

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

Case No. MD-18-0742A

3 **SUSAN M. KUNKEL, M.D.**

**ORDER FOR PRACTICE LIMITATION
AND CONSENT TO THE SAME**

4 Holder of License No. **52089**
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

(NON-DISCIPLINARY)

6 **CONSENT AGREEMENT**

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8 Susan M. Kunkel, M.D. ("Physician") elects to permanently waive any right to a
9 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Practice Limitation; admits the jurisdiction
10 of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the
11 Board.

12 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

15 2. Physician is the holder of License No. 52089 for the practice of allopathic
16 medicine in the State of Arizona.

17 3. The Board initiated case number MD-18-0742A after receiving notification
18 that Physician may have a health condition that could impact her ability to safely practice
19 medicine.

20 4. Effective August 18, 2018, Physician entered into an Interim Consent
21 Agreement for Practice Limitation.

22 5. There has been no finding of unprofessional conduct against Physician.

23 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

24 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
25 Physician.

1 **ORDER**

2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

3 1. Physician's practice is limited in that she shall not practice medicine in the
4 State of Arizona and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment including
5 prescription medications until Physician applies to the Board and receives permission to
6 do so. The Board may require, at the Physician's expense, any combination of staff
7 approved assessments, evaluations, treatments, examinations or interviews it finds
8 necessary to assist in determining whether Physician is able to safely resume such
9 practice.

10 2. The Board retains jurisdiction and may initiate a separate disciplinary action
11 based on the facts and circumstances that form the basis for this practice limitation or any
12 violation of this Consent Agreement.

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14 DATED this 27th day of October, 2021.

15 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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17 By Patricia E. McSorley
18 Patricia E. McSorley
19 Executive Director

20 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

21 1. Physician has read and understands this Order for Practice Limitation and
22 Consent to the Same and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order
23 ("Order"). Physician acknowledges she has the right to consult with legal counsel
24 regarding this matter.

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

3 3. By consenting to this Order, Physician voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a
4 hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge
5 this Order in its entirety as issued, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or
6 arising from said Order.

7 4. The Order is not effective until approved and signed by the Executive
8 Director.

9 5. All admissions made by Physician are solely for final disposition of this
10 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving
11 the Board and Physician. Therefore, said admissions by Physician are not intended or
12 made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government
13 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or
14 any other state or federal court.

15 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy
16 thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Physician may not revoke the consent to the
17 entry of the Order. Physician may not make any modifications to the document. Any
18 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
19 by the parties.

20 7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal
21 **non-disciplinary** action of the Board.

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

24 9. Any violation of this Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result
25 in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(s) ("[v]iolating a formal order, probation,

1 consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive
2 director under this chapter.") and 32-1451.

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5 SUSAN M. KUNKEL, M.D.

DATED: 9/29/2021

6 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
7 this 27th day of October, 2021 to:

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13 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
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