

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

Case No. MD-20-0050A__

3 **ASHWIN M. REDDY, M.D.**

**INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
FOR SUMMARY RESTRICTION OF
LICENSE**

4 Holder of License No. 48835
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
6 In the State of Arizona.

6 **INTRODUCTION**

7 The above-captioned matter came for discussion before the Arizona Medical Board
8 (“Board”) at its January 25, 2022 meeting, where it had been placed on the agenda to
9 consider possible summary action against Ashwin M. Reddy, M.D. (“Respondent”).
10 Having considered the information in the matter and being fully advised, the Board enters
11 the following Interim Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Summary
12 Restriction of License, pending a formal hearing or other Board action. A.R.S. § 32-
13 1451(D).

14 **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

17 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 48835 for the practice of
18 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

19 3. The Board initiated case number MD-20-0050A after receiving a complaint
20 regarding an occurrence at the Substance Use Treatment Facility where Respondent
21 practices and serves as the Medical Director.

22 4. During the course of the Board’s investigation, Board staff requested
23 Medical Consultant (“MC”) review of four patients treated by Respondent (MG, GE, TW
24 and JS).
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1 5. MG was a 37 year-old female who established care with Respondent for
2 chronic opioid therapy. Respondent prescribed MG medications including buprenorphine
3 8mg sublingual 3-4 daily, clonazepam 2mg three times daily, Adderall 75mg daily, Ritalin
4 ER 36mg daily, and Vyvanse 70mg daily. Respondent additionally initiated prescribing
5 MG benzodiazepines based on MG's endorsement of persistent symptoms of anxiety.
6 Respondent additionally diagnosed MG with ADHD and prescribed Adderall.

7 6. GE was a 34 year-old male who established care with Respondent for
8 opioid use disorder, anxiety, and ADHD. Respondent prescribed GE medications
9 including buprenorphine 8mg three times daily, alprazolam 2mg three times daily, and
10 Adderall 30mg three times daily. Additionally, Respondent treated GE's anxiety symptoms
11 with alprazolam.

12 7. TW was a 35 year-old male who established care with Respondent for
13 chronic opioid therapy. Respondent prescribed TW medications including buprenorphine
14 2mg twice daily, alprazolam XR 3mg daily, alprazolam 2mg twice daily, and Adderall
15 30mg three times daily. Additionally, Respondent diagnosed TW with ADHD and initiated
16 treatment with Adderall.

17 8. JS was a 23 year-old male who established care with Respondent for opioid
18 use disorder, anxiety, and insomnia. Respondent prescribed JS medications including
19 Adderall XR 30mg, Suboxone 8-2mg four times daily, clonazepam 2mg three times daily,
20 and zolpidem 10mg daily. Additionally, Respondent diagnosed JS with ADHD and
21 initiated treatment with Adderall.

22 9. The MC identified deviations from the standard of care with regard to
23 Respondent's treatment of these patients, including that Respondent prescribed all four
24 patients high dose opioids, benzodiazepines, and Adderall concurrently without clinical
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1 justification; failed to manage pain with non-pharmacologic interventions; prescribed early
2 refills; and failed to address aberrant urinary drug screens.

3 10. Actual and potential patient harm was identified, including that patients'
4 substance use disorders were inadequately treated, and patients were at risk of
5 medication diversion, overdose and death.

6 11. During the Board's consideration of the above captioned matter on January
7 25, 2022, Board staff presented the foregoing and the Board heard statements from
8 Respondent and his counsel. Board members expressed concern regarding
9 Respondent's prescribing practices, and his apparent failure to attempt alternative
10 therapies prior to adding benzodiazepines to the patients' medication regimens. Board
11 members further expressed concern regarding Respondent's failure to address aberrant
12 urine drug screens and to properly document his rationale in the medical records. Based
13 on the evidence presented, the Board voted to summarily restrict Respondent's license
14 and prohibit him from prescribing controlled substances.

15 **INTERIM 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 conduct
19 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(e) ("Failing or refusing to maintain adequate records on a
20 patient.").

21 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct
22 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r) ("Committing any conduct or practice that is or might
23 be harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public.").

24 4. Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the public
25 health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action. A.R.S. § 32-1451(D).

1 **ORDER**

2 Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, set forth
3 above,

4 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

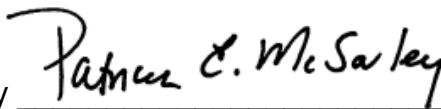
5 1. Respondent's license to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona,
6 License No. 48835, is summarily restricted. Respondent is prohibited from prescribing
7 controlled substances in the State of Arizona.

8 2. The Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law constitute written notice
9 to Respondent of the charges of unprofessional conduct made by the Board against
10 Respondent. Respondent is entitled to a formal hearing to defend these charges as
11 expeditiously as possible after the issuance of this Order.

12 3. The Board's Executive Director is instructed to refer this matter to the Office
13 of Administrative Hearings for scheduling of an administrative hearing to be commenced
14 within sixty days from the date of the issuance of this Order, unless stipulated and agreed
15 otherwise by Respondent. A.R.S. § 32-1451(D).

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17 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 26th day of January, 2022.

18 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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20 By 
21 Patricia E. McSorley
22 Executive Director
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1 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
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