

IN THE MATTER OF

SONIA M. ANDREOU, M.D.

APPLICANT

* BEFORE THE MARYLAND

* STATE BOARD OF

* PHYSICIANS

* Case Number: 2226-0187

CONSENT ORDER

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Based on information received regarding the Application for Initial Medical Licensure (the "Application") of Sonia M. Andreou, M.D. (the "Applicant") to practice medicine in Maryland, Disciplinary Panel B ("Panel B") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Maryland Board") has grounds to deny the Application under the Maryland Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §14-101 *et seq.* Prior to the issuance of a Notice of Intent to Deny Application for Initial Medical Licensure, the Applicant agreed to enter into, with the Maryland Board, this public Consent Order, which consists of Procedural Background, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

Specifically, Panel B has grounds to deny the Application pursuant to the following provisions of the Act:

Health Occ. §14-205. Miscellaneous powers and duties.

(b) Additional powers.

(3) Subject to the Administrative Procedure Act and the hearing provisions of §14-405 of this title, a disciplinary panel may deny a license to an applicant ... for:

(i) Any of the reasons that are grounds for disciplinary action under §14-404, §14-5A-17, §14-5B-14, §14-5C-17, §14-5D-14, §14-5E-16, or §14-5F-18 of this title [.]

Health Occ. §14-404. Disciplinary grounds.

(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 the license if the licensee:

- (1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for the applicant or licensee or for another;
- (3) Is guilty of:
 - (ii) Unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine;
- (11) Willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of medicine
- (36) Willfully makes a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure or any other application related to the practice of medicine[.]

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel B makes the following findings of fact:

1. On or about April 1, 2026, the Applicant filed with the Maryland Board an Application to practice medicine in Maryland.
2. The Application contained a series of character and fitness questions, to which the Applicant was required to answer "YES" or "NO." The Applicant responded "NO" to the following character and fitness questions:
 - "3. During your years of postgraduate training, was any action taken against you by any training program, hospital, medical board, licensing authority or court? Such actions include but are not limited to investigations, limitations of privileges or special conditions, requirements imposed for academic incompetence, disciplinary actions, probationary action, etc.
 - 4. Did you ever start a postgraduate training, but not complete it?"
3. At the conclusion of the Application, the Applicant certified that she personally reviewed all responses to the items in the Application and that the information she gave was true to the best

of her knowledge, information and belief. She further attested that she understood that providing any false, misleading, or incomplete information may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

4. On or about April 2, 2026, the Board requested an explanation from the Applicant regarding the discrepancies between what she reported in her Application and information noted on her Federation Credentials Verification Service (“FCVS”) profile.

5. On or about April 6, 2026, the Applicant provided a written response regarding the discrepancies.

6. The Board received the following information about the Applicant’s postgraduate training:

- a) In 2021, the University of Florida Jacksonville General Surgery residency program was notified of her involvement in circumstances of academic dishonesty during the American Board of Surgery In-Training Exam (ABSITE). The Applicant’s score showed an 86% concordance with that of another resident, a result that the American Board of Surgery noted had a less than one (1) in one (1) quintillion chance of occurring. A multidisciplinary committee convened by the program investigated the matter and unanimously agreed that the only reasonable explanation for the concordance in scores was that the Applicant had copied her answers from the other resident. As such, the committee determined to dismiss her from the program.

7. By not disclosing the above action taken by a training program, the Board’s investigation determined that the Applicant made a material misrepresentation on her Application.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel B concludes, as a matter of law, that the Applicant: fraudulently or deceptively obtained or attempted to obtain a license for

the applicant or licensee or for another, in violation of Health Occ. §14-404(a)(1); is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. §14-404(a)(3)(ii); willfully made or filed a false report or record in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. §14-404(a)(11), and willfully made a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure or any other application related to the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. §14-404(a)(36). *See* Health Occ. § 14-205(b)(3)(i).

ORDER

It is, thus, by Panel B, hereby:

ORDERED that the Application of Sonia M. Andreou, M.D., to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Applicant is **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that within **SIX (6) MONTHS** of the effective date of this Consent Order, the Applicant is required to take and successfully complete a course in Ethics. The following terms apply:

- (a) it is the Applicant's responsibility to locate, enroll in and obtain the disciplinary panel's approval of the course before the courses are begun;
- (b) the Applicant must provide documentation to the disciplinary panel that the Applicant has successfully completed the course;
- (c) the course may not be used to fulfill the continuing medical education credits required for license renewal;
- (d) the Applicant is responsible for the cost of the course; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order shall not be amended or modified, and future requests for modification will not be considered by the Board or a disciplinary panel; and it is

further

ORDERED that, if the Applicant allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Applicant shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the hearing shall be before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings followed by an exceptions process before a disciplinary panel; and if there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, the Applicant shall be given a show cause hearing before a disciplinary panel; and it is further

ORDERED that, after the appropriate hearing, if the disciplinary panel determines that the Applicant has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the disciplinary panel may reprimand the Applicant, place the Applicant on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend the Applicant's license with appropriate terms and conditions, or revoke the Applicant's license to practice medicine in Maryland. The disciplinary panel may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine on the Applicant; and it is further

ORDERED that the Applicant is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order goes into effect on the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Maryland Board or her designee, who signs on behalf of Panel B; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a public document. See Health Occ. §1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. §4-333(b)(6).

07/09/2026
Date

Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, Sonia M. Andreou, M.D., have chosen to proceed without legal counsel, and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without legal counsel is freely and voluntarily made.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and all its terms and conditions and understand that the disciplinary panel will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition.

I assert that I am aware of my right to have had a formal evidentiary hearing if the Maryland Board had issued charges concerning this matter, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §14-405 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§10-201 et seq. I waive this right and have elected to sign this Consent Order instead.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered 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 waive those procedural and substantive protections. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the disciplinary panel to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order.

I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order set out in the Consent Order. I waive all rights to appeal this Consent Order.

I sign this Consent, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

07/09/2026

Date

Signature on File

Sonia M. Andreou, M.D.
Applicant

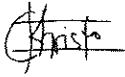
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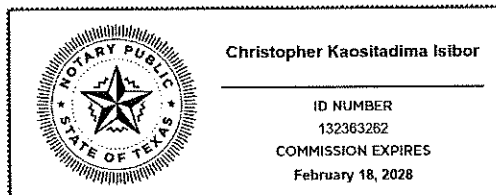
CITY/COUNTY OF: Williamson

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 9th day of July, ²⁰²⁶ ~~2020~~ ^{CKI}, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Sonia M. Andreou, M.D. and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.



Notary Public



My Commission expires: 02/18/2028

Electronically signed and notarized online using the Proof platform.