IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAND

ROBERT GERNER, M.D. * STATE BOARD OF

Respondent * PHYSICIANS

License Number: D17422 * Case Number: 2017-0087

CONSENT ORDER

BACKGROUND

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the "Maryland Board") received information that Robert Gerner, M.D., (the "Respondent") , License Number D17422, was disciplined by the California Board of Medicine (the "California Board"). In a Decision dated July 21, 2016, the California Board disciplined the Respondent by a Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, wherein the Respondent surrendered his California medical license.

Based on the above referenced California Board sanction, the Maryland Board has grounds to charge the Respondent with violating the following provisions of the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), under H. O. § 14-404(a):

- (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee:
 - Was subject to investigation or disciplinary action by a licensing or disciplinary authority or by a court of any state of county for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section and the licensee:
 - (i) Surrendered the license issued by the state or country to the state or country

The Maryland Board has determined that the acts for which the Respondent was disciplined in California would be grounds for disciplinary action under H.O. § 14-404(a). The grounds for disciplinary action under H.O. § 14-404(a) are as follows:

- (3) Is guilty of:
 - (i) Immoral conduct in the practice of medicine
 - (ii) Unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine
- (40) Fails to keep adequate medical records as determined by appropriate peer review

Based on the action taken by the California Board, the Respondent agrees to enter into this Consent Order with the Maryland Board of Physicians, consisting of Procedural Background, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of reciprocal action.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds the following:

- 1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed in Maryland on or about October 1, 1974.
- 2. The Respondent engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient during the time he was her psychiatrist and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records for this patient.

A copy of the California Board's Decision is attached hereto.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Maryland Board concludes as a matter of law that the disciplinary action taken by the California Board against the

Respondent was for an act or acts that would be grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(24)(i) had those offenses been committed in this state.

III. ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent agrees to **SURRENDER** his license to practice in Maryland; and it be further

ORDERED that this **CONSENT ORDER** is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann. Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 through 4-601 (2014).

09/02/2016

Christine A. Farrelly

Executive Director

Maryland Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, Robert Gerner, M.D., acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to consult with counsel before signing this document. By this Consent, I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and I agree and accept to be bound by this Consent Order and its conditions and restrictions. I waive any rights I may have had to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue

and enforce this Consent Order. I also affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing.

I sign this Consent Order after having had an opportunity to consult with counsel, without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Consent Order. I voluntarily sign this Consent Order, and understand its meaning and effect.

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8-30-16 Date	Robert Gerner, M.D.
Date	Respondent
	Respondent
STATE OF Calif	- -
CITY/COUNTY OF Los Angles	Los Argelon
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this	30 day of angus, 2016, before
me, the subscriber, a Notary Public for the	e State and City/County aforesaid, personally
appeared Robert Gerner, M.D., and made	oath in due form of law that the execution of
the foregoing Consent Order was His volu	untary act and deed.
AS WITNESSETH my hand and my nota	rial seal
	Notary Public
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:	•

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California County of Los Angeles)	
On Av6.30, Zol6 before me, Mark C. Ginsert personally appeared 23200 GENNE	Glode Notary Public name and title of the officer)
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to l subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to n his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/th person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s)	be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are ne that he/she/they executed the same in leir signature(s) on the instrument the
I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of to paragraph is true and correct.	MARK C. GLODE COMM. #1998870
WITNESS my hand and official seal. Signature (Seal)	NOTARY PUBLIC - CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES COUNTY N My Comm. Expires DECEMBER 18, 2016