

**BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSING  
BOARD OF INDIANA  
CAUSE NUMBER: 202506-MED-0020**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:** )  
 )  
**JEFFERY SMITH, M.D.** )  
 )  
**LICENSE NO: 01030268A (ACTIVE)** )



**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**

Petitioner, the State of Indiana, by counsel, Deputy Attorney General Ryan P. Eldridge, pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-7-7 and Ind. Code ch. 4-21.5-3, brings this Administrative Complaint before the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana (“Board”), against the physician license of Jeffery Smith, M.D. (“Respondent”) for violations of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4. In support, Petitioner states and alleges the following:

**FACTS**

**Parties**

1. The Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”) is empowered under Ind. Code § 25-1-7-7 to prosecute this action on behalf of Petitioner against Respondent’s license.
2. Respondent is a physician (M.D.) and holds license 01030268A, which was issued by the Board on August 21, 1980, and expires on October 31, 2025.
3. Respondent holds a Controlled Substance Registration (C.S.R.) 01030268B, which was issued by the Indiana Board of Pharmacy on September 30, 1986, and currently is under an indefinite suspension status.
4. Respondent’s address on file with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (“IPLA”) is 1101 East Glendale Boulevard, Suite 103, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383.

### **Jurisdiction**

5. On September 28, 2023, and September 30, 2023, the OAG received consumer complaints filed against Respondent, and an investigation was then conducted as authorized by Ind. Code § 25-1-7-5(b)(4).

6. After investigation, the OAG determined that the complaints had merit. A copy of the consumer complaints is attached as **State's Exhibit 1 and State Exhibit 2**.

7. The OAG having tendered a meritorious complaint, the Board has jurisdiction to hear this matter under Ind. Code § 25-1-7-5(b)(1).

8. Further, at all times relevant, Respondent was a "practitioner" as defined by Ind. Code § 25-1-9-2.

9. As such, the Board has authority to hear this case and to impose any of the sanctions enumerated under Ind. Code § 25-1-9-9.

### **Respondent's Misconduct**

10. On August 6, 2023, Patient A.B. was admitted to Powers Health Rehabilitation Center Acute Rehab with the primary diagnosis of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

11. On August 19, 2023, Patient A.B. was discharged from Powers Health Rehabilitation with a diagnosis of Neuromuscular Disorder Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

12. On or about August 23, 2023, Respondent started to see Patient A.B. for medical treatment.

13. At the first appointment, Respondent acknowledged Patient A.B.'s prior diagnosis of ALS. In addition, Respondent acknowledged that her condition was progressing rapidly.

14. On or about August 23, 2023, Respondent performed Lyme Bloodwork for Patient A.B.

15. The lab tests resulted inconclusive for Lyme Disease. Respondent wrote “Highly Likely, Needed 1 other band” on the test.

16. Respondent initiated treatment for Lyme Disease.

17. After the initiation of treatment, Patient A.B. experienced difficulty breathing on multiple occasions.

18. On September 25, 2023, Patient A.B. was admitted at St. Mary Medical Center for Acute Respiratory Failure with Hypercapnia and Aspiration Pneumonia. The records reflected that “Pt friend states pt is seeing physician out of valpo who has told pt to stop taking ALS medication r/t dx of lyme disease.”

19. On September 27, 2023, a Lyme Disease Serology was performed at St. Mary. The test was negative for Lyme Disease.

20. On or about October 5, 2023, Patient A.B. passed away.

### **CHARGES**

21. Paragraphs one (1) through twenty (20) are incorporated by reference.

#### **Count 1 Reasonable Care 844 IAC 5-2-5**

22. Respondent’s conduct constitutes a violation of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(3) in that Respondent has knowingly violated any state statute or rule, or federal statute or regulation, regulating the profession in question as evidenced by Respondent’s violation of 844 IAC 5-2-5. Specifically, Respondent initiated treatment for Lyme Disease when there was inconclusive evidence that Patient A.B. suffered from Lyme Disease, especially in light of her prior diagnoses and treatment for ALS.

**Count 2**  
**Failure to Keep Abreast**  
**Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(B)**

23. Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(B) in Respondent has continued to practice although Respondent has become unfit to practice due to failure to keep abreast of current professional theory or practice as evidenced by Respondent's disregard of scientific evidence, testing, and prior diagnoses of ALS, and initiation of treatment for Lyme Disease without sufficient evidence or confirmation to support such change of diagnosis.

**REQUESTED RELIEF**

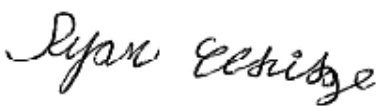
**ACCORDINGLY**, Petitioner requests that the Board issue an order against Respondent that:

- I. Imposes one or more of the disciplinary sanctions authorized by Ind. Code § 25-1-9-9;
- II. Directs Respondent to pay all of the costs incurred in the prosecution of this case, as authorized by Ind. Code § 25-1-9-15;
- III. Directs Respondent to pay a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-6-14-10(b); and
- IV. Provides any other relief the Board deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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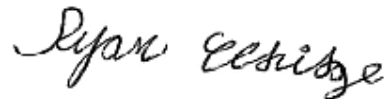
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 26th day of June, 2025, a true and correct copy of this  
“Appearance” and “Administrative Complaint” was served upon the below-listed party or parties:

Jeffery Smith, M.D.  
1101 East Glendale Boulevard, Suite 103  
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383

[REDACTED]

**Sent Via U.S. Mail and E-mail**



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Deputy Attorney General  
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## State Exhibit 1

SA-045715

Staging Area ID	SA-045715	How Received	Website
		Date Received	9/28/2023
Complainant	[REDACTED]	Matter Code	MFCU Investigation
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Cmplnt First Name	[REDACTED]	Matter Sub-type	
Cmplnt Middle Name		Status	In Progress
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Cmplnt City	Valparaiso	Approved By	
Cmplnt State	IN	Supervisor	
Cmplnt Zip	46385		
Cmplnt Phone #	[REDACTED]	Matter	
Cmplnt Email	[REDACTED]	Originating ML Matter	
County	Porter	Referred From	Private Citizen

## Provider Information

Provider Type	Family Practice	Medicaid Provider #	
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Provider Name (text)	Healing Arts Center		
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First Name			
Last Name			
Suffix			
Provider St. Address	1101 East Glendale Blvd Suite 103		
Provider City	Valparaiso		
Provider State	IN		
Provider Zip	46383		
Provider Phone #			

## Abuse and Neglect Details

Victim Name	A [REDACTED] B [REDACTED]	Reported to Police	No
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<b>Medicaid Patient Confirmed</b>	No	<b>Police Department Name</b>
<b>Reported to ISDH</b>	Not Sure	<b>Case #</b>
<b>Reported to APS</b>	Not sure	

## Details of Complaint

### Against Employer

**Date/Timeframe of Incident** August-September 2023

### How did you learn of Fraud

### Amount of Money Involved

### Description of Complaint

Dr. Jeffery Smith of Healing Arts Center in Valparaiso, Indiana, told the above patient, who had recently been diagnosed with ALS by the University of Chicago and Northwestern Medicine, that ALS doesn't exist and that ALS is really only Lyme disease. He told the patient to stop taking the ALS medication prescribed by the University of Chicago saying it won't help her since she has neurological Lyme and not ALS and that she needed to treat the neurological Lyme with antibiotic infusions delivered by Dr. Smith. Dr. Smith told the patient she had neurological Lyme while only performing blood tests and a western blot test and never performed a cerebrospinal fluid test to confirm the neurological Lyme diagnosis. The patient was practically paralyzed and her tongue was fasciculating, an almost certain sign that the patient has ALS. While the patient kept deteriorating her husband would call Dr. Smith for help and Dr. Smith would say that symptoms would get worse before they got better as the patient continued to receive antibiotic infusions to treat the supposed neurological Lyme. When the patient couldn't sleep at night, due to pain, Dr. Smith told the family he couldn't provide a strong sleeping medication. Sleeping medication can be detrimental to most ALS patients because it relaxes their respiratory system and the patient can stop breathing and die. It's my assertion that Dr. Smith didn't provide the prescription sleeping pills because he knew the patient had ALS and not neurological Lyme and he knew a strong sleeping pill prescription would potentially make her stop breathing and die. This past Monday the patient's husband called Dr. Smith because his wife was having difficulty breathing and speaking and Dr. Smith said that the reason she was having these symptoms were because of her ALS, a disease he had previously told the family didn't exist. He advised the patient to start thinking about hospice. Dr. Smith told the patient and her husband that they must've started the neurological Lyme antibiotic infusion treatments too late and that they didn't catch the neurological Lyme in time to cure the patient. According to the patient Dr. Smith never felt it a duty to consult with the University of Chicago or Northwestern Medicine. Dr. Smith has been negligent and irresponsible. I'm a friend of the patient and this entire ordeal has been unbelievably painful for the patient, her husband and children, and friends and family. Please, I'm asking that you investigate this doctor for his negligence. He took an oath to first do no harm. He has done great harm to this family and used them to profit monetarily by using their grief, pain and fear and give them false hope. I'm pleading for help so that Dr. Smith can't do this to another family. Thank you!

## Processing Section

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## State Exhibit 2

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Description of ComplaintPt was diagnosed with ALS in approximately July. Pt saw Dr Smith and he told her, per pt and pt's husband, that ALS "wasn't a thing" and all ALS is actually neurological Lyme's. He told her to stop taking all her ALS medications because they wouldn't help her and that she instead should have IV antibiotic infusions for 3 months. She was taken off all her meds and started on antibiotics and rapidly declined. She is now in hospice.

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Related Cases

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