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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

In the Matter of

**JOEL DWORKIN, M.D.**

Holder of License No. 62704  
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
In the State of Arizona.

**Case No. MD-23-0260A**

**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT  
FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION**

**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT**

Joel Dworkin, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Restriction and consents to the entry of this Order by the Arizona Medical Board ("Board").

**INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 62704 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated case number MD-23-0260A after receiving a report from Respondent's employer alleging unprofessional conduct and a report from the Board's Physician Health Program ("PHP") that Respondent was non-compliant with his confidential Board monitoring agreement.

4. Effective July 14, 2022, Respondent entered into a confidential Stipulated Health Agreement ("SHA") that required Respondent to comply with a previously imposed Aftercare Contract entered into with the Arkansas Medical Foundation ("AMF"), and to promptly enroll and comply with monitoring requirements for the PHP, if requested by the AMF.



1 **INTERIM ORDER**

2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

3 1. Respondent is prohibited from engaging in the practice of medicine in the  
4 State of Arizona as set forth in A.R.S. § 32-1401(22) until Respondent applies to the  
5 Executive Director and receives permission to do so.

6 2. Respondent may request, in writing, release and/or modification of this  
7 Interim Consent Agreement. Respondent's request must be accompanied by information  
8 demonstrating that Respondent is safe to practice medicine. The Executive Director, in  
9 consultation with and agreement of the lead Board member and the Chief Medical  
10 Consultant, has the discretion to determine whether it is appropriate to release  
11 Respondent from this Interim Consent Agreement.

12 3. The Board retains jurisdiction and may initiate new action based upon any  
13 violation of this Interim Consent Agreement, including, but not limited to, summarily  
14 suspending Respondent's license.

15 4. Because this is an Interim Consent Agreement and not a final decision by  
16 the Board regarding the pending investigation, it is subject to further consideration by the  
17 Board. Once the investigation is complete, it will be promptly provided to the Board for its  
18 review and appropriate action.

19 5. This Interim Consent Agreement shall be effective on the date signed by the  
20 Board's Executive Director.

21 DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

22 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

23 By Patricia E. McSorley  
24 Patricia E. McSorley  
25 Executive Director

**RECITALS**

Respondent understands and agrees that:

1. The Board, through its Executive Director, may adopt this Interim Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25) and A.A.C. R4-16-504.

2. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement as set forth herein, and has had the opportunity to discuss this Interim Consent Agreement with an attorney or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Interim Consent Agreement with an attorney. Respondent voluntarily enters into this Interim Consent Agreement and by doing so agrees to abide by all of its terms and conditions.

3. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent freely and voluntarily relinquishes all rights to an administrative hearing on the matters set forth herein, as well as all rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters related to the Interim Consent Agreement.

4. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of this matter or any matters that may be currently pending before the Board and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding this or any other pending or future investigations, actions, or proceedings. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Interim Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this State from instituting civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Interim Consent Agreement. Respondent further does not

1 relinquish Respondent's rights to an administrative hearing, rehearing, review,  
2 reconsideration, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action,  
3 concerning the matters related to a final disposition of this matter, unless Respondent  
4 affirmatively does so as part of the final resolution of this matter.

5         5. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon signing this Interim  
6 Consent Agreement and returning it to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may  
7 not revoke Respondent's acceptance of this Interim Consent Agreement or make any  
8 modifications to it. Any modification of this original document is ineffective and void unless  
9 mutually approved by the parties in writing.

10         6. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement shall not  
11 become effective unless and until it is signed by the Board's Executive Director.

12         7. Respondent understands and agrees that if the Board's Executive Director  
13 does not adopt this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent will not assert in any future  
14 proceedings that the Board's consideration of this Interim Consent Agreement constitutes  
15 bias, prejudice, prejudgment, or other similar defense.

16         8. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement is a public  
17 record that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board, and that it shall  
18 be reported as required by law to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

19         9. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement does not  
20 alleviate Respondent's responsibility to comply with the applicable license-renewal  
21 statutes and rules. If this Interim Consent Agreement remains in effect at the time  
22 Respondent's allopathic medical license comes up for renewal, Respondent must renew  
23 the license if Respondent wishes to retain the license. If Respondent elects not to renew  
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1 the license as prescribed by statute and rule, Respondent's license will not expire but  
2 rather, by operation of law (A.R.S. § 32-3202), become suspended until the Board takes  
3 final action in this matter. Once the Board takes final action, in order for Respondent to be  
4 licensed in the future, Respondent must submit a new application for licensure and meet  
5 all of the requirements set forth in the statutes and rules at that time.

6 10. Respondent understands that any violation of this Interim Consent  
7 Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct under A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(s) ("[v]iolating  
8 a formal order, probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the  
9 board or its executive director under this chapter.").

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12 JOEL DWORKIN, M.D.

DATED: 04/10/23

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14 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing e-mailed  
15 this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023 to:

16 Joel Dworkin, M.D.  
17 Address of Record

18 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
19 this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023 with:

20 Arizona Medical Board  
21 1740 West Adams, Suite 4000  
22 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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25 Board staff