

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

2 In the Matter of

3 **MEENOR SAGAR, M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. 40769  
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
6 In the State of Arizona

Case No. MD-20-0554A

**ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR  
REHEARING OR REVIEW**

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8 At its public meeting on February 4, 2022 the Arizona Medical Board ("Board")  
9 considered Meenor Sagar, M.D.'s ("Respondent") Request for Rehearing or Review of the  
10 Board's Order dated December 1, 2021 in the above referenced matter. After considering  
11 all of the evidence, the Board voted to deny Respondent's Request for Rehearing or  
12 Review.

13 **ORDER**

14 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

15 Respondent's Request for Rehearing or Review is denied. The Board's December  
16 1, 2021 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Letter of Reprimand in Case  
17 MD-20-0554A is effective and constitutes the Board's final administrative order.  
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1 RIGHT TO APPEAL TO SUPERIOR COURT

2 Respondent is hereby notified that he has exhausted his administrative remedies.  
3 Respondent is advised that an appeal to Superior Court in Maricopa County may be taken  
4 from this decision pursuant to title 12, chapter 7, and article 6 of the Arizona Revised  
5 Statutes.

6 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

7 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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10 By Patricia E. McSorley  
11 Patricia E. McSorley  
Executive Director

12 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
13 this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 to:

14 Meenor Sagar, M.D.  
15 Address of Record

16 T. Scott King, Esq.  
17 Broening, Oberg Woods & Wilson, P.C.  
18 2800 North Central Avenue, Suite 1600  
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Attorney for Respondent

19 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
20 this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 with:

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23 Michelle Peoples  
24 Board staff



1 hemoptysis, with initial blood loss documented at over 300ml. Rapid response was  
2 initiated and RS was transferred to the emergency department, where he continued to  
3 decompensate, developing a pulmonary hemorrhage in the left upper lobe surrounding the  
4 nodule, which expanded into the left lung base and lower lobe bronchi and airspace as  
5 well as a right pneumothorax. RS ultimately coded and was unable to be resuscitated.

6         5. The standard of care requires a physician to delay an elective procedure in a  
7 patient with a low platelet level/thrombocytopenia. Respondent deviated from this standard  
8 of care by performing a CT guided core biopsy of a left lung lesion in a patient with a low  
9 platelet count.

10         6. The standard of care requires a physician to perform a CT guided core  
11 biopsy be performed at a facility with adequate support services in the event of  
12 complications. Respondent deviated from the standard of care by failing to direct CT  
13 guided core biopsy be performed at a facility with adequate support services in the event  
14 of complications.

15         7. Actual patient harm was identified in that the patient experienced excessive  
16 bleeding post CT guided core biopsy and expired.

17         8. During the course of the Board's investigation, Respondent failed to supply a  
18 narrative for Board staff and Medical Consultant ("MC") review.

19         9. During a Formal Interview on this matter, Respondent testified regarding his  
20 care and treatment of Patient RS. Respondent stated that he was unaware that RS's  
21 platelet count was low, and that the pre-operative nurse failed to inform him prior to the  
22 procedure. With regard to the failure to provide a narrative during the investigative  
23 process, Respondent stated that the response to the Board was handled by his practice's  
24 risk management department without consultation by him. Respondent acknowledged that  
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1 the Board's investigation is a serious matter and stated that he takes patient safety very  
2 seriously.

3 10. During that same Formal Interview, Review Committee members  
4 commented that a fundamental step in the process of patient care was omitted, and  
5 agreed that discipline was warranted.

### 6 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
8 Respondent.

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

12 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional  
13 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(ee) ("Failing to furnish information in a timely  
14 manner to the board or the board's investigators or representatives if legally requested by  
15 the board.").

### 16 ORDER

17 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 18 1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

### 19 RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REHEARING OR REVIEW

20 Respondent is hereby notified that he/she has the right to petition for a rehearing or  
21 review. The petition for rehearing or review must be filed with the Board's Executive  
22 Director within thirty (30) days after service of this Order. A.R.S. § 41-1092.09(B). The  
23 petition for rehearing or review must set forth legally sufficient reasons for granting a  
24 rehearing or review. A.A.C. R4-16-103. Service of this order is effective five (5) days after  
25 date of mailing. A.R.S. § 41-1092.09(C). If a petition for rehearing or review is not filed,  
the Board's Order becomes effective thirty-five (35) days after it is mailed to Respondent.

1 Respondent is further notified that the filing of a motion for rehearing or review is  
2 required to preserve any rights of appeal to the Superior Court.

3 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021.

4 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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6 By Patricia E. McSorley  
7 Patricia E. McSorley  
8 Executive Director

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