

Date: 10/28/2022

Mark D. Olszyk, M.D., Chair
Disciplinary Panel A
Maryland State Board of Physicians
4201 Patterson Avenue, 4th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

Re: Surrender of License to Practice Medicine
John M. McDonald, M.D. License Number: D66757
Case Number: 2222-0038A

Dear Dr. Olszyk and Members of Disciplinary Panel A,

Please be advised that, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health Occ.") §14-403 (2021 Repl. Vol.), I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland, License Number D66757, 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 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 alleging mismanagement of a patient's care and subsequent falsification of the patient's medical records upon knowledge of the patient's death and that the Board initiated an investigation into the allegations. I have decided to surrender my license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland to avoid further investigation and prosecution of these allegations and due to my current retirement. 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 violated Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(11) (willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of medicine), (22) (fails to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of quality medical care), and (40) (fails to keep adequate medical records).

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

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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, and the National Practitioner 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 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 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 also agree to surrender my Controlled Dangerous Substances Registration to the Office of Controlled Substances Administration [if applicable].

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my license will remain surrendered unless and until the Board grants reinstatement. In the event that I apply for reinstatement of my Maryland License, I understand that Panel A or its successor is not required to grant reinstatement; and, if it does grant reinstatement, may impose any terms and conditions the disciplinary panel considers appropriate for public safety and the protection of the integrity and reputation of the profession. I further understand that if I ever file a petition for reinstatement, I will approach Panel A or its successor in the same position as an individual whose license has been revoked.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this 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 Letter of Surrender. I was represented by an attorney prior to signing this letter permanently surrendering my license to practice medicine in Maryland. I understand both the nature of Panel A's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Very truly yours

Signature On File

 John M. McDonald, M.D.


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NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Bethesda - Montgomery

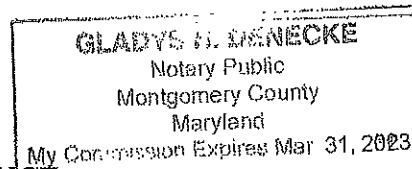
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 13th day of October, 2022 before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared John McDonald, M.D., and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that the signing of this Letter of Surrender was voluntary.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.



Notary Public

My commission expires:



ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of Disciplinary Panel A, on this 28th day of October, 2022, I, Christine A. Farrelly, accept the **PUBLIC SURRENDER** of John McDonald, M.D.'s license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

Signature On File

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Maryland Board of Physicians