31, 2026 Notary Public or person authorized by law to administer an oath or affirmation The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the

Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the <u>6th</u> day of <u>January</u> 2022, it is hereby accepted.

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Christian D. Andresen, M.P.H., Section Chief Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board on the _____ day of _____ 2022, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson Connecticut Medical Examining Board

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD CONSENT ORDER COVER SHEET

Respondent: Othman El-Alami, M.D,

Petition No. 2020-546

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Medical School: Faculty Of Medicine, University Of Granada Year of Graduation: 1973

Residency: Hartford Hospital

11/01/1989 - 03/01/1992 03/01/1992 - 09/30/1995	Attending Physician Attending Physician	U I	Mount Sinai Hospital St Raphael Hospital
07/01/1993 - 07/01/1995	Clinical Instructor	Internal Medicine	Yale University
07/01-2002 - 06/30/2007	Clinical Instructor	Internal Medicine	New Brit. Gen. Hosp.

Current employment:Primary Care Physician, Hartford HealthcareLicense: 030203Issued: 08/04/1989Type of Practice: Internal MedicineBoard Certification: American Board of Internal Medicine, 9/13/1989Malpractice History: NonePast History with DPH: None.Investigation Commenced: 06/02/2020

THIS CONSENT ORDER DISCIPLINE:

- Reprimand
- Coursework in documentation standards

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY OF THE CASE:

- This petition originated with a petitioner complaint.
- Respondent provided care to Patient #1 at various times between June 1997 and December 2019. During treatment, respondent received written correspondence and/or radiographic materials regarding Patient #1's treatment for back pain and/or concerns of left kidney calcification.
- Respondent's care for Patient #1 failed to meet the standard of care in that he failed to maintain adequate treatment records, properly treat and/or assess Patient #1's complaints of back pain, adequately ensure radiographic materials were properly addressed, and/or appropriately treat, assess, address and/or communicate with Patient #1 regarding abnormal uranalysis results.

WILL THIS RESULT IN A REPORT TO THE N.P.D.B BANK?

• Yes

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH

In re: Othman El-Alami, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

Petition No. 2020-546

WHEREAS, Othman El-Alami, M.D. of Kensington, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 030203 to practice as a physician and surgeon by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent admits that:

- Respondent provided care to Patient #1 at various times between in or about June 1997 and in or about December 2019.
- 2. Between on or about August 7, 2018, and on or about October 6, 2018, respondent received written correspondence and/or radiographic materials regarding Patient #1's treatment for back pain and/or concerns of left kidney calcification.
- Respondent's care for Patient #1 failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. Respondent failed to maintain adequate treatment records;
 - b. On or about October 6, 2018, respondent failed to properly treat and/or assess Patient #1's complaints of back pain,
 - c. Subsequent to on or about October 6, 2018, respondent failed to adequately ensure radiographic materials were properly addressed; and/or

- d. On, about, and/or subsequent to October 10, 2018, respondent failed to appropriately treat, assess, address and/or communicate with Patient #1 regarding abnormal uranalysis results.
- 2. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-13c, including, but not limited to §20-13c(4).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (hereinafter "the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17, and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- 1. Respondent waives respondent's right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
- Respondent's license number 030203 to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
- Respondent's license number 030203 to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of Connecticut is hereby placed on probation subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - Within the first six months of the effective date of this Consent Order, respondent shall successfully complete coursework in clinical documentation standards. Within fifteen (15) days of the completion of such coursework, respondent shall provide the Department with proof, to the Department's satisfaction, of the successful completion of such courses. Respondent's probation shall terminate upon the

Department's written satisfaction of the successful completion of the courses

required under this paragraph 3

4. All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:

Lavita Sookram, R.N., Nurse Consultant Practitioner Compliance and Monitoring Unit Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134-0308

- 5. All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.
- 6. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to respondent's licensure.
- 7. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
- 8. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:
 - a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
 - Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
 - c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 8a above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that respondent has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that respondent has cured the violation in question.
 - d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation within the fifteen (15) days specified in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the

Department, respondent shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.

- Evidence presented to the Board by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.
- 9. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license before the Board.
- Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch of the Department.
- 11. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.
- 12. This Consent Order is a public document.
- 13. Respondent understands and agrees that the above admitted violations shall be deemed true in any proceeding before the Board in which respondent's compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and that all disciplinary actions will appear on respondent's physician profile pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 20-13j.
- 14. In the event respondent violates a term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a physician and surgeon, upon request by the Department, with notice to the Board, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time

period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of

the violation, and to submit to and complete a medical, psychiatric or psychological evaluation, if requested to do so by the Department; and, that the results of the evaluation shall be submitted directly to the Department. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45 day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall be considered by the Board and shall, as a matter of law, constitute a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c). The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether a summary suspension is ordered.

- 15. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from taking action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
- 16. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards and respondent waives any right to seek reconsideration or modification of this Consent Order pursuant to §4-181a of the General Statutes of Connecticut without the express consent and agreement of the Department. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this document. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut,

provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

- 17. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
- 18. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted. Respondent hereby waives any claim of error that could be raised that is related to or arises during the course of the Board's discussions regarding whether to approve or reject this Consent Order and/or a member's participation during this process, through the Board member's review or comments, including but not limited to bias or reliance on evidence outside the administrative record if this matter proceeds to a hearing on a statement of charges resulting in a proposed decision by the Board and/or a panel of the Board and a final decision by the Board.
- 19. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
- 20. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the State's Attorney's Office where the allegation occurred or Bureau Chief of the applicable unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only, and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
- This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case.
 All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent

order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

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I, Othman El-Alami, M.D., have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Othman El-Alami, M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29



GISSEL A MUNOZ NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF CONNECTICUT MY COMM. EXP 10/31/24

Notary Public or person authorized

day of November

by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the

Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the _____23rd ____ day of

December 2021, it is hereby accepted.

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Christian D. Andresen, MPH, CPH, Section Chief Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the

on the _____ day of _____ 2021, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Connecticut Medical Examining Board

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD CONSENT ORDER COVER SHEET

Respondent: Alfred J. Ranieri, M.D.

Petition No. 2019-1279

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Medical School: University of Virginia School of Medicine Year of Graduation: 1971

07/01/1970-06/30/1971	Rotating	Intern	University of Virginia Medical Center
07/01/1971-06/30/1872	Pathology	Resident	University of Virginia Medical Center
07/01/1972-06/30/19744	Pathology	Resident	Yale-New Haven Hospital

Current employment: Medical Associates of New Haven License: 015611 Issued7/7/1972 Type of Practice: Family Medicine Board Certification: American Board of Pathology (1974). Certified in anatomic and clinical pathology. Malpractice History: None reported History with DPH: None Investigation Commenced: 11/4/2019

THIS CONSENT ORDER DISCIPLINE:

Reprimand and a Civil Penalty of \$5,000. Permanent restriction such that respondent shall not prescribe any schedule 2, 3, 4 and/or 5 controlled substances.

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY OF THE CASE:

- The Department opened this petition as the result of a referral from the Department of Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division.
- Respondent surrendered his Connecticut Controlled Substance Registration on July 21, 2020.
- From approximately July 2018 through June 2019, respondent provided controlled substances on various occasions to two patients without appropriate documentation of the need or medical basis for the prescriptions.

WILL THIS RESULT IN A REPORT TO THE N.P.D.B. BANK?

• Yes

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH

In re: Alfred J. Ranieri, M.D.

Petition No. 2019-1279

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Alfred J. Ranieri of New Haven, CT (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 015611 to practice as a physician and surgeon by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges:

- During approximately July 2018 through June 2019, respondent prescribed controlled substances on various occasions to one or more patients without appropriate documentation of the need and/or medical basis for said prescriptions.
- 2. The above-described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-13c including, but not limited to §20-13c(4).

WHEREAS, respondent surrendered his Connecticut Controlled Substance Registration on July 21, 2020.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (hereinafter "the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- 1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
- Respondent's license number 015611 to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
- 3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
- 4. Respondent's license shall be permanently restricted such that respondent shall not prescribe any schedule 2, 3, 4 and/or 5 controlled substances.
- Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to his licensure.
- Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch of the Department.
- This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.

- 8. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document, and the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Board in which his compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and that all disciplinary actions will appear on his physician profile pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 20-13j.
- 9. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards and respondent waives any right to seek reconsideration or modification of this Consent Order pursuant to §4-181a of the General Statutes of Connecticut without the express consent and agreement of the Department. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this document. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
- 10. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.

- 11. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted. Respondent hereby waives any claim of error that could be raised that is related to or arises during the course of the Board's discussions regarding whether to approve or reject this Consent Order and/or a Board member's participation during this process, through the Board member's review or comments, including but not limited to bias or reliance on evidence outside the administrative record if this matter proceeds to a hearing on a statement of charges resulting in a proposed decision by the Board and/or a panel of the Board and a final decision by the Board.
- 12. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
- 13. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the State's Attorney's Office where the allegation occurred or Bureau Chief of the applicable unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
- 14. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

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I, Alfred J. Ranieri, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

MQ Alfred J. Ranieri, M Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 2021. Notary Public or person authorized by law to administer an oath or affirmation Com Cxp 5/31/2037

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the

Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the <u>28th</u> day of

December 2021, it is hereby accepted.

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Christian D. Andresen, MPH, Section Chief Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board on the _____ day of _____ 2021, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Connecticut Medical Examining Board

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD CONSENT ORDER COVER SHEET

In re: Syed U. Hadi, M.D.

Petition No. 2019-1163

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Medical School: Baqai Medical College, Pakistan Year of Graduation: 2004

07/01/2008-06/30/2010 Resident Saint Peter's University Hospital, NJ

07/01/2007-06/30/2008 Internship Saint Peter's University Hospital, NJ

Current employment: Hartford Hospital, Hospitalist

License: 048934 Issued: June 30, 2010

Type of Practice: Hospitalist

Board Certification: American Board of Internal Medicine

Malpractice History: This case resulted in a lawsuit against the respondent, Dr. Waile Ramadan, and Bristol Hospital. It has since been settled against all parties.

Past History with Department: None

Other State Licenses: N/A

Investigation Commenced: October 17, 2019

CONSENT ORDER DISCIPLINE:

- Civil Penalty of \$5,000.00
- Respondent completed coursework in infection control which included the diagnosis and treatment of sepsis; communication with other healthcare providers; and documentation standards.

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY OF THE CASE:

This case was opened after a Facility License Investigation Section Inspection at Bristol Hospital. Multiple violations were found concerning the hospital as well as several healthcare providers.

On January 8, 2019, respondent was the physician providing care and treatment for Patient #1 who was admitted to Bristol Hospital on January 7, 2019. During this time, Patient #1 had a persistent fever, was tachycardic and bandemic and his blood culture tested positive for bacteria. Respondent never ordered antibiotics for Patient #1 who died from septic shock on January 9, 2019.

WILL THIS RESULT IN A REPORT TO THE N.P.D.B. BANK?

• Yes

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH

In re: Syed Hadi, MD

Petition No, 2019-1163

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Syed Hadi of Wethersfield, Connecticut ("respondent") has been issued license number 048934 to practice as a physician and surgeon by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 370, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Department alleges:

- 1. At all times herein mentioned, respondent practiced medicine as a hospitalist at Bristol Hospital.
- 2. On or about January 8, 2019, respondent was the physician providing care and treatment for Patient #1 who was admitted to Bristol Hospital on January 7, 2019. During this time, Patient #1 had a persistent fever, was tachycardic and bandemic and his blood culture tested positive for bacteria. Respondent never ordered antibiotics for Patient #1 who died from septic shock on January 9, 2019.
- 3. Respondent failed to meet the applicable standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that he failed to:
 - a. timely and/or properly treat and/or diagnose Patient #1;
 - b. document abnormal and/or significant findings;
 - c. appreciate and /or respond to a report of a positive blood culture;
 - d. communicate and/or coordinate care with the oncoming and outgoing covering physician and/or other health care providers; and/or
 - e. obtain and/or properly review and/or analyze the patient's abnormal laboratory data.
- 4. The above-described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §20-13c, including, but not limited to §20-13c(4).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees, while not admitting any wrongdoing, that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board ("the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-13c.

Whereas respondent successfully completed coursework in infection control which includes the diagnosis and treatment of sepsis; (2) communication and collaboration with other healthcare providers; and (3) documentation standards.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-13c, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- 1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
- Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of five dollars (\$5,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
- Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to respondent's licensure.
- 4. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
- Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Department.
- 6. This Consent Order is effective upon acceptance and order by the Board.
- 7. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is a public document and the above-referenced allegations shall be deemed true in any proceeding before the Board in

which respondent's compliance with this Consent Order or with Connecticut General Statutes §20-13c, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and that all disciplinary actions will appear on respondent's physician profile pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 20-13j.

- 8. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack, or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification because of any claim that the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards and respondent waives any right to seek reconsideration or modification of this Consent Order pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a without the Department's express consent and agreement. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this Consent Order. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Chapters 54 or 368a, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
- 9. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
- 10. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and its factual basis to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted. Respondent waives any claim of error that could be raised that is related to or arises during the course

of the Board's discussions regarding whether to approve or reject this Consent Order and/or a Board member's participation during this process, through the Board member's review or comments, including but not limited to bias or reliance on evidence outside the administrative record if this matter proceeds to a hearing on a statement of charges resulting in a proposed and/or final decision by the Board and/or a panel of the Board.

- 11. Respondent consulted with his attorney prior to signing this Consent Order.
- 12. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the State's Attorney's Office where the allegation occurred or Bureau Chief of the applicable unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
- 13. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this Consent Order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated or made a part hereof.

I, Syed Hadi, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28^{th} day of October 2021, 8^{th}	
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Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 29^{4} day of

2021, it is hereby accepted.

Christian D. Andresen, MPH, CPH, Section Chief Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut

Medical Examining Board on the _____ day of _____ 2021, it is

hereby ordered and accepted.

Connecticut Medical Examining Board

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD CONSENT ORDER COVER SHEET

In re: Waile Ramadan, MD

Petition No. 2019-810

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Medical School: Graduated from American University of Beirut, Lebanon in 2006

07/01/2011 – 06/30/2014 Internal Medicine Resident Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York 07/01/2006 – 06/30/2007 General Surgery Intern American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Current employment: Respondent is no longer employed as a hospitalist. He is practicing internal medicine in an office-based practice.

License: 052878 Issued: March 28, 2014

Board Certification: American Board of Internal Medicine

Malpractice History: This case resulted in a lawsuit against the respondent, Dr. Syed Hadi, and Bristol Hospital. It has since been settled against all parties.

Past History with Department: None

Other State Licenses: N/A

Investigation Commenced: July 25, 2019

CONSENT ORDER DISCIPLINE:

- Civil Penalty of \$5,000.00
- Respondent completed coursework in infection control, including (1) the diagnosis and treatment of sepsis; (2) communication and collaboration with other healthcare providers; and (3) documentation standards.

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY OF THE CASE:

This case was opened after a Facility License Investigation Section Inspection at Bristol Hospital. Multiple violations were found concerning the hospital as well as several healthcare providers.

On or about the night of January 7, 2019 through the early morning of January 8, 2019, respondent was the physician providing care and treatment for Patient #1 who was admitted to Bristol Hospital. During this time, Patient #1 had a fever, was tachycardic and bandemic and his blood culture later tested positive for bacteria. Respondent did not order antibiotics for Patient #1 who died from septic shock on January 9, 2019.

WILL THIS RESULT IN A REPORT TO THE N.P.D.B. BANK? Yes.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH

In re: Waile Ramadan, MD

Petition No, 2019-810

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Waile Ramadan of Bristol, Connecticut ("respondent") has been issued license number 052878 to practice as a physician and surgeon by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 370, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Department alleges:

- 1. At all times herein mentioned, respondent practiced medicine as a hospitalist at Bristol Hospital.
- 2. On or about the night of January 7, 2019 through the early morning of January 8, 2019, respondent was the physician providing care and treatment for Patient #1 who was admitted to Bristol Hospital. During this time, Patient #1 had a fever, was tachycardic and bandemic and his blood culture tested positive for bacteria. Respondent never ordered antibiotics for Patient #1 who died from septic shock on January 9, 2019.
- 3. Respondent failed to meet the applicable standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that he failed to:
 - a. timely and/or properly diagnose Patient #1;
 - b. timely and properly initiate, treat and/or alter treatment measures;
 - c. properly maintain medical records including, but not limited to, failed to document abnormal and/or significant findings;
 - d. appreciate and /or respond to a report of a positive blood culture;
 - e. wait for final laboratory results;
 - f. communicate and/or coordinate care with the oncoming covering physician and/or other health care providers; and/or
 - g. properly review and/or analyze the patient's clinical findings and/or abnormal laboratory data.

4. The above-described allegations constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §20-13c, including, but not limited to §20-13c(4).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing and denying any guilt or wrongdoing, has chosen not to contest the abovereferenced allegations and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board ("the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-13c.

Whereas respondent successfully completed coursework in infection control, including (1) the diagnosis and treatment of sepsis; (2) communication and collaboration with other healthcare providers; and (3) documentation standards.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-13c, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- 1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
- 2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of five dollars (\$5,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
- 3. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to respondent's licensure.
- 4. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
- Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Department.

- 6. This Consent Order is effective upon acceptance and order by the Board.
- 7. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is a public document and the above-referenced allegations shall be deemed true in any proceeding before the Board in which respondent's compliance with this Consent Order or with Connecticut General Statutes §20-13c, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and that all disciplinary actions will appear on respondent's physician profile pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 20-13j.
- 8. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack, or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification because of any claim that the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards and respondent waives any right to seek reconsideration or modification of this Consent Order pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a without the Department's express consent and agreement. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this Consent Order. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Chapters 54 or 368a, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
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- 10. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and its factual basis to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted. Respondent waives any claim of error that could be raised that is related to or arises during the course of the Board's discussions regarding whether to approve or reject this Consent Order and/or a Board member's participation during this process, through the Board member's review or comments, including but not limited to bias or reliance on evidence outside the administrative record if this matter proceeds to a hearing on a statement of charges resulting in a proposed and/or final decision by the Board and/or a panel of the Board.
- 11. Respondent consulted with his attorney prior to signing this Consent Order.
- 12. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the State's Attorney's Office where the allegation occurred or Bureau Chief of the applicable unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
- 13. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this Consent Order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated or made a part hereof.

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I, Waile Ramadan, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

MICHELLE E. RENO Notary Public, State of Connecticut My Commission Expires Aug. 31, 2026

Waile Ramadan, MD Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>221</u> day of <u>Sclemkler</u> 2021.

Notary Public/Commissioner Superior Court

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the

Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 23 rd day of

December _____ 2021, it is hereby accepted.

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Christian D. Andresen, MPH, CPH, Section Chief Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut

Medical Examining Board on the _____ day of _____ 2021, it is

hereby ordered and accepted.

Connecticut Medical Examining Board