

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Virginia Ann Von Schaefer, M.D.

Physician's & Surgeon's
Certificate No. G 71137

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2022-088059

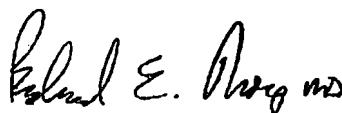
DECISION

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 7, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED: March 6, 2025.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



Richard E. Thorp, M.D. , Chair
Panel B

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10 **BEFORE THE**
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
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13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:
14 **VIRGINIA ANN VON SCHAEFER, M.D.**
675 Camino De Los Mares, Suite 200
15 **San Clemente, California 92673**
16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.**
G 71137
17
18 Respondent.

Case No. 800-2022-088059
OAH No. 2024060388
**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

19 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
20 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

21 **PARTIES**

22 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of
23 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this
24 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, and by Joseph F. McKenna III,
25 Deputy Attorney General.

26 2. Respondent Virginia Ann Von Schaefer, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this
27 proceeding by attorney Frank Seddigh, Esq., whose address is: 626 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite
28 410, Los Angeles, California, 90017.

1 3. On or about April 22, 1991, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
2 No. G 71137 to Respondent. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and
3 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2022-088059, and will
4 expire on January 31, 2027, unless renewed.

5 **JURISDICTION**

6 4. On February 29, 2024, Accusation No. 800-2022-088059 was filed before the Board
7 and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required
8 documents were properly served on Respondent on February 29, 2024. Respondent timely filed
9 her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A true and correct copy of the Accusation is
10 attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

11 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

12 5. Respondent has carefully read, discussed with her counsel, and fully understands the
13 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2022-088059. Respondent has also carefully read,
14 discussed with her counsel, and fully understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and
15 Disciplinary Order.

16 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
17 hearing on the charges and allegations contained in the Accusation; the right to confront and
18 cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own
19 behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the
20 production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision;
21 and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable
22 laws.

23 7. Having the benefit of counsel, Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently
24 waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

25 **CULPABILITY**

26 8. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations contained in
27 Accusation No. 800-2022-088059, if proven at an administrative hearing, constitute cause for
28 imposing discipline upon her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 71137.

1 12. Respondent agrees that if an accusation is ever filed against her before the Board, all
2 the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2022-088059 shall be deemed true,
3 correct, and fully admitted by Respondent for purposes of any such proceeding or any other
4 licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of California.

5 **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

6 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties herein
7 to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of the
8 agreements of the parties in the above-entitled matter.

9 14. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
10 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile
11 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

12 15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
13 the Board may, without further notice or opportunity to be heard by the Respondent, issue and
14 enter the following Disciplinary Order:

15 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

16 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Virginia Ann Von Schaefer, M.D.'s
17 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 71137 shall be and is hereby Publicly Reprimanded
18 pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 2227, subdivision (a), subsection
19 (4). This Public Reprimand, which is issued in connection with the charges and allegations
20 contained in Accusation No. 800-2022-088059, is as follows:

21 In or about September and October of 2019, Respondent failed to adequately
22 document a single patient's understanding and informed consent to receive
23 integrative cancer therapy and treatment. This constituted repeated negligent acts
24 and inadequate record keeping pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code sections 2234 and
25 2266, as more particularly alleged in Accusation No. 800-2022-088059.

26 1. **COST RECOVERY.**

27 Respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Medical Board of California the amount of
28 thirty thousand six hundred fifty-four dollars and forty cents (\$30,654.40) within ninety (90) days

1 from the effective date of this Decision for its investigative and enforcement costs, unless the
2 Board agrees in writing to payment by an installment plan because of financial hardship. All
3 requests for a payment plan shall be submitted in writing by Respondent to the Board.

4 The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of her responsibility
5 to reimburse the Board for its investigative and enforcement costs.

6 Any failure to fully comply with this term and condition of the Disciplinary Order shall
7 constitute unprofessional conduct and will subject Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's
8 Certificate to further disciplinary action.

9 2. EDUCATION COURSE.

10 Within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall
11 submit to the Board or its designee for its prior approval educational courses which shall not be
12 less than forty (40) hours. The educational courses shall be aimed at correcting any areas of
13 deficient practice or knowledge and shall be Category I certified. The educational courses shall be
14 at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME)
15 requirements for renewal of licensure. Following the completion of each course, the Board or its
16 designee may administer an examination to test Respondent's knowledge of the course.
17 Respondent shall provide proof of attendance for sixty-five (65) hours of CME of which forty
18 (40) hours were in satisfaction of this condition.

19 Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its
20 designee not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after successfully completing the course(s), or
21 not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.
22 In no event shall submittal of a certification occur later than one (1) year from the effective date
23 of the Decision.

24 An educational course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Accusation,
25 but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board or its
26 designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the course would have been
27 approved by the Board or its designee had the course been taken after the effective date of this
28 Decision.

1 Failure to successfully complete the forty (40) hours of educational courses and submit
2 certifications of successful completion to the Board or its designee, within one (1) year of the
3 effective date of the Decision, is a violation of this agreement and shall be deemed an act of
4 unprofessional conduct and a separate and distinct basis for discipline, in addition to any other
5 action that may be taken based on Respondent's failure to successfully complete forty (40) hours
6 of educational courses and submit certifications of completion to the Board or its designee.

7 3. MEDICAL RECORD KEEPING COURSE.

8 Within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall
9 enroll in a course in medical record keeping approved in advance by the Board or its designee.
10 Respondent shall provide the approved course provider with any information and documents that
11 the approved course provider may deem pertinent. Respondent shall participate in and
12 successfully complete the classroom component of the course not later than six (6) months after
13 Respondent's initial enrollment. Respondent shall successfully complete any other component of
14 the course within nine (9) months of enrollment. The medical record keeping course shall be at
15 Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the CME requirements for renewal of licensure.

16 Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its
17 designee not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after successfully completing the medical record
18 keeping course, or not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the effective date of the Decision,
19 whichever is later.

20 A medical record keeping course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the
21 Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board
22 or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the course would have
23 been approved by the Board or its designee had the course been taken after the effective date of
24 this Decision.

25 Failure to successfully complete the medical record keeping course and submit a
26 certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee, within one (1) year of the
27 effective date of the Decision, is a violation of this agreement and shall be deemed an act of
28 unprofessional conduct and a separate and distinct basis for discipline, in addition to any other

1 action that may be taken based on Respondent's failure to successfully complete the medical
2 record keeping course and submit a certification of completion to the Board or its designee.

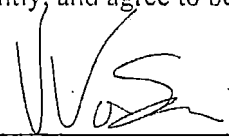
3 4. FAILURE TO COMPLY.

4 Any failure by Respondent to comply with the terms and conditions of the Disciplinary
5 Order above shall constitute unprofessional conduct and grounds for further disciplinary action.

6 ACCEPTANCE

7 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully
8 discussed it with my attorney, Frank Seddigh, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it
9 will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and
10 Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the
11 Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

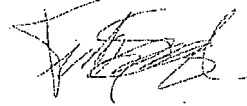
12 DATED: 2/12/25



13 VIRGINIA ANN VON SCHAEFER, M.D.
Respondent

14 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Virginia Ann Von Schaefer, M.D., the
15 terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and
16 Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

17 DATED: 2/12/25



18 FRANK SEDDIGH, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

19 ENDORSEMENT

20 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
21 submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

22 DATED: February 13, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
23 ROB BONTA
Attorney General of California
24 ALEXANDRA M. ALVAREZ
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

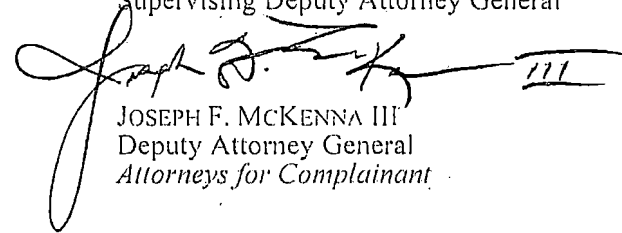
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2022-088059

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A C C U S A T I O N

17 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.**
18 **G 71137,**

Respondent.

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21 **PARTIES**

22 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as
23 the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs
24 (Board).

25 2. On or about April 22, 1991, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
26 No. G 71137 to Virginia Ann Von Schaefer, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's
27 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
28 expire on January 31, 2025, unless renewed.

1 JURISDICTION

2 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following
3 laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise
4 indicated.

5 4. Section 2220 of the Code states, in relevant part:

6 Except as otherwise provided by law, the board may take action against all
7 persons guilty of violating this chapter. The board shall enforce and administer this
8 article as to physician and surgeon certificate holders, including those who hold
9 certificates that do not permit them to practice medicine, such as, but not limited to,
retired, inactive, or disabled status certificate holders, and the board shall have all the
powers granted in this chapter for these purposes ...

10 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

11 5. Section 2227 of the Code states:

12 (a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of
13 the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government
14 Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered
into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the
provisions of this chapter:

15 (1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.

16 (2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one
17 year upon order of the board.

18 (3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation
monitoring upon order of the board.

19 (4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a
20 requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the
board.

21 (5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of
22 probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.

23 (b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters,
24 medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations,
25 continuing education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are
26 agreed to with the board and successfully completed by the licensee, or other matters
27 made confidential or privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made
28 available to the public by the board pursuant to Section 803.1.

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6. Section 2234 of the Code states, in relevant part:

The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.

...

(c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute repeated negligent acts.

...

(g) The failure by a certificate holder, in the absence of good cause, to attend and participate in an interview by the board. This subdivision shall only apply to a certificate holder who is the subject of an investigation by the board.

7. Unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code section 2234 is conduct which breaches the rules or ethical code of the medical profession, or conduct which is unbecoming to a member in good standing of the medical profession, and which demonstrates an unfitness to practice medicine. (*Shea v. Board of Medical Examiners* (1978) 81 Cal.App.3d 564, 575.)

8. Section 2266 of the Code states: The failure of a physician and surgeon to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services to their patients constitutes unprofessional conduct.

COST RECOVERY

9. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to 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 investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

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FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

10. Patient A¹

(a) On or about September 11, 2019, Patient A established care with Respondent at the Center for New Medicine & Cancer Center for Healing.² It was a telephonic consult and Patient A's health history and cancer diagnoses were discussed, including past and current cancer treatment that Patient A was receiving from an oncologist at City of Hope hospital.³

(b) At this same visit, Respondent recommended a comprehensive personalized cancer care plan involving different treatments and therapies, including, but not limited to, IV Salicinium, IV Mistletoe, LED laser bed, and an RGCC Onconomics blood test.⁴

(c) On or about September 26, 2019, Respondent saw Patient A in the clinic for a follow-up visit. Patient A gave a blood sample for the RGCC blood test and also received intravenous therapy with IV Salicilium and IV Mistletoe.

(d) On or about September 30, October 1, and October 4, 2019, Respondent saw Patient A in the clinic for continued integrative cancer therapy. Patient A received intravenous therapy with IV Salicilium and IV Mistletoe, and LED laser bed therapy.

(e) Respondent did not clearly document Patient A's understanding and informed consent to receive integrative cancer support care, in light of the conventional cancer therapy he was receiving at City of Hope hospital in 2019.

¹ For patient privacy purposes, Patient A's true name has not been used in the instant Accusation to maintain patient confidentiality. The patient's identity is known to Respondent or will be disclosed to Respondent upon receipt of a duly issued request for discovery in accordance with Government Code section 11507.6.

² At Center for New Medicine & Cancer Center for Healing, Respondent's clinical practice offered integrative cancer support care to address environmental issues in patients' bodies that have led to development of cancer.

³ Patient A received conventional cancer treatment from his oncologist at City of Hope hospital.

⁴ This blood test analyzes circulating tumor cells and cancer stem cells through targeted test results.

1 (f) Respondent did not document whether she had consulted with scientists
2 at Research Genetics Cancer Center (RGCC), prior to recommending the blood
3 test, to determine if this was an effective test for Patient A's particular cancer
4 diagnosis of essential hemorrhagic thrombocytopenia. Despite using a non-standard
5 blood test under the specific circumstances of Patient A's case, (i.e., RGCC)
6 Respondent did not document obtaining informed consent from Patient A.

7 (g) Respondent did not document discussing and obtaining informed consent
8 from Patient A about the risks associated with use of IV Salicinium and IV Mistletoe.

9 (h) According to the medical records, the cost of the RGCC Onconomics
10 blood test was \$2,339.12. Patient A paid out-of-pocket for all of the costly
11 treatments and therapies recommended by Respondent. The recommendation and
12 implementation of these costly treatments and therapies did not adequately
13 incorporate other integrative cancer support care and measures.

14 (i) For all of Respondent's documented visits with Patient A in 2019,
15 Respondent did not sign the chart notes at or around the time of the patient
16 encounter. The 2019 chart notes indicate that Respondent electronically signed
17 them on "01/06/2021." Notably, this is also the same date that the custodian of
18 records for Respondent's clinic produced Patient A's medical records to the Board
19 in response to a request for records involving this patient.

20 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

21 **(Repeated Negligent Acts)**

22 11. Respondent has subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 71137 to
23 disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined in section 2234, subdivision (c), of
24 the Code, in that Respondent committed repeated negligent acts in her care and treatment of
25 Patient A, as more particularly alleged hereinafter:

26 12. Paragraphs 10, above, is hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set
27 forth herein.

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13. Respondent committed repeated negligent acts in her care and treatment of Patients A, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Respondent failed to adequately document Patient A's understanding and informed consent to receive integrative cancer support care, in light of the conventional cancer therapy Patient A was concurrently receiving at City of Hope hospital in 2019;
- (b) Respondent failed to document obtaining informed consent from Patient A when she recommended the use of a non-standard blood test (i.e., RGCC) to address Patient A's diagnosis of essential hemorrhagic thrombocytopenia;
- (c) Respondent failed to adequately document discussing and obtaining informed consent from Patient A about the risks associated with use of IV Salicinium and IV Mistletoe;
- (d) Respondent failed to recommend and incorporate other integrative cancer support care and treatment for Patient A, in light of the costs of testing and treatment not covered by Patient A's insurance; and
- (e) Respondent failed to maintain adequate and accurate records for Patient A, including, signing chart notes for visits more than a year after the patient encounter had occurred.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain Adequate and Accurate Records)

14. Respondent has further subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 71137 to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234 of the Code, as defined by section 2266, of the Code, in that Respondent failed to maintain adequate and accurate records in connection with her care and treatment of Patient A, as more particularly alleged in paragraph 10, above, which is hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

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1 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Failure to Attend and Participate in an Interview by the Board)**

3 15. Respondent has further subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.
4 G 71137 to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234 of the Code, as defined in section
5 2234, subdivision (g), in that Respondent failed to attend and participate in an interview by the
6 Board, as more particularly alleged hereinafter:

7 16. On or about June 7, 2023, HQIU Investigator A.M. contacted Respondent's office to
8 schedule a subject interview. Respondent's office manager told the investigator that Respondent
9 "was busy," but that she would return the call at her earliest convenience.

10 17. On or about July 5, 2023, HQIU Investigator A.M. sent a letter to Respondent's
11 address of record with the Board requesting a call to schedule an interview. The letter was sent
12 via certified mail. The letter was returned as undeliverable.

13 18. On or about August 2, 2023, HQIU Investigator A.M. travelled to Respondent's
14 address of record, but he found that the suite was vacant.

15 19. On or about August 10, 2023, HQIU Investigator A.M. again spoke to Respondent's
16 office manager who advised that Respondent would return his call. On this date, Respondent
17 agreed to attend an interview on September 5, 2023.

18 20. On or about August 10, 2023, Respondent's attorney contacted HQIU Investigator
19 A.M. advising that Respondent could not attend the September 5, 2023 interview due to a
20 schedule conflict. On this same date, the investigator provided the attorney with the Board's
21 contact information and advised him to request an "800 (c) letter" at his earliest convenience.⁵
22 The investigator made several subsequent attempts to reschedule the interview.

23 21. On or about September 25, 2023, Respondent's attorney advised HQIU Investigator
24 A.M. that Respondent had recently suffered from a medical condition and "might" be unable to
25 attend the interview that had been rescheduled to October 19, 2023. The investigator sent follow-
26 up correspondence to Respondent and her attorney to confirm the interview date, in light of the

27 ⁵ Under Code section 800, subdivision (c), a licensee and/or his or her attorney may
28 request a copy of their central file with the Board, which includes any public complaints made
against the licensee.

1 notice from her attorney. Respondent and her attorney never responded that they would not attend
2 the scheduled interview on October 19, 2023.

3 22. On or about October 19, 2023, Respondent failed to appear for the pre-arranged
4 scheduled interview. Respondent nor her attorney provided notice to HQIU Investigator A.M. that
5 they would not attend the pre-arranged scheduled interview that day.

6 23. On or about October 20, 2023, HQIU Investigator A.M. served a subpoena to appear
7 and testify (SAT) on Respondent and her attorney. The rescheduled interview date was for
8 November 21, 2023. The interview would be held in a virtual setting. An electronic link was
9 emailed to the parties to participate in the virtual interview.

10 24. On or about November 21, 2023, Respondent appeared for the re-scheduled
11 interview. Respondent's attorney called in a few minutes late and stated that he could not attend
12 the virtual interview because he was "in transit." HQIU Investigator A.M. advised Respondent
13 and her attorney that he was ready to start the interview at that time. Respondent's attorney
14 replied that they were not ready because they did not know why Respondent was being
15 interviewed and "who" the parties were. Respondent's attorney demanded a new date to be
16 scheduled for the interview. The investigator explained that Respondent knew he had been
17 attempting to interview her since June 2023. The investigator further explained that he had tried
18 to accommodate Respondent, but that he was unable to postpone the interview again.
19 Respondent's attorney stated that Respondent was "ill." The attorney then stated that he did not
20 receive a written document from the Board regarding the complaint against Respondent. Despite
21 alleging that they did not know "who" the parties were, the attorney stated that Respondent had
22 not treated Patient A. The investigator then advised Respondent that, for the purpose of the
23 interview, Respondent could explain if she thought she had not treated Patient A. Respondent's
24 attorney reiterated that Respondent had not treated Patient A and that they would not go forward
25 with the interview. Respondent's attorney again stated that he wanted to have the interview
26 rescheduled. The interview was terminated and not rescheduled due to Respondent's failure to
27 participate in the interview and answer questions posed by the investigator.

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1 FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

2 (Unprofessional Conduct)

3 25. Respondent has further subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.
4 G 71137 to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234 of the Code, as defined by sections
5 2234, subsections (a), (c), and (g), and 2266, of the Code, in that Respondent has engaged in
6 conduct which breaches the rules or ethical code of the medical profession, or conduct which is
7 unbecoming to a member in good standing of the medical profession, and which demonstrates an
8 unfitness to practice medicine, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 10 through 24, above,
9 which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

10 PRAYER

11 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
12 and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

- 13 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 71137,
14 issued to Respondent Virginia Ann Von Schaefer, M.D.;
- 15 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Virginia Ann Von
16 Schaefer, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
- 17 3. Ordering Respondent Virginia Ann Von Schaefer, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of
18 the investigation and enforcement of this case;
- 19 4. Ordering Respondent Virginia Ann Von Schaefer, M.D., if placed on probation, to
20 pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring; and
- 21 5. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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23 DATED: FEB 29 2024

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25 REJI VARGHESE
26 Executive Director
27 Medical Board of California
28 Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
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