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| IN THE MATTER OF | * | BEFORE THE MARYLAND |
| Hashem Vahabzadeh-Monshie, M.D. | * | STATE BOARD OF |
| RESPONDENT | * | PHYSICIANS |
| License Number: D0068624 | * | Case Number: 2225-0202 |

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CONSENT ORDER

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the “Maryland Board”) received information that Hashem Vahabzadeh-Monshie, M.D., (the “Respondent”) License Number D0068624, was disciplined by the Virginia Board of Medicine (the “Virginia Board”). In a Consent Order (the “Order”) dated May 1, 2025, the Virginia Board disciplined the Respondent by issuing a reprimand against his medical license.

Based on the above referenced Virginia 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 B ("Panel B") has determined that the acts for which the Respondent was disciplined in Virginia would be grounds for disciplinary action under H.O. § 14-404(a) and H.O. § 14-5B-18.1(a).

The grounds for disciplinary action under H.O. § 14-404(a) are as follows:

- (3)(ii) Unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine;
- (18) Practices medicine with an unauthorized person or aids an unauthorized person in the practice of medicine[.]

The grounds for disciplinary action under H.O. § 14-5B-18.1. are as follows:

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a licensed physician may not employ or supervise an individual practicing radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, or radiology assistance without a license.

Based on the action taken by the Virginia Board, the Respondent agrees to enter into this Consent Order with Panel B, consisting of Procedural Background, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order and Consent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel B 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 February 2, 2009.
2. In its Order, the Virginia Board found that the Respondent "aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of medicine and radiologic technology"¹ at his rheumatology practice in Woodbridge, Virginia, in approximately 2024.

¹ The Respondent violated Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2915(A)(3), (11), (13), (16), (17), and (18) and 54.1-3408(U), and 18 VAC 85-20-29(A)(1).

3. Specifically, unlicensed individuals employed at the Respondent's practice were independently "inserting and starting IV lines ... mixing/diluting prescribed medications ... and administering IV medications and infusions without direct physician supervision over drug calculations and infusion rates."

4. Furthermore, such employees "prepared patients for and took x-rays and DEXA bone density scans without sufficient oversight."

5. In his written statement to the Virginia Board, the Respondent stated that he is "called into the room to press the exposure button" for patient imaging. However, this statement was disputed in interviews with staff members.

6. By Order dated May 1, 2025, the Virginia Board disciplined the Respondent by issuing a reprimand against his medical license.

A copy of the Virginia Order is attached hereto.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel B 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 Virginia Board against the Respondent for an act or acts that would be grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii), (18), and Health Occ. § 14-5B-18.1(a).

ORDER

It is, thus, by Panel B, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland be and is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; 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).

07/11/2025
Date

Signature On File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland Board of Physicians

CONSENT

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

[OR]

I, Hashem Vahabzadeh-Monshie, 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

6/28/2025
Date

Hashem Vahabzadeh-Monshie, M.D.
Respondent

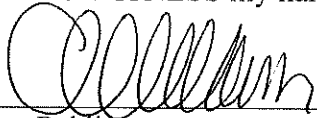
NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Montgomery

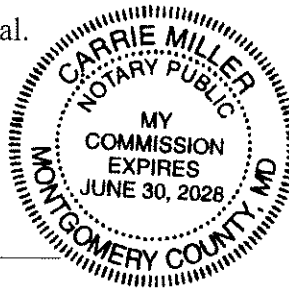
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 28th day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally Hashem Vahabzadeh-Monshie, M.D., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.



Notary Public

My Commission expires: 6/30/2028



Attachment 1

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: HASHEM VAHABZADEH-MONSHIE, M.D.
License Number: 0101-244993
Case Number: 240551

CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and Hashem Vahabzadeh-Monshie, M.D., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Dr. Vahabzadeh-Monshie's license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Hashem Vahabzadeh-Monshie, M.D., was issued License Number 0101-244993 to practice medicine on February 4, 2009, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026.

2. Dr. Vahabzadeh-Monshie violated Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2915(A)(3), (11), (13), (16), (17), and (18) and 54.1-3408(U), and 18 VAC 85-20-29(A)(1) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, in that he aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of medicine and radiologic technology at his Woodbridge, Virginia, rheumatology practice in or about 2024. Specifically:

a. Unlicensed employees at the practice performed intravenous infusions without appropriate oversight, including inserting and starting IV lines independently, mixing/diluting prescribed medications in IV bags based on standing orders,¹ and administering IV medications and infusions without direct physician supervision over drug calculations and infusion rates.

¹ The medications administered included, but were not limited to, Actemra (tocilizumab, an immunosuppressant), Benlysta (belimumab, a treatment for Lupus), Krystexxa (pegloticase, a treatment for gout), Orencia (abatacept, an immunosuppressant), Reclast (zoledronic acid, a bisphosphonate often used to treat osteoporosis), Remicade (infliximab, an immunosuppressant), Rituxan (rituximab, a monoclonal antibody), and Simponi ARIA (golimumab, an immunosuppressant).

b. Unlicensed employees also prepared patients for and took x-rays and DEXA bone density scans without sufficient oversight, including placing lead aprons on patients, positioning and readjusting patients as needed, and pressing the exposure button on the imaging machines.

3. In a written statement, Dr. Vahabzadeh-Monshie emphasized that for patient imaging studies he is called into the room to press the exposure button, but in interviews with a Department of Health Professions investigator conducted prior to the submission of the written statement, staff members disputed that he was always present and/or always pressed the exposure button.

CONSENT

Hashem Vahabzadeh-Monshie, M.D., by affixing his signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document and I am not represented by legal counsel;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*;
3. I acknowledge that I have the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Board; and the right to representation by counsel;
4. I waive my right to an informal conference;
5. I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waive my right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any sanction imposed hereunder in any future judicial or administrative proceeding in which the Board is a party;
6. I consent to the entry of the following Order affecting my license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Medicine hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Hashem Vahabzadeh-Monshie, M.D., is REPRIMANDED.
2. Within 30 days of entry of this Consent Order, Dr. Vahabzadeh-Monshie will certify to the Board in writing that he has read and will comply with (i) Virginia Code § 54.1- 54.1-3408(U) of the Drug Laws for Practitioners, and (ii) the Regulations Governing the Practice of Radiologic Technology (18 VAC 85-101-10 *et seq.*).
3. Upon receipt of evidence that Dr. Vahabzadeh-Monshie has complied with the foregoing terms of this Order, the Executive Director is authorized to close this matter, or refer it to a special conference committee for review.
4. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of medicine shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.


Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

A TRUE COPY TESTE:



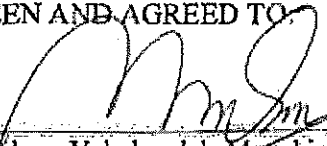
VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE



Jennifer Deschenes, J.D., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 5/1/2025

SEEN AND AGREED TO:


Hashem Vahabzadeh-Monshie, M.D.

COMMONWEALTH OF ~~VIRGINIA~~ ^{Maryland}
COUNTY/CITY OF Montgomery, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on
this 19 day of April, 2025.


Notary Public



My commission expires:

08/12/28

Registration No.:
