

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
CHRISTOPHER ROMIG, M.D.	*	STATE BOARD OF
RESPONDENT	*	PHYSICIANS
License Number: D0067474	*	Case Number: 2225-0163

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CONSENT ORDER

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the “Maryland Board”) received information that Christopher Romig, M.D. (the “Respondent”), License Number D0067474, was disciplined by the Medical Board of California (the “California Board”). In a Decision and Order (the “Order”) dated February 27, 2025, the California Board disciplined the Respondent by revoking his license; however, the revocation was stayed, and the Respondent was placed on probation for three (3) years with terms and conditions.

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:
 - (21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country or disciplined by any branch of the United States uniformed services or the Veteran’s Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section,

Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) 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)(ii) Is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine;
- (11) Willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of medicine;
- (17) Makes a willful misrepresentation in treatment;
- (22) Fails to meet appropriate standards as determined by appropriate peer review for the delivery of quality medical and surgical care performed in an outpatient surgical facility, office, hospital, or any other location in this State;
- (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 Panel A, consisting of Procedural Background, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel A makes the following findings of fact:

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed in Maryland on or about April 22, 2008.

2. In its Accusation¹ dated March 28, 2024, the Respondent reported that he “regularly removed excessive amounts of Demerol² from the [hospital Pyxis³] under the

¹ An Accusation is a document stating the charges the California Board has filed against the physician.

² Demerol is an opioid agonist and a Schedule II controlled substance.

³ A Pyxis is an automated medication dispensing system.

guise of patient care, with the intention of retaining the extra amount of Demerol for his own personal use” from approximately 2020 through 2021. The Respondent also reported that he would initially mix the Demerol with “juice” but that, over time, he “...mixed [it] with alcohol to gain his desired effect.” He further reported that he consumed the Demerol on his way home from work.

3. In the Accusation, the California Board also found that the Respondent was negligent in his care of three patients, “Patient A,” “Patient B,” and “Patient C,” by inaccurately documenting the “amount of Demerol administered [to each patient] and [diverting] the excess amount of Demerol for his own personal use.”

4. By Order dated February 27, 2025, the California Board disciplined the Respondent by revoking his license; however, the revocation was stayed, and the Respondent was placed on probation for three (3) years with terms and conditions, which includes the Respondent abstaining from alcohol and controlled substances use, submitting to biological fluid testing, attending a substance abuse support group, and completing a medical record keeping and ethics course. In addition, the Respondent is prohibited from solo practice.

A copy of the California Board Order is attached hereto.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel A concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent is subject to discipline under Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(21) for the disciplinary action taken by the California Board against the Respondent for an act or acts that would be grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occ. §14-404(a)(3)(ii), (11), (17), (22), and (40).

ORDER

It is, thus, by Panel A, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is hereby placed on **PROBATION**, and the Respondent shall comply with all terms and conditions of the California Board Decision and Order dated February 27, 2025; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is required to enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program should he practice medicine in the State of Maryland; and it is further,

ORDERED that this Consent Order shall not be amended or modified and future requests for modification will not be considered; and it is further,

ORDERED that the effective date of the Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director or her designee signs the Consent Order on behalf of the disciplinary panel which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

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

ORDERED that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Respondent shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If the disciplinary panel determines 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 the disciplinary panel determines there is no genuine dispute as

to a material fact, the Respondent 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 Respondent has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the disciplinary panel may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend Respondent's license with appropriate terms and conditions, or revoke the Respondent's license. The disciplinary panel may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine on the Respondent; 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).

05/05/2025
Date

Signature on file

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, CHRISTOPHER ROMIG, acknowledge that I have consulted with legal counsel before signing this document.

[OR]

I, _____, acknowledge that I am aware of my right to consult with and be represented by counsel in considering this Consent Order. I have chosen to proceed without counsel and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without 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 a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-405 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 *et seq.* concerning the pending charges. 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 voluntarily enter into and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order as a resolution of the charges. 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 Order, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

Signature on file

Date 5/1/25

Christopher Romig, M.D.
Respondent

NOTARY

STATE OF _____

CITY/COUNTY OF _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _____ day of _____, 2025, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally Christopher Romig, M.D., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.
SEE CALIFORNIA NOTARY, ATTACHED

Notary Public

SEE CALIFORNIA NOTARY, ATTACHED

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 ORANGE

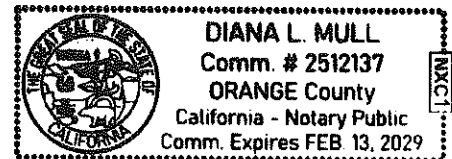
On MAY 1, 2025 before me, DIANA L. MULL NOTARY PUBLIC
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared CHRISTOPHER ROMIG -----,
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are
subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in
his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the
person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing
paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature *Diana L. Mull* (Seal)



Attached to Consent form Physicians Board