BEFORE THE
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation
Against:

GHOLAMREZA SHAREGHI, M.D.   File No. 16-2010-211907

Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. G 85071

Respondent.

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DECISION

The attached Proposed Decision and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2012.

IT IS SO ORDERED January 6, 2012.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

By:
Hedy Chang, Chair
Panel B
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OAH No. 2011091087

Respondent.

PROPOSED DECISION

Administrative Law Judge Ruth S. Astle, State of California, Office of Administrative Hearings, heard this matter in Oakland, California, on December 1, 2011.

Susan K. Meadows, Deputy Attorney General, represented complainant.

There was no appearance by or on behalf of respondent.

The matter was submitted on December 1, 2011.

FACTUAL FINDINGS

1. Upon proof of compliance with Government Code sections 11505 and 11509, this matter proceeded as a default under Government Code section 11520.

2. Linda K. Whitney made the accusation in her official capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California (Board).


4. On November 17, 2010, the State of Michigan, Department of Community Health, Bureau of Health Professions, Board of Medicine (Michigan Medical Board), issued a Consent Order and Stipulation which resulted in various terms and conditions being placed on respondent’s license, including placing his license on probation for a minimum of one
year, and restricting his medical practice to anesthesia services only at a pre-approved location. The basis for this action was that the Michigan Medical Board found that between 1995 and April 3, 2003, respondent performed more than 35 facet rhizotomies to treat one patient’s pain. On April 3, 2003, the patient suffered a stroke during a rhizotomy procedure which was caused by respondent either injuring, causing a spasm and/or dissecting or injecting a solution containing phenol into the patient’s left vertebral artery.

4. Respondent’s conduct and the action taken by the Michigan Medical Board constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the law of the State of California and conduct subject to discipline within the meaning of the law of the State of California.

5. Respondent presented no evidence in mitigation, extenuation or rehabilitation concerning this matter.

LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

1. By reason of the matters set forth in Findings 3 and 4, cause for disciplinary action exists pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 141, subdivision (a) and 2305 (Discipline, Restriction, or Limitation imposed by another state).

2. The matters set forth in Findings 5 have been considered in making the following order. Because respondent’s license has been expired for five years, and respondent did not appear at the hearing, the Board has requested revocation of respondent’s license.

ORDER

Physician and Surgeon’s Certificate No. G85071 issued to Gholamreza Shareghi, M.D., is hereby revoked.

DATED: _12/2/11_

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RUTH S. ASTLE
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings