

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine  
Adjudicatory Case No. 2021-034

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In the Matter of )  
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GURMANDER S. KOHLI, M.D. )  
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**STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

The Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) has determined 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 Gurmander S. Kohli, 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. 19-203.

**Biographical Information**

1. Gurmander S. Kohli, M.D. graduated from the University of Glasgow in June 1973 and completed training between 1973 and 1975 at the Western and Royal Infirmaries, and Charing Cross Hospital, all in Glasgow. Dr. Kohli has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 38488 since August 21, 1975 and in California since 2005.

**Factual Allegations**

**November 5, 2018 Statement**

2. On November 5, 2018 Board investigators interviewed the Respondent in relation to an investigation into another physician, with whom the Respondent worked.

3. The other physician was alleged to have allowed an unlicensed individual to perform medical procedures.

4. On November 5, 2018 the Respondent told investigators that he did not meet Patient A prior to the day of harvesting stem cells, liposuction, and platelet rich plasma therapy (PRP) for hair restoration on November 1, 2017. The Respondent did not have any records available to him during said interview to refresh his memory of events concerning Patient A's treatment.

5. On November 5, 2018 the Respondent told investigators he performed most of the liposuction procedure and was not involved in the PRP procedure related to Patient A on November 1, 2017.

April 4, 2019 Signed Affidavit

6. On April 4, 2019 the Respondent attested to statements under the pains and penalties of perjury in a sworn and signed affidavit that was provided to Board for consideration. The Respondent's Affidavit dated April 4, 2019 is attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein by reference.

7. In his April 4, 2019 affidavit and contrary to earlier statements, the Respondent asserted that he did have an office encounter with Patient A on October 12, 2017 before the November 1, 2017 procedures. A copy of the office note confirming this fact was attached to the April 4, 2019 affidavit.

8. In his April 4, 2019 affidavit the Respondent asserted that he personally observed his physician colleague, and not the unlicensed individual, perform the PRP procedure on Patient A on November 1, 2017.

March 11, 2021 Statement

9. On March 11, 2021 and contrary to his April 4, 2019 affidavit, the Respondent told the Board's Complaint Committee he was not present in the room and did not see who performed the PRP procedure on Patient A on November 1, 2017.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

A. The Respondent engaged in conduct that has the capacity to deceive or defraud in violation of 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)(10).

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

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.

Order

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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George Abramam, M.D.  
Board Chair

Date: July 7, 2021

**Affidavit of Gurmander S. Kohli  
dated April 4, 2019  
(excluding Tab A)**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, ss.

Board of Registration in Medicine

In the Matter of

M.D.

**AFFIDAVIT OF GURMANDER S. KOHLI**

Under penalty of perjury, I, Gurmander S. Kohli, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a Board certified plastic surgeon and have been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1975.
2. I am affiliated with Morton Hospital & Medical Center.
3. I have extensive experience performing liposuction with the VASER ultrasonic liposuction system; I have been using this liposuction system since at least 2001.
4. From approximately April 2015 until approximately September 2018 I worked at Regeneris Medical, which is located at 675 Paramount Drive, in Raynham, Massachusetts.
5. On October 12, 2017, I evaluated a 34 year old male ("Patient C") at my office in Raynham on referral by . A true and accurate copy of my note from that encounter is attached to this affidavit at Tab A.
6. When I evaluated Patient C, I observed that he had scarring on his abdomen from a prior abdominoplasty. There was some excess tissue above the scar line.
7. I understood that intended to schedule Patient C from a stromal vascular fraction-enhanced ("SVF") procedure which would involve harvesting cells from Patient C's abdomen and then injecting them into the patient's scalp to treat hair loss.

8. Patient C consulted with me to see whether it would be possible to also perform some body contouring to address the excess abdominal tissue above his scar. I would be able to use the incisions that would have to make in Patient C's abdomen to collect the cells needed for the SVF procedure to do some light liposuction with the VASER ultrasonic system.

9. After examining Patient C as well as ordering and reviewing lab tests, I determined that Patient C was a suitable candidate for VASER liposuction.

10. On November 1, I joined in his office in North Attleboro to help him with the three treatments that Patient C agreed to receive on that day: (1) SVF; (2) VASER liposuction; and (3) platelet rich plasma therapy (PRP), which is the injection of platelets into a patient's scalp.

11. We began with the SVF, for which two incisions were made in Patient C's abdomen and used a needle and syringe to extract the needed cells.

12. I then used a VASER machine to perform the liposuction.

13. Patient C tolerated both the SVF and the liposuction procedure well.

14. Patient C was then moved to a different room which staff had prepared for the PRP procedure.

15. I am familiar with , who used to work for :

16. Although was present in North Attleboro, I do not recall him performing any of the procedures on Patient C. and I performed the SVF and the liposuction, and I saw personally perform the PRP procedure.

Signed under pains and penalties of perjury this 4th day of April, 2019.

  
Gurmander Kohli, M.D.