

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAND
ROWENA TAN GRUMBINE, M.D. * STATE BOARD OF
Respondent * PHYSICIANS
License Number: D87861 * Case Number: 7723-0087 B

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE**

Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license to practice medicine of **ROWENA TAN GRUMBINE, M.D.** (the “Respondent”), License Number D87861, in the State of Maryland.

Panel B takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t §10-226(c)(2)(2021 Repl. Vol. & 2022 Supp.) and Md. Code Regs. (“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 B, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by, and made known to and available to Panel B, including the instances described below, Panel B has reasonable cause to believe that the following facts are true:¹

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent’s conduct are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the basis of Panel B’s action. 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.

Introduction

Panel B is summarily suspending the Respondent's license to practice medicine after a Board investigation revealed that she has health conditions that impair her ability to practice medicine safely.

Background/Licensing Information

1. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on July 8, 2019, under License Number D87861. The Respondent's license is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2024, subject to renewal.
2. The Respondent is also licensed to practice medicine in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.
3. The Respondent is board-certified in pediatrics.
4. Beginning in November 2019, the Respondent was a locum tenens provider and practiced as a pediatric hospitalist at four Maryland hospitals.² Most recently, she practiced at a hospital (the "Hospital") in Maryland from March 10, 2022, until March 14, 2022.

The Board Investigation

5. On or around March 15, 2022, the Board received a Mandated 10-Day Report from the Hospital and conducted an investigation.
6. The Board investigation resulted in the Board issuing the Respondent

² To maintain confidentiality, the names of health care facilities, individuals, and health care programs will not be identified in this document. The Respondent may obtain the identity of the individuals and health care facilities referenced herein by contacting the administrative prosecutor.

disciplinary charges (the “Disciplinary Charges”), case number 2222-0116 B, after the Board made findings including that the Respondent’s practice regarding the resuscitation of newborn babies violated the standard of care³ and that the Respondent was guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine when she violated a supervisor’s order to not attend deliveries at the Hospital.⁴

7. On or around June 1, 2023, the Respondent voluntarily signed a consent order (the “Consent Order”)⁵ to resolve the Disciplinary Charges.

8. Among other things, the Consent Order required that the Respondent enroll in and successfully complete a Board-approved health program (the “Health Program”).

9. As part of the Respondent’s participation in the Health Program, the Respondent underwent evaluations (the “Evaluations”) and was diagnosed with health conditions.⁶

10. A medical specialist reviewed the pertinent documents, including, but not limited to, documents contained in the Board’s investigative file from the Disciplinary

³ The Board submitted the medical records of ten (10) patients to a peer review entity and two peer reviewers, each board-certified in neonatology, independently reviewed the records and determined that the Respondent violated the standard of care for nine (9) out of ten (10) patients.

⁴ The Respondent was charged with violating Health Occ. § 14-404(a): (3)(ii) Is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine; (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; and (40) Fails to keep adequate medical records as determined by appropriate peer review.

⁵ The Consent Order took effect when the Board’s Executive Director signed the Consent on June 7, 2023.

⁶ For confidentiality reasons, the specific information contained in the Evaluations will not be disclosed in this document. This information will be disclosed to the Respondent upon request. The Panel reviewed this information prior to the issuance of this Order for Summary Suspension of License to Practice Medicine.

Charges and the Evaluations and, on or around September 11, 2023, opined that the Respondent “is not capable of safely practicing medicine at this time.”

11. On or around September 14, 2023, the Health Program recommended to the Respondent that she sign a practice cessation agreement⁷ and the Respondent refused.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Investigative Findings, Panel B of the Board concludes that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and, pursuant to State Gov’t § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), the summary suspension of the Respondent’s license to practice medicine in Maryland is required.

ORDER

IT IS thus, by Panel B of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in Panel B by State Govt. § 10-226(c)(2)(2021 Repl. Vol. & 2022 Supp.) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that, during the course of the summary suspension, the Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that in accordance with Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.08B(7) and E, a post-deprivation hearing on the summary suspension will be held on **Wednesday**,

⁷ On or around August 15, 2023, the Respondent signed a participation agreement with the Health Program within which she agreed, among other things, “that my individual circumstances may require me to temporarily cease practicing medicine. In that event, I will sign a Voluntary Practice Cessation Agreement.”

October 25, 2023, at 11:15 a.m. at the Board's offices, located at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, 21215-0095; and it is further

ORDERED that after the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** hearing before Panel B, the Respondent, if dissatisfied with the result of the hearing, may request, within ten (10) days, an evidentiary hearing, such hearing to be set 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 21031-1301; and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of the Order for Summary Suspension shall be filed by Panel B immediately in accordance with Health Occ. § 14-407 (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2022 Supp.); and it is further

ORDERED that this is a disciplinary Order of Panel B, 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).

Signature On File

10/17/2023
Date

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians