

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

No. 2024-I-102

CONSENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF:

ANAND P. LALAJI, M.D. (Credential No. MD.200744), Respondent

This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") in connection with an investigation regarding Anand P. Lalaji, M.D. ("Dr. Lalaji"), a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. R.S. 37:1261–92, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.200744. Dr. Lalaji was initially licensed by the Board in 2006 and has not previously been subject to any public disciplinary action by the Board. Dr. Lalaji also is or has been licensed to practice medicine in numerous other states, including Georgia, Kentucky, and Virginia. At all times relative hereto, Dr. Lalaji was actively engaged in the practice of radiology in and around Atlanta, Georgia.

The present matter was initiated by the Board in February 2024 upon the receipt of apparently reliable information indicating that, on or about November 14, 2023, Dr. Lalaji's license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Kentucky (License No. 41552), was subject to an emergency order of suspension (the "Kentucky Order"). The Kentucky Order was based, in part, on information indicating that Dr. Lalaji was placed on precautionary suspension at a hospital "due to concerns about quality of care that arose from close monitoring of radiological reports interpreted by the licensee." The Board also became aware that, on or about December 7, 2023, Dr. Lalaji's license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia (License No. 0101-271509) was suspended (the "Virginia Order"), based on the suspension of his Kentucky medical license. The Board is also aware that other state licensing authorities have or may take additional actions regarding Dr. Lalaji's respective medical licenses.

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Lalaji acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information, and that the foregoing information would provide the Investigating

¹ Emergency Order of Suspension, In re: the License to Practice Medicine in the Commonwealth of Kentucky Held by Anand P. Lalaji, M.D., Case No. 2131, Ky. BD. OF MED. LICENSURE (Nov. 14, 2023).

³ Order of Mandatory Suspension, *In re: Anand Lalji, M.D.*, Case No. 234423, VA. DEP'T OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS (Dec. 6, 2023).

Officer for the Board with cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against him, and that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing would establish grounds under the Act for such conditions or restrictions on his license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as the Board may determine appropriate, pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(29).⁴

Recognizing his right to notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against him in these proceedings, at which time Dr. Lalaii would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975 et seq., Dr. Lalaji, nonetheless. hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D). consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Lalaji acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:950 et seq., or which may be afforded to him by any other law to contest or appeal his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this Consent Order in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Lalaji also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:977.2. Dr. Lalaji expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to proceed with the adjudication of an administrative complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the information provided, accordingly, and upon the recommendation of the Investigating Officer assigned to this matter, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent.⁵ Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. R.S. 37:1285 and La. R.S. 49:975(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Anand P. Lalaji, M.D., to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as evidenced by Credential No. MD.200744, be and the same is hereby *INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Anand P. Lalaji, M.D., shall not practice medicine in any form in the State of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves a written decision or order reinstating his license to practice in this state, whether such medical practice is conducted in person or remotely. As express preconditions to Dr. Lalaji's petition or request of the Board for

⁴ La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(29) ("The refusal of a licensing authority of another state to issue or renew a license, permit, or certificate to practice medicine in that state or the revocation, suspension, or other restriction imposed on a license, permit, or certificate issued by such licensing authority which prevents or restricts practice in that state, or the surrender of a license, permit, or certificate issued by another state when criminal or administrative charges are pending or threatened against the holder of such license, permit, or certificate.").

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such an order, Dr. Lalaji shall have: (1) scheduled and met with the Director of Investigations or his designee to discuss then-current plans for returning to medical practice in this state; (2) satisfied the eligibility and other requirements of the Board's rules governing license issuance or reinstatement as of the date of his petition or request, La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, ch. 3; and (3) demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction his competency to resume practice with skill and safety to patients. Thereafter, any petition or request for reissuance or reinstatement of medical licensure made by Dr. Lalaji shall be granted or denied, at the sole discretion of the Board, and on such probationary terms, conditions and/or restrictions as the Board may then deem appropriate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms set forth by this Order by Dr. Lalaji shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Lalaji's license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as the Board may deem appropriate as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. R.S. 37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be effective on the date it is approved and accepted by the Board as shown by the signature of the Board's representative below.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record, and shall likewise be available on the Board's website, https://www.lsbme.la.gov/, under "Disciplinary Actions", and shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank ("NPDB").

New Orleans, Louisiana, this _____ day of _____ day of _____

, 2024.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

TERRIE R. THOMAS, M.D.

President

(Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT

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STATE OF GEOGRAP	
COUNTY OF <u>Fulton</u>	
I, ANAND P. LALAJI, M.D., hereby acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Consent Order and that all of its terms and conditions have been fully explained to me and/or that I fully understand them. I further acknowledge that I approve, accept, and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order without duress and of my own free will and accord, this	
_	ANAND P. LALAJI, M.D.
WITNESSES: Huley Wellon's Signature Kimberly Melion's Typed Name 3394 Peachtree Rd NE Street Address # 2080 Atlanta GA 30326 City/State/Zip Code	Signature TEJAL LALAJI Typed Name 3344 Reachtnes Rd NE Surte Street Address OHanta, MA 30326 City/State/Zip Code
Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of april, 2024, in the presence of the two stated witnesses. Notary Public (Signature) Name:	WOTAN SON EXPIRES ON A SON ON

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