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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against: 
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PRUDENCE ELIZABETH HALL, M.D. 
Case No. 800-2015-010885

Physician's and Surgeon's 
Certificate No. G 41661

Respondent


DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement 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 August 31, 2018.

IT IS SO ORDERED: August 3, 2018.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Ronald H. Lewis, M.D., Chair
Panel A
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OAH No. 2017120291

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

PARTIES

1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Randall R. Murphy, Deputy Attorney General.

2. Respondent Prudence Elizabeth Hall, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorneys Dennis K. Ames, Esq., and Poguey Henderson, Esq., of La Follette, Johnson, DeHaas, Fesler & Ames, whose address is 2677 North Main Street, Suite 901, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (800-2015-010885)
3. On or about March 24, 1980, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 41661 to Prudence Elizabeth Hall, M.D. That Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2015-010885, and will expire on August 31, 2019, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 800-2015-010885 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on September 12, 2017. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.


ADVICEMENT AND WAIVERS

6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2015-010885. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

9. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2015-010885, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.
10. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a prima facie evidentiary basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent hereby gives up her right to contest those charges.

11. Respondent agrees that her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

12. Respondent agrees that if she ever petitions for early termination or modification of probation, or if the Board ever petitions for revocation of probation, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2015-010885 shall be deemed true, correct and fully admitted by Respondent for purposes of that proceeding or any other licensing proceeding involving respondent in the State of California.

CONTINGENCY

13. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

14. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (800-2015-010885)
15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following
Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician’s and Surgeon’s Certificate No. G 41661 issued
to Respondent PRUDENCE ELIZABETH HALL, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocation is
stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for four (4) years on the following terms and
conditions.

1. **EDUCATION COURSE.** Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this
decision, and on an annual basis thereafter during the term of probation, Respondent shall submit
to the Board or its designee for its prior approval educational program(s) or course(s) which shall
not be less than 40 hours per year, for each year of probation. The educational program(s) or
course(s) shall be aimed at correcting any areas of deficient practice or knowledge and shall be
Category I certified. The educational program(s) or course(s) shall be at Respondent’s expense
and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of
licensure. Following the completion of each course, the Board or its designee may administer an
examination to test Respondent’s knowledge of the course. Respondent shall provide proof of
attendance for 65 hours of CME of which 40 hours were in satisfaction of this condition.

2. **PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM (ETHICS COURSE).** Within 60 calendar days of
the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professionalism program, that
meets the requirements of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1358.1.
Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete that program. Respondent shall
provide any information and documents that the program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall
successfully complete the classroom component of the program not later than six (6) months after
Respondent’s initial enrollment, and the longitudinal component of the program not later than the
time specified by the program, but no later than one (1) year after attending the classroom
component. The professionalism program shall be at Respondent’s expense and shall be in
addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.
A professionalism program taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the program would have been approved by the Board or its designee had the program been taken after the effective date of this Decision.

Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the program or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

3. **CLINICAL COMPETENCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.** Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a clinical competence assessment program approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall successfully complete the program not later than six (6) months after Respondent’s initial enrollment unless the Board or its designee agrees in writing to an extension of that time.

The program shall consist of a comprehensive assessment of Respondent’s physical and mental health and the six general domains of clinical competence as defined by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education and American Board of Medical Specialties pertaining to Respondent’s current or intended area of practice. The program shall take into account data obtained from the pre-assessment, self-report forms and interview, and the Decision(s), Accusation(s), and any other information that the Board or its designee deems relevant. The program shall require Respondent’s on-site participation for a minimum of three (3) and no more than five (5) days as determined by the program for the assessment and clinical education evaluation. Respondent shall pay all expenses associated with the clinical competence assessment program.

At the end of the evaluation, the program will submit a report to the Board or its designee which unequivocally states whether the Respondent has demonstrated the ability to practice safely and independently. Based on Respondent’s performance on the clinical competence assessment, the program will advise the Board or its designee of its recommendation(s) for the scope and length of any additional educational or clinical training, evaluation or treatment for any...
medical condition or psychological condition, or anything else affecting Respondent’s practice of medicine. Respondent shall comply with the program’s recommendations.

Determination as to whether Respondent successfully completed the clinical competence assessment program is solely within the program’s jurisdiction.

If Respondent fails to enroll, participate in, or successfully complete the clinical competence assessment program within the designated time period, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. The Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine until enrollment or participation in the outstanding portions of the clinical competence assessment program have been completed. If the Respondent did not successfully complete the clinical competence assessment program, the Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine until a final decision has been rendered on the accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation. The cessation of practice shall not apply to the reduction of the probationary time period.

4. MONITORING - PRACTICE. Within 30 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval as a practice monitor, the name and qualifications of one or more licensed physicians and surgeons whose licenses are valid and in good standing, and who are preferably American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) certified. A monitor shall have no prior or current business or personal relationship with Respondent, or other relationship that could reasonably be expected to compromise the ability of the monitor to render fair and unbiased reports to the Board, including but not limited to any form of bartering, shall be in Respondent’s field of practice, and must agree to serve as Respondent’s monitor. Respondent shall pay all monitoring costs.

The Board or its designee shall provide the approved monitor with copies of the Decision(s) and Accusation(s), and a proposed monitoring plan. Within 15 calendar days of receipt of the Decision(s), Accusation(s), and proposed monitoring plan, the monitor shall submit a signed statement that the monitor has read the Decision(s) and Accusation(s), fully understands the role of a monitor, and agrees or disagrees with the proposed monitoring plan. If the monitor disagrees with the proposed monitoring plan, the monitor shall submit a revised monitoring plan with the
signed statement for approval by the Board or its designee.

Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and continuing throughout probation, Respondent's practice shall be monitored by the approved monitor. Respondent shall make all records available for immediate inspection and copying on the premises by the monitor at all times during business hours and shall retain the records for the entire term of probation.

If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a monitor within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall cease the practice of medicine until a monitor is approved to provide monitoring responsibility.

The monitor shall submit a quarterly written report to the Board or its designee which includes an evaluation of Respondent's performance, indicating whether Respondent's practices are within the standards of practice of medicine and whether Respondent is practicing medicine safely. It shall be the sole responsibility of Respondent to ensure that the monitor submits the quarterly written reports to the Board or its designee within 10 calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.

If the monitor resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within 5 calendar days of such resignation or unavailability, submit to the Board or its designee, for prior approval, the name and qualifications of a replacement monitor who will be assuming that responsibility within 15 calendar days. If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a replacement monitor within 60 calendar days of the resignation or unavailability of the monitor, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall cease the practice of medicine until a replacement monitor is approved and assumes monitoring responsibility.

In lieu of a monitor, Respondent may participate in a professional enhancement program (PEP) approved in advance by the Board or its designee that includes, at minimum, quarterly chart review, semi-annual practice assessment, and semi-annual review of professional growth and education. Respondent shall participate in the professional enhancement program at
Respondent’s expense during the term of probation.

5. PROHIBITED REPRESENTATIONS. Respondent is prohibited from representing herself as a specialist in obstetrics/gynecology or endocrinology. It is understood that Respondent can include her curriculum vitae and her medical training information on her website and in such other marketing tools as she may choose. It is further understood that Respondent can represent her practice as focusing on women’s health and menopausal management, but shall not include a representation that she is a specialist in “hormone therapy”.

6. NOTIFICATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, the Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine, including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15 calendar days.

This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

7. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES. During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses.

8. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.

9. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.

Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.

10. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.
Compliance with Probation Unit

Respondent shall comply with the Board’s probation unit.

Address Changes

Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent’s business and residence addresses, email address (if available), and telephone number. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business and Professions Code section 2021(b).

Place of Practice

Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent’s or patient’s place of residence, unless the patient resides in a skilled nursing facility or other similar licensed facility.

License Renewal

Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician’s and surgeon’s license.

Travel or Residence Outside California

Respondent shall immediately inform the Board or its designee, in writing, of travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty (30) calendar days.

In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice, Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of departure and return.

11. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE. Respondent shall be available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent’s place of business or at the probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.

12. NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent’s return to practice. Non-practice is
defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine as defined in Business and Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by the Board. If Respondent resides in California and is considered to be in non-practice, Respondent shall comply with all terms and conditions of probation. All time spent in an intensive training program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-practice and does not relieve Respondent from complying with all the terms and conditions of probation. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice.

In the event Respondent’s period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar months, Respondent shall successfully complete the Federation of State Medical Board’s Special Purpose Examination, or, at the Board’s discretion, a clinical competence assessment program that meets the criteria of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board’s “Manual of Model Disciplinary Orders and Disciplinary Guidelines” prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

Respondent’s period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years.

Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term.

Periods of non-practice for a Respondent residing outside of California will relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws; General Probation Requirements; Quarterly Declarations; Abstain from the Use of Alcohol and/or Controlled Substances; and Biological Fluid Testing.

13. COMPLETION OF PROBATION. Respondent shall comply with all financial obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent’s certificate shall be fully restored.

14. VIOLATION OF PROBATION. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition
of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the
Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and
carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke
Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the
Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall
be extended until the matter is final.

15. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this Decision, if
Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy
the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.
The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in
determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate
and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent
shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its
designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject
to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the
application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.

16. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS. Respondent shall pay the costs associated
with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which
may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of
California and delivered to the Board or its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar
year.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully
discussed it with my attorneys, Dennis K. Ames, Esq., and Pogey Henderson, Esq. I understand
the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into

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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (800-2015-010885)
this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and
agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

DATED: 05/21/2018

PRUDENCE ELIZABETH HALL, M.D.
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent PRUDENCE ELIZABETH HALL, M.D.
the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and
Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 5/22/18

Dennis K. Ames, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

DATED: 5/22/18

Pogeys Headgson, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

Dated: 7/20/2018

Respectfully submitted,

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