

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine  
Adjudicatory Case No. 2015-030

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In the Matter of )  
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TAREK ALASIL, M.D. )  
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**CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 10, Tarek Alasil, M.D. (Respondent) and the Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) (hereinafter referred to jointly as the "Parties") agree that the Board may issue this Consent Order to resolve the above-captioned adjudicatory proceeding. The Parties further agree that this Consent Order will have all the force and effect of a Final Decision within the meaning of 801 CMR 1.01(11)(d). The Respondent admits to the findings of fact specified below and agrees that the Board may make the conclusions of law and impose the sanction set forth below in resolution of investigative Docket No.13-260.

**Findings of Fact**

1. The Respondent was born on April 1, 1981. He is a 2004 graduate of University of Aleppo Faculty of Medicine. In 2010, he became licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 242108. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. In April 2013, he became licensed to practice medicine in Connecticut. In June 2014, the Respondent relocated to Connecticut to begin a residency in ophthalmology.
2. In 2012, he was a hospitalist on staff at Charlton Memorial Hospital (CMH).
3. On the evening of April 22, 2012, Patient A was seen in the Emergency Room (ER) at CMH.

4. The Respondent was on-call from 8 p.m., April 22 to 7 a.m. April 23, 2012.
5. The Respondent lived in Braintree, approximately forty miles from CMH.
6. The ER staff contacted the Respondent in order to admit Patient A.
7. Patient A had signs of early sepsis.
8. In the early morning of April 23, 2012, a code was called for Patient A.
9. In the early morning of April 23, 2012, the Respondent was:
  - a. Contacted by staff when Patient A was transferred to the telemetry unit;
  - b. Contacted by a physician who told him that a sepsis protocol had been instituted, and who requested that he report to the hospital to perform the History & Physical. The Respondent told the physician that he would do so.
  - c. Contacted by an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) nurse, around 4 – 4:30 a.m., who requested that he report to the hospital. He told the nurse that he or another physician in his call group (Other Physician) would come to the hospital.
10. At approximately 5:30 a.m., hospital staff called the Other Physician.
11. The Other Physician responded to the hospital around 6 a.m.
12. Despite the three requests to report to the hospital, the Respondent did not do so.
13. As a result of his failure to report when on-call, he was disciplined by the hospital. Specifically, the Respondent was:
  - a. suspended for 30 days;
  - b. required to complete three hours of CME credits in ethics;
  - c. required to complete three hours of CME credits in the recognition and management of sepsis;

d. counseled by the Chair regarding expectations for physician- to-physician communication; and

e. monitored for one month followed by a three month retrospective review regarding his responsiveness to patient care (nursing pages and attending at the bedside).

14. The Respondent completed the requirements in Paragraph 13, and CMH reinstated his full active staff privileges

15. After his return to the active staff at CMH, an administrative superior described his performance as that of a “model physician.”

#### Conclusions of Law

A. The Respondent has engaged in conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession. See Levy v. Board of Registration in Medicine, 378 Mass. 519 (1979); Raymond v. Board of Registration in Medicine, 387 Mass. 708 (1982).

B. The Respondent has violated 243 CMR 1.03(5) (a) 18 by committing misconduct in the practice of medicine.

#### Sanction and Order

The Respondent is hereby REPRIMANDED and required to pay a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) according to the following payment schedule: \$1,500.00 to be paid within one year of the date of the Consent Order; \$1,500.00 to be paid no later than two years from the date of the Consent Order; and \$2,000.00 to be paid no later than three years from the date of the Consent Order. The Respondent is also required to complete 10 additional hours of Board-approved continuing professional development in ethics within six months of the date of the Consent Order. This sanction is imposed for each violation of law listed in the Conclusion section and not a combination of any or all of them.

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Execution of this Consent Order

The Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Consent Order with all exhibits and attachments within ten (10) days by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery to the following designated entities: any in- or out-of-state hospital, nursing home, clinic, other licensed facility, or municipal, state, or federal facility at which the Respondent practices medicine; any in- or out-of-state health maintenance organization with whom the Respondent has privileges or any other kind of association; any state agency, in- or out-of-state, with which the Respondent has a provider contract; any in- or out-of-state medical employer, whether or not the Respondent practices medicine there; the state licensing boards of all states in which the Respondent has any kind of license to practice medicine; the Drug Enforcement Administration Boston Diversion Group; and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Drug Control Program. The Respondent shall also provide this notification to any such designated entities with which the Respondent becomes associated in the year following the date of imposition of this reprimand. The Respondent is further directed to certify to the Board within ten (10) days that the Respondent has complied with this directive.

The Board expressly reserves the authority to independently notify, at any time, any of the entities designated above, or any other affected entity, of any action it has taken.



Tarek Alasil, M.D.  
Licensee

7/9/15


Date



Michael Racette, Esq.  
Attorney for the Licensee

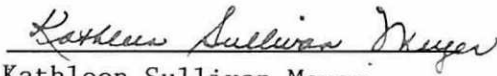
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Tracy Morong, Esq.  
Complaint Counsel

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Date

So ORDERED by the Board of Registration in Medicine this 22nd day of October,  
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Kathleen Sullivan Meyer  
Board Vice Chair