# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2021–041

In the Matter of

MICHAEL E. COREA, M.D.

#### STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) has determined that good cause exists to believe the following acts occurred and constitute a violation for which a licensee may be sanctioned by the Board. The Board therefore alleges that MICHAEL E. COREA, M.D. (Respondent) has practiced medicine in violation of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practice as set forth herein. The investigative docket number associated with this order to show cause is Docket No. 19-420.

## **Biographical Information**

1. The Respondent was born on October 24, 1972 and graduated from University of Wisconsin Medical School in 2000. He is certified by the American Board of Urology and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 274005 since 2018. The Respondent is also licensed to practice in Florida and Maine. The Respondent has privileges at Falmouth Hospital and practices at Greater Boston Urology.

2. Prior to joining Greater Boston Urology, the Respondent practiced in Maine beginning in 2009 and had privileges at Greater Maine Medical Center.

### Factual Allegations

3. While the Respondent was practicing in Maine, the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine (Maine Board) investigated a complaint about a fatal complication that arose during a laparoscopic nephrectomy that the Respondent performed in 2017.

4. The Respondent responded to the Maine Board complaint in November 2017 and resolved the Maine Board matter by entering into a Consent Agreement on September 10, 2019.

5. The Respondent filed a first-time or full Massachusetts medical license application in November 2017, which the Board approved in May 2018. The Respondent filed a Massachusetts license renewal application in August 2018.

6. In his August 2018 license renewal application, the Respondent answered "No" in response to question 18 c), which asked whether the Respondent had been "the subject of an investigation by any governmental authority, including the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine or any other state medical board, health care facility, group practice, employer or professional association."

7. At the time of the renewal application, the Maine Board investigation was still pending.

8. The Respondent should have answered "Yes" to question 18 c).

#### Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

A. Pursuant to 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)16, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician has failed to respond to a subpoena or to furnish the Board, its investigators or representatives, documents, information or testimony to which the Board is legally entitled.

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B. Pursuant to G.L. c. 112, § 5, eighth par. (a) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)1, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician fraudulently procured his certificate of registration or its renewal.

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §§ 5, 61 and 62. This adjudicatory proceeding will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.01.

#### Nature of Relief Sought

The Board is authorized and empowered to order appropriate disciplinary action, which may include revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license to practice medicine. The Board may also order, in addition to or instead of revocation or suspension, one or more of the following: admonishment, censure, reprimand, fine, the performance of uncompensated public service, a course of education or training or other restrictions upon the Respondent's practice of medicine.

## <u>Order</u>

Wherefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Respondent show cause why the Board should not discipline the Respondent for the conduct described herein.

By the Board of Registration in Medicine,

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Julian N. Robinson, M.D. Board Chair

Date: October 21, 2021