

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

3 **MICHAEL G. KLASSEN, M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. 38001  
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
6 In the State of Arizona.

**Case No. MD-22-0653A**

**ORDER FOR LETTER OF REPRIMAND  
AND PROBATION; AND CONSENT TO  
THE SAME**

7 Michael G. Klassen, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a  
8 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for a Letter of Reprimand and Probation;  
9 admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of  
10 this Order by the Board.

11 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

14 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 38001 for the practice of  
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-22-0653A after receiving a self-report  
17 from Respondent that he was entering into a disciplinary settlement agreement with the  
18 Medical Board of California ("CA Board") regarding his California medical license.

19 4. On September 8, 2022 the CA Board issued a Decision adopting a  
20 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order placing Respondent's California medical  
21 license on stayed revocation probation for three years, with requirements to complete  
22 continuing medical education ("CME") in medical recordkeeping and professionalism as  
23 well as a period of practice monitoring.

24 5. On December 10-11, 2022 Respondent completed an intensive, virtual CME  
25 course in medical recordkeeping with a Board-approved provider and received 17 CME  
credit hours.

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**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

a. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

b. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(p) (“Having action taken against a doctor of medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor’s mental or physical inability to engage safely in the practice of medicine or the doctor’s medical incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on probation by that jurisdiction.”).

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.
- 2. Respondent is placed on Probation with the following terms and conditions:

**a. Compliance with CA Board Order**

Respondent shall comply with the terms and conditions of the CA Board’s Order. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to the CA Board and execute any and all authorizations necessary to allow the CA Board to communicate directly with Board staff regarding Respondent’s compliance with the CA Board’s Order, including immediately communicating to the Board any concerns regarding Respondent’s safety to practice medicine. Respondent shall immediately report to the Board any violation of the CA Board’s Order. Respondent shall cause the CA Board to provide quarterly written reports

1 to the Board regarding Respondent's compliance with the CA Board's Order. Respondent  
2 shall be responsible for all costs related to the CA Order and any costs related to the  
3 preparation of the quarterly reports.

4 **b. Obey All Laws**

5 Respondent shall obey all state, federal and local laws, all rules governing the  
6 practice of medicine in Arizona, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered  
7 criminal probation, payments and other orders.

8 **c. Tolling**

9 In the event Respondent should leave Arizona to reside or practice outside the  
10 State or for any reason should Respondent stop practicing medicine in Arizona,  
11 Respondent shall notify the Executive Director in writing within ten days of departure and  
12 return or the dates of non-practice within Arizona. Non-practice is defined as any period of  
13 time exceeding thirty days during which Respondent is not engaging in the practice of  
14 medicine. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside Arizona or of  
15 non-practice within Arizona, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary period.

16 **d. Probation Termination**

17 Prior to the termination of Probation, Respondent must submit a written request to  
18 the Board for release from the terms of this Order. Respondent's request for release will  
19 be placed on the next pending Board agenda, provided a complete submission is received  
20 by Board staff no less than 30 days prior to the Board meeting. Respondent's request for  
21 release must provide the Board with evidence establishing that he has successfully  
22 satisfied all of the terms and conditions of this Order and has been released from the CA  
23 Board's Order. The Board has the sole discretion to determine whether all of the terms  
24 and conditions of this Order have been met or whether to take any other action that is  
25 consistent with its statutory and regulatory authority.

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3. The Board retains jurisdiction and may initiate new action against Respondent based upon any violation of this Order. A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(s)

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2023.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By   
Patricia E. McSorley  
Executive Director

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**CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

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

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

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

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

5. All admissions made by Respondent in this Order are solely for final 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.

6. Notwithstanding any language in this Order, this Order does not preclude in any way any other State agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent, including but not limited to, violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Board, this Order makes no representations, implied or otherwise, about the views or intended actions of any other

1 state agency or officer or political subdivisions of the State relating to this matter or other  
2 matters concerning Respondent

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

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

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

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

16 11. Any violation of this Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result  
17 in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(s) ("[v]iolating a formal order, probation,  
18 consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive  
19 director under this chapter.") and 32-1451.

20 12. ***Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.***

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DATED: 1/20/2023

23 MICHAEL G. KLASSEN, M.D.

24 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2023 to:

25 Michael G. Klassen, M.D.  
Address of Record

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ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
this 2nd day of February 2023 with:

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Michelle Probes  
Board staff