

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

3 **ELLEN T. OLSON, M.D**

4 Holder of License No. 40418
5 For the Practice of Medicine
6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-21-0190A

**ORDER FOR SURRENDER
OF LICENSE AND CONSENT
TO THE SAME**

7 Ellen T. Olson, M.D. ("Respondent"), elects to permanently waive any right to a
8 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender of License; admits the
9 jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") as well as the facts stated herein; and
10 consents to the entry of 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 40418 for the practice of
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-21-0190A after receiving notification
17 from the Board's Physician Health Program ("PHP") Contractor that Respondent tested
18 positive for a controlled substance in violation of a Board Order for monitoring.

19 4. Respondent's license is subject to terms and conditions of probation
20 pursuant to an Order for Letter of Reprimand and Probation; and Consent to Same issued
21 in MD-17-1162A ("Board Order"). The Board Order prohibited Respondent from taking
22 any controlled substances unless prescribed by a treating physician and approved by the
23 PHP except in emergency.

24 5. Additionally, the Board order states in part:

25 In the event of a chemical dependency relapse by Respondent or
Respondent's use of controlled substances or alcohol in violation of this
Order, Respondent shall promptly enter into an Interim Consent Agreement

1 for Practice Restriction that requires, among other things, that Respondent
2 not practice medicine until such time as Respondent successfully completes
3 long-term inpatient treatment designated by the PHP Contractor and obtains
4 affirmative approval from the Executive Director, in consultation with the
5 Lead Board Member and Chief Medical Consultant, to return to the practice
6 of medicine.

7 6. On March 5, 2021, the PHP Contractor notified Board staff that
8 Respondent's most recent urine drug screen was positive for a controlled substance, and
9 that Respondent admitted to a single incident of use shortly before the test. Based on the
10 test and Respondent's admission, the Contractor recommended that Respondent stop
11 practicing and present for treatment.

12 7. Effective March 19, 2021, Respondent entered into an Interim Practice
13 Restriction.

14 8. On or about July 6, 2021 Respondent requested surrender of her license.

15 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

16 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
17 Respondent.

18 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
19 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(s) ("Violating a formal order, probation, consent
20 agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director under
21 this chapter.").

22 3. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement
23 with a physician and accept the surrender of an active license from a physician who
24 admits to having committed an act of unprofessional conduct. A.R.S. § 32-1451(T)(2).
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1 **ORDER**

2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender License
3 Number 40418, issued to Ellen T. Olson, M.D., for the practice of allopathic medicine in
4 the State of Arizona, and return her certificate of licensure to the Board.

5 DATED and effective this 24th day of August, 2021.
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7 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

8 By: Patricia E. McSorley
9 Patricia E. McSorley
10 Executive Director

11 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

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

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

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

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

23 5. All admissions made by Respondent in this Order are solely for final
24 disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil
25 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

1 federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the
2 State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

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

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

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

20 9. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a
21 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,
22 prejudgment or other similar defense.

23 10. ***Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.***

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ELLEN T. OLSON, M.D.

Dated: July 26 2021

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EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by
US Mail this 24th day of August 2021 to:

Ellen T. Olson, M.D.
Address of Record

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
24th day of August, 2021 with:

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Michelle Rhodes
Board staff