STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

KANUBHAI A. PATEL, M.D.
License No. MA37241

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action
ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information revealing the following:

1. Respondent, Kanubhai A. Patel, M.D., is the holder of License No. MA37241 and was licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey on February 29, 1980 and, thereafter, permitted that license to lapse on June 30, 1987.
2. On or about March 2, 2018, the Texas Medical Board entered an "Agreed Order" at which time Respondent was ordered to pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination within one year and, further, to complete 16 hours of continuing medical education, together with other terms and conditions. Specifically, the Texas Medical Board concluded that Respondent failed to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare, as further defined by Board Rules 190.8(1)(M), inappropriate prescription of dangerous drugs or controlled substances to oneself, family members, or others in which there is a close personal relationship.

3. Respondent's failure to submit his biennial renewal in New Jersey in 1987 has resulted in a lapsed license status and the automatic suspension of Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey without a hearing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this __9TH__ day of __AUGUST__, 2018, ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey is suspended by operation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1, without a hearing.

2. In the event that Respondent seeks reinstatement of his New Jersey license at any time in the future, then this Order shall
require Respondent to appear before a Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners to establish that he is fit to practice medicine in New Jersey; provide information concerning the disciplinary action taken by the Texas Medical Board; and, further, demonstrate to the Board's satisfaction that he holds an active unrestricted license to practice medicine in Texas. Additionally, the Board reserves the right to take disciplinary action and place restrictions and/or limitations upon Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey. Restoration of Respondent's CDS registration in New Jersey, if applicable, may be sought from the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs pursuant to the requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 24:21-1, et. seq., the New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, and governing rules.
NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

All Orders filed by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners are "government records" as defined under the Open Public Records Act and are available for public inspection, copying or Examination. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3). Should any inquiry be made to the Board concerning the status of a licensee who has been the subject of a Board Order, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the Order and a copy will be provided on request. Unless sealed or otherwise confidential, all documents filed in public actions taken against licensees, to include documents filed or introduced into evidence in evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications conducted as public hearings, and the transcripts of any such proceedings, are "government records" available for public inspection, copying or examination.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-22, a description of any final board disciplinary action taken within the most recent ten years is included on the New Jersey Health Care Profile maintained by the Division of Consumer Affairs for all licensed physicians. Links to copies of Orders described thereon are also available on the Profile website. See http://www.nidoctorklist.com.

Copies of disciplinary Orders entered by the Board are additionally posted and available for inspection or download on the Board of Medical Examiners' website. See http://njconsumeraffairs.gov/bme.

Pursuant to federal law, the Board is required to report to the National Practitioner Data Bank (the "NPDB") certain adverse licensure actions taken against licensees related to professional competence or conduct, generally including the revocation or suspension of a license; reprimand; censure; and/or probation. Additionally, any negative action or finding by the Board that, under New Jersey law, is publicly available information is reportable to the NPDB, to include, without limitation, limitations on scope of practice and final adverse actions that occur in conjunction with settlements in which no finding of liability has been made. Additional information regarding the specific actions which the Board is required to report to the National Practitioner Data Bank can be found in the NPDB Guidebook issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in April 2015. See http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/resources/npdbguidebook.pdf.
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-19.13, in any case in which the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions on a license or permit, the Board is required to notify each licensed health care facility and health maintenance organization in this state with whom he or she is directly associated in private medical practice.

In accordance with an agreement with the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, a list of all disciplinary orders entered by the Board is provided to the Federation on a monthly basis.

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue press releases including information regarding public actions taken by the Board.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division of Consumer Affairs or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document.