

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

3 **JOHN G. RENFREW, M.D**

4 Holder of License No. 54908
5 For the Practice of Medicine
6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-20-0814A

**ORDER FOR SURRENDER OF
LICENSE AND CONSENT TO THE
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7 John G. Renfrew, 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 54908 for the practice of
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-20-0814A after receiving notification
17 from Respondent's Physician Health Program ("PHP") Contractor that Respondent tested
18 positive for an illicit substance in violation of the Stipulated Rehabilitation Agreement
19 ("SRA") entered in MD-19-0719A.

20 4. On September 15, 2020, Respondent tested positive for an illicit substance
21 on an oral fluid test conducted by the Board's PHP Contractor. Respondent subsequently
22 admitted to use of an illicit substance and agreed to seek additional treatment.

23 5. Effective September 25, 2020, Respondent entered into an Interim Consent
24 Agreement for Practice Restriction.
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1 6. Respondent subsequently completed inpatient treatment at a Board-
2 approved facility ("Facility") and was discharged with staff approval on October 29, 2020.
3 Based on Respondent's treatment and prognosis, the Facility provided recommendations
4 for aftercare.

5 7. On October 30, 2020 Respondent met with the Board's PHP Contractor for a
6 Post-Treatment PHP Assessment, who opined that Respondent was safe to practice,
7 provided he enter into a monitoring agreement with the Board, and comply with
8 recommendations for aftercare.

9 8. Effective November 30, 2020 Respondent entered in to an Interim Consent
10 Agreement to Participate in the Physician Health Programs with terms and conditions of
11 monitoring consistent with the PHP Contractor's recommendations.

12 9. On December 28, 2020 Respondent notified Board staff that he was
13 relocating out of state and would no longer require his Arizona medical license and did not
14 wish to participate in the PHP program. Based on this, Respondent requested surrender
15 of his license.

16 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

19 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
20 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(f) ("Exhibiting a pattern of using or being under
21 the influence of alcohol or drugs or a similar substance while practicing medicine or to the
22 extent that judgment may be impaired and the practice of medicine detrimentally
23 affected.").

24 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
25 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(s) ("Violating a formal order, probation, consent

1 agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director under
2 this chapter.”).

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

6 **ORDER**

7 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender License
8 Number 54908, issued to John G. Renfrew, M.D., for the practice of allopathic medicine in
9 the State of Arizona, and return her/his certificate of licensure to the Board.

10 DATED and effective this 12th day of February, 2020.

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12 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

13 By: Patricia E. McSorley
14 Patricia E. McSorley
15 Executive Director

16 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

17 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the
18 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order (“Order”). Respondent
19 acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

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

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

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

3 5. All admissions made by Respondent in this Order are solely for final
4 disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil
5 litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent
6 are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or
7 federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the
8 State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

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

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

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

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

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

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JOHN G. RENFREW, M.D.

Dated: 1-4-2021

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by US Mail this 12th day of February, 2020 to:

John G. Renfrew, M.D.
Address of Record

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 12th day of February, 2020 with:

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Board staff