

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

In the Matter of the Second Amended  
Accusation Against

Alisa Allene Cross, M.D.

Physician's and Surgeon's  
License No. A55002

Case No. 800-2015-014879

Respondent.

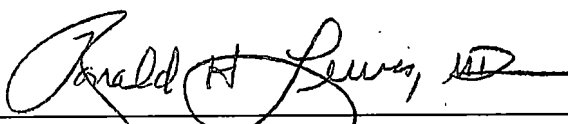
**DECISION**

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 October 2, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED: September 4, 2020.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



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Ronald H. Lewis, M.D., Chair  
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14 **ALISA ALLENE CROSS, M.D.**  
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15 Killeen, Texas 76549

16 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
No. A 55002,

17 Respondent.  
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OAH No. 2019061055

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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

22 **PARTIES**

23 1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of  
24 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this  
25 matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Christine R. Friar,  
26 Deputy Attorney General.

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1 2. Respondent Alisa Allene Cross, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding  
2 by attorney Gary Wittenberg, Esq., whose office is located at 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Suite  
3 1750, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

4 3. On or about October 18, 1995, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
5 No. A 55002 to Alisa Allene Cross, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's  
6 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Second  
7 Amended Accusation No. 800-2015-014879, and will expire on May 31, 2021, unless renewed.

8 **JURISDICTION**

9 4. Second Amended Accusation No. 800-2015-014879 was filed before the Board, on or  
10 about March 27, 2020, and is currently pending against Respondent. The original Accusation and  
11 all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on or about April  
12 27, 2018. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

13 5. A copy of Second Amended Accusation No. 800-2015-014879 is attached as Exhibit  
14 A and incorporated herein by reference.

15 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

16 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the  
17 charges and allegations in Second Amended Accusation No. 800-2015-014879. Respondent has  
18 also carefully read, fully discussed with her counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated  
19 Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

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

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

1 CULPABILITY

2 9. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Second  
3 Amended Accusation No. 800-2015-014879, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing  
4 discipline upon her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

5 10. Respondent admits the truth of the charges and allegations in the Second Cause for  
6 Discipline as set forth in Second Amended Accusation No. 800-2015-014879. Respondent denies  
7 the truth of the charges and allegations in the First, Third and Fourth Causes for Discipline as set  
8 forth in Second Amended Accusation No. 800-2015-014879.

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

12 CONTINGENCY

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

23 13. Respondent agrees that if she ever petitions for early termination or modification of  
24 probation, or if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against her before the  
25 Board, all of the charges and allegations contained in Second Amended Accusation No. 800-  
26 2015-014879 shall be deemed true, correct and fully admitted by Respondent for purposes of any  
27 such proceeding or any other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of  
28 California.

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

4 15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that  
5 the Board may, without further notice or opportunity to be heard by the Respondent, issue and  
6 enter the following Disciplinary Order:

7 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

8 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 55002 issued  
9 to Respondent Alisa Allene Cross, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and  
10 Respondent is placed on probation for thirty-five (35) months on the following terms and  
11 conditions:

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

22 2. PRESCRIBING PRACTICES COURSE. Within 60 calendar days of the effective  
23 date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a course in prescribing practices approved in  
24 advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall provide the approved course provider  
25 with any information and documents that the approved course provider may deem pertinent.  
26 Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete the classroom component of the course  
27 not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment. Respondent shall successfully  
28 complete any other component of the course within one (1) year of enrollment. The prescribing

1 practices course shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing  
2 Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

3 A prescribing practices course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the  
4 Second Amended Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole  
5 discretion of the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the  
6 course would have been approved by the Board or its designee had the course been taken after the  
7 effective date of this Decision.

8 Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its  
9 designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not later than  
10 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

11 3. MEDICAL RECORD KEEPING COURSE. Within 60 calendar days of the effective  
12 date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a course in medical record keeping approved in  
13 advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall provide the approved course provider  
14 with any information and documents that the approved course provider may deem pertinent.  
15 Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete the classroom component of the course  
16 not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment. Respondent shall successfully  
17 complete any other component of the course within one (1) year of enrollment. The medical  
18 record keeping course shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing  
19 Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

20 A medical record keeping course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the  
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27 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

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1           4.    PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM (ETHICS COURSE). Within 60 calendar days of  
2 the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professionalism program, that  
3 meets the requirements of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1358.1.  
4 Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete that program. Respondent shall  
5 provide any information and documents that the program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall  
6 successfully complete the classroom component of the program not later than six (6) months after  
7 Respondent's initial enrollment, and the longitudinal component of the program not later than the  
8 time specified by the program, but no later than one (1) year after attending the classroom  
9 component. The professionalism program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in  
10 addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

11           A professionalism program taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Second  
12 Amended Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of  
13 the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the program  
14 would have been approved by the Board or its designee had the program been taken after the  
15 effective date of this Decision.

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

19           5.    NOTIFICATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, the  
20 Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Second Amended Accusation to the  
21 Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership  
22 are extended to Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of  
23 medicine, including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the  
24 Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage  
25 to Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within  
26 15 calendar days.

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

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

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

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

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

12           9.    GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

13           Compliance with Probation Unit

14           Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit.

15           Address Changes

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

21           Place of Practice

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

25           License Renewal

26           Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's  
27 license.

28           Travel or Residence Outside California



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 16. FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for  
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14 discussed it with my attorney, Gary Wittenberg, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it  
15 will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and  
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17 Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

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19 DATED: 7.27.2020

  
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ALISA ALLENE CROSS, M.D.  
*Respondent*

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21 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Alisa Allene Cross, M.D. the terms and  
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25 DATED: 7-27-20

  
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Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

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

DATED: July 29, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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**Exhibit A**

**Second Amended Accusation No. 800-2015-014879**

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**SECOND AMENDED ACCUSATION**

16 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
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20 Complainant alleges:

21 **PARTIES**

22 1. Christine J. Lally (Complainant) brings this Second Amended Accusation solely in  
23 her official capacity as the Interim Executive Director of the Medical Board of California,  
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25 2. On or about October 18, 1995, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's  
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27 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
28 herein and will expire on May 31, 2021, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

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2       3.    This Second Amended Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of  
3 the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless  
4 otherwise indicated.

5       4.    Section 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the  
6 Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed  
7 one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other  
8 action taken in relation to discipline as the Board deems proper.

9       5.    Section 2234 of the Code states:

10           The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with  
11 unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional  
12 conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

12           ...

13           (b) Gross negligence.

14           (c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more  
15 negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a  
16 separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute  
17 repeated negligent acts.

18           (1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission  
19 medically appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a  
20 single negligent act.

21           (2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or  
22 omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but  
23 not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the  
24 licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure  
25 constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.

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27       6.    Section 2242 of the Code provides, "[p]rescribing, dispensing, or furnishing  
28 dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4022 without an appropriate examination and a medical  
indication, constitutes unprofessional conduct."

      7.    Section 2266 of the Code states: "The failure of a physician and surgeon to maintain  
adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services to their patients constitutes  
unprofessional conduct."



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8. Section 2305 of the Code states:

The revocation, suspension, or other discipline, restriction or limitation imposed by another state upon a license or certificate to practice medicine issued by that state, or the revocation, suspension, or restriction of the authority to practice medicine by any agency of the federal government, that would have been grounds for discipline in California of a licensee under this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical Practice Act] shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct against the licensee in this state.

9. Section 141 of the Code states:

(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction of the department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the federal government, or by another country for any act substantially related to the practice regulated by the California license, may be a ground for disciplinary action by the respective state licensing board. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country shall be conclusive evidence of the events related therein.

(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from applying a specific statutory provision in the licensing act administered by that board that provides for discipline based upon a disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country.

**FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

**(Repeated Negligent Acts)**

10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2234, subdivision (c), in that she was negligent in her care and treatment of three patients.<sup>1</sup> The circumstances are as follows:

A. During the relevant time period, Respondent was engaged in the private practice of adult psychiatry and psychopharmacology in both the State of California and the State of Texas.

B. The Board opened an investigation into Respondent's prescribing practices after it received a complaint that Respondent may be excessively and improperly prescribing controlled substances to one of her family members.

C. During the course of the investigation, the Board identified three patients to whom Respondent had inappropriately prescribed medications. Each of those patients was diagnosed

<sup>1</sup> The identity of the three patients is being withheld here to protect their privacy. Respondent is aware of their identities, which were disclosed to Respondent during the course of the Board's investigation and again in the Board's discovery production(s) in this action.

1 with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). Respondent prescribed the three patients Adderall,  
2 dextroamphetamine and Vyvanse, which are central nervous system stimulants used in the  
3 treatment of ADD. Respondents' care and treatment of each of the three patients departed from  
4 the applicable standard of care in the medical community.

5 D. Specifically with regards to each of the three patients,

6 (1) The patient's record is devoid of evidence to support the diagnosis of ADD. Namely,  
7 the patient's records are devoid of any comprehensive evaluations for ADD, including any  
8 evidence that the patient suffered from ADD as a child, a necessary pre-requisite, and at least  
9 moderate impairment in the core criteria of the diagnosis such as inattention, distractibility, task  
10 completion, procrastination, impulsivity, interrupting, forgetfulness, losing things and  
11 organizational capacity.

12 (2) Respondent prescribed suprathreshold doses of Adderall in combination with  
13 Vyvanse without any documentation to support the failure of lower doses of stimulants or side  
14 effect profiles in relation to these high doses.

15 E. Respondent's care and treatment of each of the three patients represents a simple  
16 departure from the standard of care.

17 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

18 **(Out of State Discipline)**

19 11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2305 and 141 of the Code  
20 in that she was disciplined in Texas for prescribing controlled substances and other medications  
21 to a person with whom she had a close, personal relationship, without a demonstrated or  
22 documented immediate need. The circumstances are as follows:

23 A. On June 12, 2015, the Texas Medical Board issued an Agreed Order regarding  
24 Respondent's license to practice medicine in Texas. The Agreed Order contains findings that  
25 Respondent admitted to prescribing controlled substances and other medications to a person with  
26 whom she has a close, personal relationship, without a demonstrated or documented immediate  
27 need. The Texas Medical Board concluded that Respondent's conduct constituted unprofessional  
28 conduct and failure to adhere to acceptable practice standards under various provisions of Texas

1 law. Respondent's Texas medical license was publicly reprimanded. She was prohibited from  
2 treating or serving as a physician for her immediate family, and ordered not to prescribe any  
3 controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential or potential for abuse to herself  
4 or her immediate family. Respondent was ordered to take and pass the Texas Board's Medical  
5 Jurisprudence Examination, to complete courses in prescribing practices and medical  
6 recordkeeping, as well as continuing medical education in the areas of risk management and  
7 ethics. A \$3,000 administrative penalty was imposed.

8 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

9 **(Prescribing Dangerous Drugs Without an Examination)**

10 12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2242, subdivision (a), of  
11 the Code, in that Respondent prescribed dangerous drugs to each of the three patients above,  
12 without appropriate prior examinations and/or medical indications. The circumstances are as  
13 follows:

14 A. The allegations contained in paragraph 10 herein is incorporated by reference as if  
15 fully set forth, and represent the prescribing of dangerous drugs without an appropriate prior  
16 examination and/or medical indication.

17 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

18 **(Failure to Maintain Adequate and Accurate Records)**

19 14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2266 of the Code, in that  
20 she failed to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services to the  
21 three patients. The circumstances are as follows:

22 A. The allegations contained in paragraph 10 herein are incorporated by reference as if  
23 fully set forth, and represent the failure to maintain adequate and accurate records.

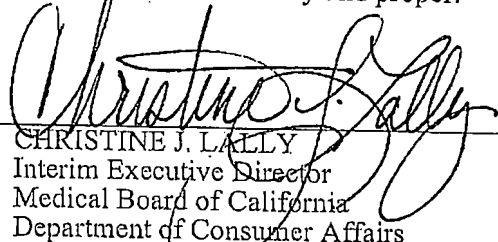
24 **PRAYER**

25 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
26 and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

27 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 55002,  
28 issued to Alisa Allene Cross, M.D.;

- 1           2.    Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Alisa Allene Cross, M.D.'s authority to  
2 supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;  
3           3.    Ordering Alisa Allene Cross, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs  
4 of probation monitoring; and  
5           4.    Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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7 DATED:   **MAR 27 2020**

  
CHRISTINE J. LALLY  
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