

Christopher Wendel, M.D.

February 7, 2017

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Disciplinary Panel A
Maryland Board of Physicians
4201 Patterson Avenue, 4th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21215

RE: Surrender of License to Practice Medicine
License Number: D31154
MBP Case Number: 2017-0242

Dear Ms. Farrelly and Members of Disciplinary Panel A,

Please be advised that I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland, License Number D31154, effective immediately. I understand that upon surrender of my license, I may not give medical advice or treatment to any individual, with or without compensation, and cannot prescribe medications or otherwise engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health Occ.") §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol.) and other applicable laws. In other words, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in the State of Maryland.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** and on Disciplinary Panel A ("Panel A") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians' (the "Board's") acceptance, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of Panel A.

I acknowledge that the Board opened an investigation concerning my medical leave of absence. I have decided to surrender my license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland to avoid further investigation and due to my current health issues. I recognize that for all purposes relevant to medical licensure that there is sufficient evidence to support a conclusion that I am professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a) (4).

I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender to avoid further investigation and the issuance of charges. I do not wish to contest the allegations that I am currently professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a) (4).

I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender I am waiving my right to contest any charges that would issue from Panel A's investigative findings in a formal evidentiary hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony,

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to call witnesses on my own behalf and all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I understand that the Board will advise the Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank of this Letter of Surrender, and in response to any inquiry, that I have surrendered my license as if it were revoked. I also understand that in the event I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender may be released or published by the Board or Panel A to the same extent as a Final Order that would result from disciplinary action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann. Gen Prov. § 4-101 *et seq.* (2014), and that this Letter of Surrender constitutes a disciplinary action by Panel A.

I affirm that as of the date of this Letter of Surrender, I will present to the Board my original Maryland medical license number D31154, and my most recent wallet-sized renewal card. I also affirm that I will provide access to and copies of patient medical records in compliance with Title 4, subtitle 3 of the Health General Article.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my license will remain surrendered unless and until the Board grants reinstatement. In the event that I apply for reinstatement of my Maryland License, I understand that Panel A or its successor is not required to grant reinstatement. I further understand that if I ever file petition for reinstatement, I will approach Panel A or its successor in the same position as an individual whose license has been revoked. I also understand that if I apply for reinstatement, I bear the burden of demonstrating my professional competence and fitness to practice medicine to the satisfaction of Panel A or its successor.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have been advised of my right to be represented by the attorney of my choice throughout proceedings before Panel A, including the right to counsel with an attorney prior to signing this Letter of Surrender. I understand both the nature of Panel A's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I voluntarily choose to surrender my Maryland license to practice medicine pursuant to the terms and conditions set out herein. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C.H. Wendel MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "W" at the end.

Christopher Wendel, M.D.

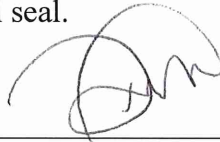
NOTARY

STATE OF DE

CITY/COUNTY OF NCC

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that on this 2 day of Jan, 2017 before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Christopher Wendel, M.D., and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that the signing of this Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.



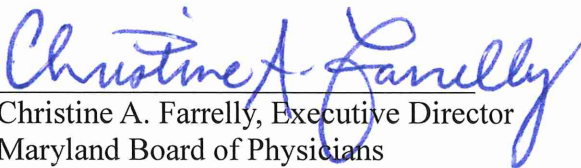
Notary Public

DORIS P. IACONI
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF DELAWARE
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 28, 2018

My commission expires: 7-28-2018

ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of Disciplinary Panel A of the Maryland Board of Physicians, on this 7th day of February 2017, I, Christine A. Farrelly, accept Christopher Wendel, M.D.'s **SURRENDER** of his license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.


Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Maryland Board of Physicians