# BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Second Amended Accusation Against:

Bita Badakhshan, M.D.

Case No. 800-2023-095605

Physician's & Surgeon's Certificate No. A 116789

Respondent.

#### DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED: March 20, 2025.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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| 10       | MEDICAL BOARD<br>DEPARTMENT OF C   | OF CALIFORNIA                                       |
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| 13<br>14 | In the Matter of the Second Amended Accusation Against:                            | Case No. 800-2023-095605                            |
|          | BITA BADAKHSHAN, M.D.  | OAH No. 2024100621                                  |
| 15<br>16 | 33542 Palo Alto St.<br>Dana Point, CA 92629-2015                                   | STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND<br>DISCIPLINARY ORDER     |
| 17       | Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate<br>No. A 116789,                             |   |
| 18       | Respondent.  |   |
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| 20       | IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGR  | EED by and between the parties to the above-        |
| 21       | entitled proceedings that the following matters are                                | e true:   |
| 22       | PART   | TIES  |
| 23       | 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) is the E  | xecutive Director of the Medical Board of           |
| 24       | California (Board). He brought this action solely                                  | in his official capacity and is represented in this |
| 25       | matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the Sta                                   | te of California, by Karolyn M. Westfall,           |
| 26       | Deputy Attorney General.   |   |
| 27       | 2. Respondent Bita Badakhshan, M.D. (  | Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by    |
| 28       | attorneys Peter R. Osinoff, Esq., and Derek F. O'l                                 | Reilly-Jones, Esq., whose address is: Bonne,        |
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|          | STIPULATED SETTLEMEN   | NT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER (800-2023-095605)         |

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| 1  | Bridges, Mueller, O'Keefe & Nichols, Professional Corporation, 355 South Grand Avenue, Suite          |
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| 2  | 1750, Los Angeles, CA 90071.  |
| 3  | 3. On or about May 4, 2011, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.                |
| 4  | A 116789 to Bita Badakhshan, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate             |
| 5  | was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Second Amended           |
| 6  | Accusation No. 800-2023-095605, and will expire on May 31, 2027, unless renewed.                      |
| 7  | JURISDICTION  |
| 8  | 4. On February 7, 2025, Second Amended Accusation No. 800-2023-095605, which                          |
| 9  | superseded the First Amended Accusation filed on September 18, 2024, was filed before the             |
| 10 | Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Second Amended Accusation and all             |
| 11 | other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on February 7, 2025.          |
| 12 | Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Second Amended Accusation.               |
| 13 | 5. A copy of Second Amended Accusation No. 800-2023-095605 is attached hereto as                      |
| 14 | Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference.  |
| 15 | ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS  |
| 16 | 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the                   |
| 17 | charges and allegations in Second Amended Accusation No. 800-2023-095605. Respondent has              |
| 18 | also carefully read, fully discussed with her counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated |
| 19 | Settlement and Disciplinary Order.  |
| 20 | 7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a             |
| 21 | hearing on the charges and allegations in the Second Amended Accusation; the right to confront        |
| 22 | and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her      |
| 23 | own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the      |
| 24 | production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision;        |
| 25 | and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable     |
| 26 | laws.   |
| 27 | 8. Having the benefit of counsel, Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently                |
| 28 | waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.   |
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|    | STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER (800-2023-095605)  |

**CULPABILITY** 1 9. 2 Respondent admits that at an administrative hearing, Complainant could establish a 3 prima facie case with respect to the charges and allegations contained in Second Amended Accusation No. 800-2023-095605, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and that she 4 has thereby subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 116789 to disciplinary 5 action. 6 10. Respondent agrees that if an accusation is ever filed against her before the Medical 7 Board of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Second Amended Accusation 8 No. 800-2023-095605, shall be deemed true, correct, and fully admitted by Respondent for 9 purposes of that proceeding or any other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State 10 of California. 11 11. Respondent agrees that her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to 12 discipline and agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the 13 14 Disciplinary Order below. RESERVATION 15 16 12. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Medical Board of California or other 17 professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or 18 19 civil proceeding. **CONTINGENCY** 20 13. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California. 21 Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical 22 Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and 23 settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the 24 stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek 25 to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails 26 27 to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal 28 3

action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having 1 considered this matter. 2 ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS 3 This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties herein to 14. 4 be an integrated writing representing the complete, final and exclusive embodiment of the 5 agreement of the parties in this above-entitled matter. 6 The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile 15. 7 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile 8 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals. 9 In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that 10 16. the Board may, without further notice or opportunity to be heard by the Respondent, issue and 11 enter the following Disciplinary Order: 12 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER** 13 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Bita Badakhshan, M.D., holder of Physician's 14 and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 116789, shall be and hereby is Publicly Reprimanded pursuant to 15 Business and Professions Code section 2227. This Public Reprimand, which is issued in 16 connection with the allegation as set forth in Second Amended Accusation No. 800-2023-095605, 17 is as follows: 18 In or around 2021 and 2023, you performed alternative medicine treatments on 19 two patients without obtaining sufficient informed consent for the treatments, and you 20 failed to obtain and/or document a patient's vital signs during or after the patient 21 experienced a mild hypovolemic event, as more fully described in Second Amended 22 Accusation No. 800-2023-095605. 23 EDUCATION COURSE. Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this 1. 24 Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for its prior approval educational 25 program(s) or course(s) which shall not be less than 40 hours. The educational program(s) or 26 course(s) shall be aimed at correcting any areas of deficient practice or knowledge, which shall 27 include but is not limited to informed consent, and shall be Category I certified. The educational 28 4

program(s) or course(s) shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the
 Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure. Following the
 completion of each course, the Board or its designee may administer an examination to test
 Respondent's knowledge of the course. Respondent shall provide proof of attendance for 65
 hours of CME of which 40 hours were in satisfaction of this condition.

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2. <u>INVESTIGATION/ENFORCEMENT COST RECOVERY</u>. Respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement, in the amount of \$22,508.18 (twenty-two thousand five hundred eight dollars and eighteen cents). Costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California. Failure to pay such costs shall constitute unprofessional conduct and grounds for further disciplinary action.

Payment must be made in full within 30 calendar days of the effective date of the Order, or by a payment plan approved by the Medical Board of California. Any and all requests for a payment plan shall be submitted in writing by Respondent to the Board. Failure to comply with the payment plan shall constitute unprofessional conduct and grounds for further disciplinary action.

The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of the responsibility
to repay investigation and enforcement costs.

3. <u>FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE</u>. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for
 a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care
 licensing action agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in
 Second Amended Accusation No. 800-2023-095605 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and fully
 admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding
 seeking to deny or restrict license.

4. <u>FAILURE TO COMPLY</u>. Any failure by Respondent to comply with terms and
conditions of the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order set forth above shall constitute
unprofessional conduct and grounds for further disciplinary action.

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| 1  | ACCEPTANCE   |
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| 2  | I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully        |
| 3  | discussed it with my attorneys, Peter R. Osinoff, Esq., and Derek F. O'Reilly-Jones, Esq. I        |
| 4  | understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate |
| 5  | I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and         |
| 6  | intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of             |
| 7  | California.  |
| 8  | DATED: 2/27/25 B. 25   |
| 9  | BITA BADAKHSHAN, M.D.<br>Respondent  |
| o  | I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Bita Badakhshan, M.D., the terms and               |
| 1  | conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order   |
| 2  | I approve its form and content.  |
| 3  | DATED: 02/27/2025 Derek O'Reilly-Jones   |
| 4  | DEREK F. O'REILLY-JONES, ESQ.  |
| 5  | Attorneys for Respondent   |
| 6  | ENDORSEMENT  |
| 7  | The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully                  |
| 8  | submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.                                    |
| 9  | DATED: 2/27/25 Respectfully submitted,   |
| o  | ROB BONTA  |
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| 11 | DEPARTMENT OF C  | ONSUMER AFFAIRS                             |
| 12 | STATE OF C   | ALIFUKNIA                                   |
| 13 | In the Matter of the Second Amended  | Case No. 800-2023-095605                    |
| 14 | Accusation Against:  | SECOND AMENDED ACCUSATION                   |
| 15 | BITA BADAKHSHAN, M.D.<br>33542 Palo Alto St.<br>Dana Baint, CA 02620, 2015 |   |
| 16 | Dana Point, CA 92629-2015  |   |
| 17 | Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate<br>No. A 116789,                     |   |
| 18 | Respondent.  |   |
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| 20 | PAR  | <u>TIES</u>                                 |
| 21 | 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) brings t                                    | his Second Amended Accusation solely in his |
| 22 | official capacity as the Executive Director of the                         | Medical Board of California, Department of  |
| 23 | Consumer Affairs (Board).  |   |
| 24 | 2. On or about May 4, 2011, the Medica                                     | l Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's    |
| 25 | Certificate No. A 116789 to Bita Badakhshan, M.                            |   |
| 26 | Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect                         |   |
| 27 | herein and will expire on May 31, 2025, unless re                          | newed.                                      |
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| 1  | JURISDICTION   |
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| 2  | 3. This Second Amended Accusation, which supersedes the First Amended Accusation   |
| 3  | filed on September 18, 2024, is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following   |
| 4  | laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise  |
| 5  | indicated.   |
| 6  | 4. Section 2227 of the Code states, in pertinent part:   |
| 7  | (a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of<br>the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government             |
| 8  | Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered<br>into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the |
| 9  | provisions of this chapter:  |
| 10 | (1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.   |
| 11 | (2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the board.   |
| 12 | (3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation   |
| 13 | monitoring upon order of the board.  |
| 14 | (4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the               |
| 15 | board.   |
| 16 | (5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.                       |
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| 19 | 5. Section 2234 of the Code states, in pertinent part:   |
| 20 | The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with<br>unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional                |
| 21 | conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:  |
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| 23 | (c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more<br>negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a                      |
| 24 | separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute repeated negligent acts.   |
| 25 | (1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically  |
| 26 | appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single<br>negligent act.  |
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(2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or l omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the 2 licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care. 3 4 Section 2234.1 of the Code states, in pertinent part: 5 6. (a) A physician and surgeon shall not be subject to discipline pursuant to 6 subdivision (b), (c), or (d) of Section 2234 solely on the basis that the treatment or advice he or she rendered to a patient is alternative or complementary medicine, 7 including the treatment of persistent Lyme Disease, if that treatment or advice meets 8 all of the following requirements: (1) It is provided after informed consent and a good-faith prior examination of 9 the patient, and medical indication exists for the treatment or advice, or it is provided 10 for health or well-being. (2) It is provided after the physician and surgeon has given the patient 11 information concerning conventional treatment and describing the education, experience, and credentials of the physician and surgeon related to the alternative or 12 complementary medicine that he or she practices. 13 (3) In the case of alternative or complementary medicine, it does not cause a delay in, or discourage traditional diagnosis of, a condition of the patient. 14 (4) It does not cause death or serious bodily injury to the patient. 15 (b) For purposes of this section, "alternative or complementary medicine," 16 means those health care methods of diagnosis, treatment, or healing that are not generally used but that provide a reasonable potential for therapeutic gain in a 17 patient's medical condition that is not outweighed by the risk of the health care 18 method. . . . 19 COST RECOVERY 20 Section 125.3 of the Code states: 7. 21 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a 22 disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department or before the Osteopathic Medical Board, upon request of the entity bringing the proceeding, the 23 administrative law judge may direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the 24 investigation and enforcement of the case. 25 (b) In the case of a disciplined licensee that is a corporation or a partnership, the order may be made against the licensed corporate entity or licensed partnership. 26 (c) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where 27 actual costs are not available, signed by the entity bringing the proceeding or its designated representative shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of 28 3 (BITA BADAKHSHAN, M.D.) SECOND AMENDED ACCUSATION NO. 800-2023-095605

| 1 2      | investigation and prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of investigative and enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not limited to, charges imposed by the Attorney General.            |
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| 3        | (d) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount   |
| 4        | of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested<br>pursuant to subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard to   |
| 5        | costs shall not be reviewable by the board to increase the cost award. The board may<br>reduce or eliminate the cost award, or remand to the administrative law judge if the   |
| 6        | proposed decision fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant to subdivision (a).  |
| 7        | (e) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as  |
| 8        | directed in the board's decision, the board may enforce the order for repayment in any<br>appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights<br>the board may have as to any licensee to pay costs. |
| 9        | (f) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall be  |
| 10       | conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.  |
| 11       | (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the board shall not renew or reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered   |
| 12       | under this section.  |
| 13       | (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the board may, in its discretion, conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any   |
| 14       | licensee who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement<br>with the board to reimburse the board within that one-year period for the unpaid  |
| 15       | costs.   |
| 16<br>17 | (h) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement<br>for costs incurred and shall be deposited in the fund of the board recovering the costs<br>to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature.    |
| 18       | (i) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from including the recovery of the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated settlement.   |
| 19       | (i) This section does not apply to any board if a specific statutory provision in  |
| 20       | that board's licensing act provides for recovery of costs in an administrative disciplinary proceeding.  |
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#### CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Repeated Negligent Acts)

Respondent has subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 116789 to 8. 3 disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (c), of 4 the Code, in that Respondent committed repeated negligent acts in her care and treatment of 5 Patients A and B,<sup>1</sup> as more particularly alleged hereinafter: 6

## PATIENT A

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On or about January 16, 2023, Patient A, a then fifty-four-year-old female, presented 9. 8 to OC Functional Medical Center for the first time for an extracorporeal blood oxygenation and 9 ozonation (EBO2) / ozone<sup>2</sup> consultation and was seen by Respondent. Patient A reported a 10 medical history that included Lyme disease and bartonella, as well as anxiety, arthritis, asthma, 11 high cholesterol, and non-typical neuropathy. Respondent performed a physical examination of 12 Patient A, and diagnosed her with anxiety, Lyme disease, arthritis, mold exposure, and chronic 13 fatigue. At the conclusion of the visit, Respondent referred Patient A for comprehensive lab 14 work. 15

On or about January 30, 2023, Patient A returned to OC Functional Medical Center to 10. 16 establish care and to receive an EBO2 treatment, and was seen by Respondent. On that date, 17 Patient A signed a "consent to alternative therapies" document, which indicated that Patient A 18 had been given information relevant to alternative and restorative medicine including oxygen 19 therapy, ozone therapy, vitamin and mineral therapy, food allergy testing, and oxidative testing. 20 Respondent did not discuss and/or document a discussion with Patient A regarding the risks, 21 benefits, and alternatives specific to EBO2 therapy. Respondent also did not provide and/or 22 ///

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<sup>1</sup> To protect the privacy of the patients involved, the patients' names have not been

included in this pleading. Respondent is aware of the identities of the patients referred to herein. 25 26 <sup>2</sup> Ozone therapy is an alternative medical practice wherein ozone is introduced into the body via various methods, usually involving its mixture with various gases and liquids before 27 injection, with potential routes including intramuscular, subcutaneous, or intravenous.

According to the FDA, ozone is a toxic gas with no known useful medical application in specific, 28 adjunctive, or preventive therapy. (21 C.F.R., section 801.415.)

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document providing Patient A information concerning Respondent's education, experience, and
 credentials related to EBO2 therapy.

11. During Patient A's visit on or about January 30, 2023, Respondent performed a
physical examination of Patient A, and documented that Patient A had been offered integrative
natural treatments and conventional medical treatments, and explained the risks and benefits of
both methodologies, and Patient A indicated a desire to proceed with natural and integrative
treatments. Respondent diagnosed Patient A with neuropathy, nutritional deficiency, heavy metal
exposure, brain fog, adrenal insufficiency, and mixed hyperlipidemia, and recommended
supplements and referred Patient A for additional lab work.

10 12. During Patient A's visit on or about January 30, 2023, Respondent performed EBO2 11 therapy on Patient A. Respondent did not specify in Patient A's chart for which condition(s) this 12 specific treatment was being provided. At the beginning of the procedure, Patient A became 13 hypovolemic. Respondent then placed Patient A into the shock position and ordered she be given 14 fluids. After approximately five minutes, Patient A reported feeling better and Respondent 15 proceeded with the EBO2 therapy. Respondent did not obtain and/or document Patient A's vital 16 signs at any time during or after the hypovolemic event.

#### 17 || PATIENT B

13. On or about May 11, 2020, Patient B, a then sixty-five-year-old female, submitted 18 new patient paperwork online to the Center for New Medicine & Cancer Center for Healing 19 (CNM). Included with this paperwork was an Informed Consent for Integrated Conventional/ 20 Complementary Medical Treatment form, which indicated that Patient B was aware that the 21 doctors and nurse practitioners at CNM are all licensed conventional practitioners and have 22 training and experience in complementary treatment; that the doctors and nurse practitioners at 23 CNM are dually trained in both systems, and are fully qualified to determine whether the use of 24 complementary treatments, conventional treatments, or a combination thereof would be in 25 [Patient B's] best interest; that [Patient B] realizes there may be risks and hazards in treating her 26 health condition(s), including worsening of present symptoms, development of new symptoms 27 (especially detox reactions) and undesirable interactions between various treatments, both 28

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conventional and alternative; that [Patient B] has been given an opportunity to ask questions
 about the treatment of [Patient B's] health condition(s) using conventional, integrative and
 alternative methods; and that [Patient B] has had an opportunity to discuss the possible risks and
 hazards of treatment and non-treatment.

14. On or about May 13, 2020, Patient B, presented to CNM for the first time for a 5 telehealth visit and was seen by Respondent. Patient B reported a medical history that included 6 chronic lymphocytic leukemia diagnosed in 2018, no metastases, no recent scans, and no visit 7 with her medical provider in the last three months. A physical examination was not conducted at 8 this visit and prior treatment records were not obtained, but Respondent diagnosed Patient B with 9 chronic lymphocytic leukemia, chronic fatigue, depression, and heavy metal exposure. At the 10 conclusion of the visit, Respondent referred Patient B for comprehensive lab work, nutritional 11 consultation, lymphatic massage, bioimmune survey, supplements, enrollment in "The 12 Fundamentals of Cancer" community classes, and order/read book entitled, "The Cancer 13 Revolution." 14

15. On or about December 14, 2020, Patient B presented to CNM for a telehealth visit 15 and was seen by Respondent. At this visit, Patient B informed Respondent that she is ready to 16 start reversing her cancer and will do everything Respondent recommends. Respondent reviewed 17 Patient B's lab results from October 27, 2020, but a physical examination was not conducted. For 18 the treatment of her chronic lymphocytic leukemia, Respondent recommended thermography, 19 supplements, UVB with ozone, 50g intravenous (IV) Vitamin C, and lab work. Respondent 20 documented in Patient B's chart that, "Patient has been offered conventional medical treatment 21 and integrative natural treatments, and explained the risks and benefits of both methodologies. 22 Patient wishes to do all treatments when possible to be natural and integrative." Respondent did 23 not discuss and/or document a discussion with Patient B regarding the risks, benefits, and 24 alternatives specific to IV Vitamin C infusion at this visit or any visit thereafter. Respondent also 25 did not provide and/or document providing Patient B information concerning Respondent's 26 education, experience, and credentials related to IV Vitamin C infusions at this visit or any visit 27 thereafter. 28

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| y 16, 2021, Patient B presented to CNM for an in-person visit<br>t this visit, Patient B underwent an IV Vitamin C infusion.<br>The repeated negligent acts in her care and treatment of Patients A<br>mot limited to, the following:<br>in sufficient informed consent for EBO2 before performing<br>y on Patient A;<br>in Patient A's vital signs during or after the hypovolemic event; |  |
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| ted repeated negligent acts in her care and treatment of Patients A<br>not limited to, the following:<br>in sufficient informed consent for EBO2 before performing<br>y on Patient A;<br>in Patient A's vital signs during or after the hypovolemic event;   |  |
| not limited to, the following:<br>in sufficient informed consent for EBO2 before performing<br>y on Patient A;<br>in Patient A's vital signs during or after the hypovolemic event;  |  |
| in sufficient informed consent for EBO2 before performing<br>y on Patient A;<br>in Patient A's vital signs during or after the hypovolemic event;  |  |
| y on Patient A;<br>in Patient A's vital signs during or after the hypovolemic event;   |  |
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| in sufficient informed consent for IV Vitamin C infusion before  |  |
| Vitamin C infusion on Patient B.   |  |
| PRAYER   |  |
| WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  |  |
| and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:  |  |
| ling Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 116789, issued  |  |
| to Respondent Bita Badakhshan, M.D.;   |  |
| ng, or denying approval of Respondent Bita Badakhshan, M.D.'s  |  |
| assistants and advanced practice nurses;   |  |
| t Bita Badakhshan, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the   |  |
| f this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation  |  |
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| nd further action as deemed necessary and proper.  |  |
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| REJI VARGHESE  |  |
| Executive Director<br>Medical Board of California  |  |
| Department of Consumer Affairs<br>State of California  |  |
| Complainant  |  |
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