

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

Case No: MD-20-0198A

3 **JAMES D. GORDON, M.D.**

**REQUEST FOR LICENSE
INACTIVATION WITH CAUSE AND
ORDER INACTIVATING LICENSE
WITH CAUSE**

4 Holder of License No. 28386
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine in the
6 State of Arizona.

7 1. I, James D. Gordon, M.D. ("Respondent"), am the holder of License No. 28386
8 to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

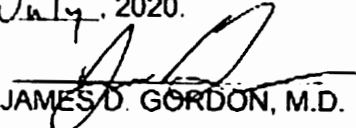
9 2. I hereby request that, effective at 5:00 p.m. on the date of the following Order,
10 the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") inactivate with cause my license to practice allopathic
11 medicine number 28386 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1452(F). I participated in the Board's
12 Physician Health Program ("PHP"), from November 14, 2008 through November 26, 2013
13 and no longer qualify for a confidential Board Order.

14 3. I will not practice medicine in Arizona or any other state, territory or district of the
15 United States or a foreign country while my Arizona license is inactive. I may not hold or
16 maintain a controlled substance certificate with the Drug Enforcement Administration or
17 write or refill prescriptions as long as my license is inactive. If I practice medicine while my
18 license is inactive I will be practicing medicine without a license and/or without being
19 exempt from licensure, which amongst other things, is a felony.

20 4. I shall not request reactivation of my license to practice medicine in Arizona until I
21 complete a long-term care residential program, an inpatient hospital treatment program, an
22 intensive outpatient treatment program or any combination of these programs as required
23 by A.R.S. § 32-1452(F) and subsequently complete an assessment with the Board's PHP
24 Contractor, and the Board is in receipt of the assessment findings and recommendations. I
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1 understand that I may also be required to complete other evaluations if deemed necessary
2 by the Board. The Board will not reactivate my license until I present evidence satisfactory
3 to the Board, in its sole discretion, that I am medically competent and mentally and
4 physically able to safely practice medicine in the State of Arizona.

5 DATED this 2 day of July, 2020.

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8 JAMES D. GORDON, M.D.

9 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 10 1. Respondent currently holds an active license to practice medicine in this state.
11 2. Respondent was under a Board stipulation or probationary order pursuant to
12 A.R.S. § 32-1452 that is no longer in effect.
13 3. On March 8, 2020, the Board received a complaint from a 69 year-old female
14 patient ("JT") alleging post-operative staph infection and missing pain medication.
15 4. Respondent subsequently self-reported that he had relapsed.
16 5. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32 1452(F), Respondent has requested that his license to
17 practice medicine in the State of Arizona be placed on the status of Inactive with Cause.

18 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

- 19 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
20 Licensee.
21 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
22 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1401(27)(g) ("Using controlled substances except if
23 prescribed by another physician for use during a prescribed course of treatment.").

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. License number 28386 held by Respondent is Inactivated with Cause.
2. Before Respondent can request that his license be reactivated, he/she shall successfully complete a long-term care residential program, an inpatient hospital treatment program, an intensive outpatient treatment program or any combination of these programs and shall meet the applicable requirements of A.R.S. §32-1431(D).
3. Once Respondent has completed treatment, the Board shall determine if it should refer the matter for a formal hearing for the purpose of suspending or revoking the license or to place Respondent on probation for a minimum of five (5) years with restrictions necessary to ensure public safety.

DATED this 6th day of July, 2020.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD
By: Patricia E. McSorley
Executive Director

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
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