

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

In the Matter of the Petition for
Reinstatement of Revoked License by:

Margaret Melinda Sprague, M.D.

Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. G 56228

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2016-028304

CEASE PRACTICE ORDER

In the Medical Board of California (Board) Case No. 800-2016-028304, the Board issued a Decision After Non-Adoption, which became effective January 18, 2019. In the Board's Order, Physician's and Surgeon's License No. G 56228, issued to Margaret Melinda Sprague, M.D., was reinstated and immediately revoked, with the order of revocation stayed and Respondent placed on probation for five years with terms and conditions.

Probationary Condition No. 5 - Biological Fluid Testing, requires Respondent to immediately submit to biological fluid testing upon request of the Board or its designee. If a biological fluid test result indicates Respondent has used, consumed, ingested, or administered to herself a prohibited substance, the Board shall order Respondent to cease practice and instruct Respondent to leave any place of work where Respondent is practicing medicine or providing medical services.

Probationary Condition No. 8 - Violation of Probation Condition for Substance Abusing Licensees, requires that a cease practice order be issued immediately and Respondent be ordered to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation and test negative for at least a month of continuous biological fluid testing before being allowed to resume practice, and/or refer Respondent for further disciplinary action, such as suspension, revocation, or other action as determined by the Board or its designee, if Respondent commits a major violation of probation as defined by section 1361.52 subdivision (a), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

Probationary Condition No. 10 - Alcohol – Abstain from Use, requires Respondent to abstain completely from the use of products or beverages containing alcohol.

Respondent has failed to obey Probationary Condition No. 10, as ordered in the above Decision, by testing positive for the metabolites of alcohol. Accordingly, Respondent, Margaret Melinda Sprague, M.D., is prohibited from engaging in the practice of medicine. Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine until a final decision has been issued on an accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation filed pursuant to this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED February 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reji Varghese', written over a horizontal line.

Reji Varghese
Deputy Director