

Arthur Woodward, M.D.

January 28, 2016

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

RE: Surrender of Medical License
License Number: D24190
Case Number: 2015-0364A

Dear Dr. Singh and Members of Disciplinary Panel A:

I have decided to **PERMANENTLY SURRENDER** my license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland, License Number D24190, effective immediately.¹ 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 otherwise engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health Occ."), §§ 14-101 *et seq.*, (2014 Repl. Vol.) 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 on Disciplinary Panel A of the Maryland State Board of Physicians' (the "Board's") acceptance becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of Disciplinary Panel A.

My decision to permanently surrender my license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland has been prompted by the Board's investigation into allegations that I violated the Maryland Medical Practice Act pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii) (unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine), (22) (fails to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of quality medical and surgical care) and (40) (fails to keep adequate records). I acknowledge that the Board's investigation was

¹ I allowed my license to expire on September 30, 2015, but according to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-403(a), my license may not lapse by operation of law while I am under investigation by the Board or while charges are pending.

initiated based on a mandatory report filed by a hospital in which I was previously privileged ("Hospital A") alleging Hospital A had suspended my privileges as a precaution based a wrong site surgery that I had conducted, and my failure to report the incident to Hospital A. Based on Hospital A's report, the Board conducted a practice review of nine patient records, and two peer reviewers board-certified in general surgery concurred that I had allegedly failed to meet the standard of quality surgical care in five of the nine patients reviewed.

Additionally, my decision to permanently surrender my medical license is based on my decision to retire from the practice of medicine. I allowed my medical license to expire on September 30, 2015.

I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender in lieu of Disciplinary Panel A proceeding with further investigation and prosecution in MBP Case #2015-0364. In addition, I have decided that I no longer wish to practice medicine.

If the case were to proceed to a hearing, the Board would submit evidence to support the investigatory findings that I violated the disciplinary grounds with which I would have been charged and that that for purposes related to medical licensure, the investigatory findings will be treated as if proven. I understand that by executing this letter of surrender, I am waiving any right to contest any charges that the Board would have issued in this case.

I understand that Disciplinary Panel A will advise the Federation of State Medical Boards, the National Practitioners' Data Bank, and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Databank of this Letter of Surrender, and in any response to any inquiry, that I have surrendered my license in lieu of further disciplinary action. I also understand that in the event I apply for a license in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, this Letter of Surrender and the underlying investigative documents may be released or published by Disciplinary Panel A to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101-4-601 (2014), and that this Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.


I affirm that on or before the date of Disciplinary Panel A's acceptance of this Letter of Surrender, I will provide to Board staff a copy of my initial medical license and my most recent renewal license issued by the Board.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, I have no right to reapply for a license to practice medicine, and that the Board or a disciplinary panel of the Board is not obligated to consider such an application.


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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 consulted with an attorney before signing this Letter of Surrender. I understand both the nature of the Board'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.

Sincerely,


Arthur Woodward, M.D.

Reviewed by:


Charles I. Joseph, Esquire

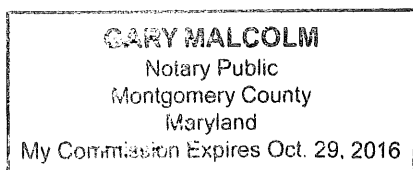
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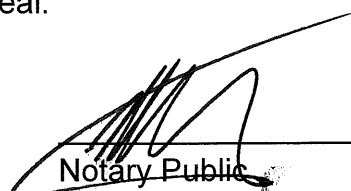
STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 28th day of JANUARY 2016,
before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared
Arthur Woodward, M.D. and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that
signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and official seal.




Notary Public

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My Commission expires: 10/29/2016

ACCEPTANCE

On this 3rd day of February, 2016, I, Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director, on behalf of Disciplinary Panel A of the Maryland State Board of Physicians, accept Arthur Woodward M.D.'s **PUBLIC SURRENDER** of his license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

Christine A. Farrelly
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