

Joel Wilkerson, M.D.

Date: 10/17/18

Arun Bhandari, Chair
Disciplinary Panel A
Maryland State Board of Physicians
4201 Patterson Avenue, 4th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

Re: Permanent Surrender of License to Practice Medicine
Joel Wilkerson, M.D. License Number: D27055
Case Number: 2219-0023

Dear Dr. Bhandari and Members of Disciplinary Panel A,

Please be advised that, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health Occ.") §14-403 (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2017 Supp.), I have decided to **PERMANENTLY SURRENDER** my license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland, License Number D27055, 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"), Health Occ. §§ 14-101 *et seq.* 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 Permanent Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**, and upon Disciplinary Panel A's ("Panel A") acceptance, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of Panel A of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board").

I acknowledge that the Board received a complaint regarding my fitness to practice medicine and initiated an investigation into the allegations. I have decided to permanently surrender my license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland to avoid further investigation and prosecution of these allegations and due to my health condition. I recognize that for all purposes relevant to medical licensure that these allegations shall be treated as proven and that these allegations support a conclusion that I am professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent to practice medicine. See Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(4).

I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Permanent Letter of Surrender to avoid the issuance of charges and prosecution of the aforementioned allegations. I do not wish to contest these allegations.

Arun Bhandari, M.D. and Members of Disciplinary Panel A

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I understand that by executing this Permanent 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, to call witnesses on my own behalf and all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal to circuit court.

I understand that the Board will advise the Federation of State Medical Boards, the National Practitioner Data Bank, and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank of this Letter of Surrender. I also understand that in the event I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction that this Permanent Letter of Surrender may be released or published by the Board 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 Repl. Vol. & 2017 Supp.), and that this Permanent Letter of Surrender constitutes a disciplinary action by Panel A.

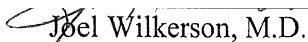
I affirm that I will provide access to and copies of medical records to my patients in compliance with Title 4, subtitle 3 of the Health General Article.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Permanent Letter of Surrender, my license in Maryland will remain permanently surrendered. In other words, I agree that I have no right to reapply and will not reapply for a license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Permanent 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 an attorney of my choice throughout proceedings before Panel A, including the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this Permanent Letter of Surrender. I have knowingly and willfully waived my right to be represented by an attorney before signing this letter permanently surrendering my license to practice medicine in Maryland. I understand both the nature of Panel A's actions and this Permanent Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Permanent Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Very truly yours,

Signature on File


Joel Wilkerson, M.D.

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NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Anne Arundel

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17 day of October, 2018 before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Joel Wilkerson, M.D., and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that the signing of this Permanent Letter of Surrender was voluntary.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

Devi Hicks
Notary Public

My commission expires: 03/08/2020



ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of Disciplinary Panel A, on this 22nd day of October 2018, I, Christine A. Farrelly, accept the **PERMANENT PUBLIC SURRENDER** of Joel Wilkerson, M.D.'s license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

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