COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS.		BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE
		Adjudicatory Case No. 2016-016
Annual Control of the)	
In the Matter of)	
Hiep T. Nguyen, M.D.)	

CONSENT ORDER

Hiep T. Nguyen, M.D. (Respondent) and the Complaint Counsel agree that the Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) may issue this Consent Order with 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 described below and agrees the Board may make conclusions of law and impose a sanction in resolution of investigative Docket No. 14-255.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Respondent is a 48-year-old physician who practiced medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 221176 from 2004 until 2014. In 2015 his license lapsed when he did not renew it. He is Board certified in Urology.
- 2. The Respondent has active licenses in California and Arizona. He is currently practicing in Arizona.
- 3. The Respondent practiced at Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) until 2014, when he was suspended following an investigation into allegations of research fraud.

4. The Respondent submitted abstracts for publication, but immediately withdrew the abstracts when he became aware of errors his researchers had made in the documents. The abstracts were never published.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The Respondent has engaged in conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession pursuant to <u>Sugarman</u> v. <u>Board of Registration in Medicine</u>, 422 Mass. 338 (1996).

SANCTION

The Respondent is hereby admonished.

EXECUTION OF THIS CONSENT ORDER

Complaint Counsel, the Respondent, and the Respondent's counsel agree that the approval of this Consent Order is left to the discretion of the Board. The signature of Complaint Counsel, the Respondent, and the Respondent's counsel are expressly conditioned on the Board accepting this Consent Order. If the Board rejects this Consent Order in whole or in part, then the entire document shall be null and void; thereafter, neither of the parties nor anyone else may rely on these stipulations in this proceeding.

As to any matter in this Consent Order left to the discretion of the Board, neither the Respondent, nor anyone acting on his behalf, has received any promises or representations regarding the same.

The Respondent waives any right of appeal that he may have resulting from the Board's acceptance 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 he practices medicine; any in- or out-of-state health maintenance organization with whom he has privileges or any other kind of association; any state agency, in- or out-of-state, with which he has a provider contract; any in- or out-of-state medical employer, whether or not he practices medicine there; the state licensing boards of all states in which he has any kind of license to practice medicine; the Drug Enforcement Administration Boston Diversion Group; and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Drug Control Unit. The Respondent shall also provide this notification to any such designated entities with which he becomes associated within one year of the imposition of the admonishment. The Respondent is further directed to certify to the Board within ten (10) days that he 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.

Hiep T. Nguyen, M.D., Respondent

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Accepted by the Board of Registration in Medicine on this 7th day of April , 2016.

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Board Chair