

IN THE MATTER OF
ABRAHAM DABELA, M.D.

Respondent

License Number: D19891

*** BEFORE THE**
*** MARYLAND STATE**
*** BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**
*** Case Number: 2220-0145A**

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION
OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of **ABRAHAM DABELA M.D.** (the “Respondent”), License Number D19891, to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

Panel A takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t § 10-226(c) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2020 Supp.) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Based on information received by, and made known to Panel A, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to Panel A, including the instances described below, Panel A has reason to believe that the following facts are true:¹

¹ The statements regarding Panel A’s investigative findings are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis of the suspension. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent, a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in connection with this matter.

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on October 21, 1976, under License Number D19891. The Respondent's license is current through September 30, 2022.

2. The Respondent is board-certified in internal medicine with a sub-specialty certification in nephrology that expired in 2015.

3. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was the co-owner of a medical practice located in Prince George's County Maryland.

THE COMPLAINT

4. On or about November 20, 2019 the Board received a complaint from a physician who is associated with the Respondent ("Physician A") alleging that the Respondent "is no longer competent to care for patients."

BOARD INVESTIGATION

5. On receipt of the Complaint, the Board initiated an investigation into the allegation. As part of its investigation, Board staff conducted interviews and subpoenaed records including the Respondent's medical records and medical records of patients.

6. The Board's investigation revealed that the Respondent was involved in an automobile accident in July 2018.

7. In October 2018, the Respondent underwent emergency surgery and did not return to the medical practice until November 2019. During the Respondent's absence, Physician A assumed the care of Respondent's patients. While caring for the Respondent's patients, Physician A noticed that the Respondent had been exhibiting signs of cognitive

impairment and had not been providing competent care for the patients. Physician A also informed the Board that he had received calls from other physicians expressing concerns about the Respondent's evaluations of patients and that the Respondent was not properly documenting patients' conditions and treatment.

8. As part of the Board's investigation, the Board referred the Respondent to a Board-approved program (the "Program") for an independent evaluation to determine his present fitness to practice medicine safely. On December 22, 2020, at the direction of the Program, Respondent submitted to a comprehensive evaluation by independent evaluators. The evaluators issued a report that concluded that the Respondent "can no longer safely practice medicine" as a result of his condition.²

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings, Panel A concludes that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2020 Supp.) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7).

ORDER

It is, by a majority of a quorum of Panel A, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), the license of the Respondent,

² In order to maintain confidentiality, the details of the report will not be disclosed in this Order, but the evaluation report will be made available to the Respondent upon request.

Abraham Dabela, M.D., License Number D19891, to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that a post-deprivation hearing in accordance with COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7) and E has been scheduled for **Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.** before Disciplinary Panel A at the Maryland State Board of Physicians, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215; and it is further

ORDERED that at the conclusion of the post-deprivation summary suspension hearing held before Panel A, the Respondent, if dissatisfied with the result of the hearing, may request within ten (10) days, an evidentiary hearing, such hearing to be held within thirty (30) days of the request before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings, Administrative Law Building, 11101 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order for Summary Suspension is an order of Panel A and as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**. See Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

01/29/2021
Date

Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians