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9 **BEFORE THE**  
10 **MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
11 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
12 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 800-2018-047699

14 **Edgar Castillo-Armas, M.D.**  
15 **30 Riverpark Place West #310**  
**Fresno, CA 93720**

**A C C U S A T I O N**

16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
17 **No. A 40267,**

Respondent.

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19 **PARTIES**

20 1. William Prasifka (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity  
21 as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs  
22 (Board).

23 2. On or about August 1, 1983, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's  
24 Certificate No. A 40267 to Edgar Castillo-Armas, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and  
25 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
26 herein and will expire on September 30, 2022, unless renewed.

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**JURISDICTION**

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

5       4.    Section 2234 of the Code, states:

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

9           (a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or  
10 abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.

11           (b) Gross negligence.

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

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

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

24           (d) Incompetence.

25           (e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption that is  
26 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and  
27 surgeon.

28           (f) Any action or conduct that would have warranted the denial of a certificate.

          (g) The failure by a certificate holder, in the absence of good cause, to attend  
and participate in an interview by the board. This subdivision shall only apply to a  
certificate holder who is the subject of an investigation by the board.

5.    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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**DEFINITIONS**

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6. Alprazolam (Xanax®) is in the class of benzodiazepine medications. It affects chemicals in the brain that may be unbalanced in people with anxiety. Xanax is used to treat anxiety disorders, panic disorders, and anxiety caused by depression. Xanax has the potential for abuse. Xanax is a Schedule IV controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d), and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

7. Aripiprazole (Abilify) is an antipsychotic medicine that is used to treat the symptoms of psychotic conditions such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and major depressive disorder. It is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

8. Benzodiazepines are a class of agents that work on the central nervous system, acting on select receptors in the brain that inhibit or reduce the activity of nerve cells within the brain. Valium, diazepam, alprazolam, and temazepam are all examples of benzodiazepines. All benzodiazepines are Schedule IV controlled substances and have the potential for abuse, addiction, and diversion.

9. Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System 2.0 (CURES) is a database of Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substance prescriptions dispensed in California serving the public health, regulatory and oversight agencies and law enforcement. CURES 2.0 is committed to the reduction of prescription drug abuse and diversion without affecting legitimate medical practice or patient care.

10. Klonopin® (clonazepam), a benzodiazepine, is a centrally acting hypnotic-sedative that is a Schedule IV controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d), and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. When properly prescribed and indicated, it is used to treat seizure disorders and panic disorders. Concomitant use of Klonopin® with opioids “may result in profound sedation, respiratory depression, coma, and death.” The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has identified benzodiazepines, such as Klonopin®, as drug of abuse. (Drugs of Abuse, DEA Resource Guide (2011 Edition), at p. 53.)

1           11. Hydrocodone APAP (Vicodin®, Lortab® and Norco®) is a hydrocodone  
2 combination of hydrocodone bitartrate and acetaminophen which was formerly a Schedule III  
3 controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11056, subdivision (e), and a  
4 dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. On August 22, 2014,  
5 the DEA published a final rule rescheduling hydrocodone combination products (HCPs) to  
6 schedule II of the Controlled Substances Act, which became effective October 6, 2014. Schedule  
7 II controlled substances are substances that have a currently accepted medical use in the United  
8 States, but also have a high potential for abuse, and the abuse of which may lead to severe  
9 psychological or physical dependence. When properly prescribed and indicated, it is used for the  
10 treatment of moderate to severe pain. In addition to the potential for psychological and physical  
11 dependence there is also the risk of acute liver failure which has resulted in a black box warning  
12 being issued by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA black box warning provides  
13 that “Acetaminophen has been associated with cases of acute liver failure, at times resulting in  
14 liver transplant and death. Most of the cases of liver injury are associated with use of the  
15 acetaminophen at doses that exceed 4000 milligrams per day, and often involve more than one  
16 acetaminophen containing product.”

17           12. Hydroxyzine reduces activity in the central nervous system. It is used as a sedative to  
18 treat anxiety and tension. Hydroxyzine is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Business and  
19 Professions Code section 4022.

20           13. Latuda (lurasidone) is an antipsychotic medicine that is used to treat schizophrenia  
21 and depression associated in bipolar disorder. Latuda is a dangerous drug as defined in Business  
22 and Professions Code section 4022.

23           14. Mirtazapine is an antidepressant used to treat major depressive disorder in adults. It  
24 is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Business and Professions Code section 4022.

25           15. MS Contin® (morphine sulfate), an opioid analgesic, is a Schedule II controlled  
26 substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (e), and a dangerous  
27 drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. When properly prescribed and  
28 indicated, it is used for the management of pain that is severe enough to require daily, around-the-

1 clock, long-term opioid treatment and for which alternative treatment options are inadequate. The  
2 Drug Enforcement Administration has identified oxycodone, as a drug of abuse. (Drugs of  
3 Abuse, A DEA Resource Guide (2011 Edition), at p. 39.) The Federal Drug Administration has  
4 issued a black box warning for MS Contin® which warns about, among other things, addiction,  
5 abuse and misuse, and the possibility of life-threatening respiratory distress. The warning also  
6 cautions about the risks associated with concomitant use of MS Contin® with benzodiazepines or  
7 other central nervous system (CNS) depressants.

8 16. Oxycodone (Oxaydo®, OxyCONTIN®, Oxyfast®, Roxicodon®, Xtampza ER®) is a  
9 white odorless crystalline powder derived from an opium alkaloid. It is a pure agonist opioid  
10 whose principal therapeutic action is analgesia. Other therapeutic effects of oxycodone include  
11 anxiolysis, euphoria, and feelings of relaxation. Oxycodone is a Schedule II controlled substance  
12 and narcotic as defined by section 11055, subdivision (b)(1) of the Health and Safety Code, a  
13 Schedule II controlled substance as defined by Section 1308.12 (b)(1) of Title 21 of the code of  
14 Federal Regulations, and a dangerous drug as defined in Business and Professions Code section  
15 4022. When properly prescribed and indicated, oxycodone is used for the management of pain  
16 severe enough to require daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment for which alternative  
17 treatment options are inadequate. Respiratory depression is the chief hazard from all opioid  
18 agonist preparations. The risk of respiratory depression and overdose is increased with the  
19 concomitant use of benzodiazepines or when prescribed to patients with pre-existing respiratory  
20 depression. Oxycodone should be used with caution and started in a reduced dosage (1/3 to 1/2  
21 of the usual dosage) in patients who are concurrently receiving other central nervous system  
22 depressants including sedatives or hypnotics, general anesthetics, phenothiazines, other  
23 tranquilizers, and alcohol. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has identified  
24 oxycodone, as a drug of abuse. (Drugs of Abuse, A DEA Resource Guide (2011 Edition), at p.  
25 41.)

26 17. Rexulti (brexpiprazole) is an antipsychotic medication that is used to treat the  
27 symptoms of schizophrenia and major depressive disorder. Rexulti is a dangerous drug as  
28 defined in Business and Professions Code section 4022.

1 18. Zoloft (sertraline) is an antidepressant belonging to a group of drugs called selective  
2 serotonin reuptake inhibitors. Zoloft affects chemicals in the brain that may be unbalanced in  
3 people with depression, panic, anxiety, or obsessive-compulsive symptoms. Zoloft is a dangerous  
4 drug as defined in business and Professions Code section 4022.

5 19. Temazepam (Restoril) is a benzodiazepine medication that affects chemicals in the  
6 brain that may be unbalanced in people with sleep problems. Temazepam is used to treat  
7 insomnia symptoms and has the potential for abuse. Temazepam is a Schedule IV controlled  
8 substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d), and a dangerous  
9 drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

10 20. Zolpidem (Ambien) is a Schedule IV controlled substance pursuant to Health and  
11 Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d), and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and  
12 Professions Code Section 4022. It is a sedative used to treat insomnia and has potential for abuse.

13 **CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

14 **(Repeated Negligent Acts)**

15 21. Respondent has subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 40267 to  
16 disciplinary action under section 2227, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (c), of the Code,  
17 in that he committed repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of Patient A<sup>1</sup>, Patient B,  
18 and Patient C, as more particularly alleged hereafter:

19 **PATIENT A**

20 22. On or about November 20, 2015, Patient A presented to Respondent for care with a  
21 self-reported history of anxiety and depression. Respondent did not document a narrative history  
22 of presenting illness (HPI) or a narrative clinical assessment in the record. The provider note only  
23 states that the patient reported anxiety, depression and no medication side effects. In the  
24 treatment section of the record, it states that Patient A has "depressive disorder, not elsewhere  
25 classified." Respondent prescribed her hydroxyzine 25 mg twice daily, clonazepam 1 mg twice  
26 daily, zolpidem 5 mg at bedtime as needed, and sertraline 200 mg daily.

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28 <sup>1</sup> Patients are identified by letter to protect their privacy.

1           23. On or about December 9, 2015, Patient A presented to Respondent for refills of her  
2 medications. Respondent did not document a narrative history of presenting illness or a narrative  
3 clinical assessment in the record. The HPI only states that the patient reported anxiety,  
4 depression and no medication side effects.

5           24. On or about January 6, 2016, Patient A returned to Respondent for a follow up  
6 appointment. Respondent did not document a narrative history of presenting illness or a narrative  
7 clinical assessment in the record. The HPI only states that Patient A is doing well, wants Xanax,  
8 and wants to stop taking clonazepam. Respondent starts Alprazolam 0.5 mg twice daily, and  
9 discontinues the clonazepam, sertraline and zolpidem. Respondent did not document any  
10 discussion of the risks or benefits of the switch to alprazolam, or available alternatives to  
11 alprazolam including other serotonin uptake inhibitors. Respondent did not document any plan or  
12 contingency in case of complications, and did not schedule a follow up for Patient A for another  
13 two months, despite switching her medication to alprazolam. Patient A received a prescription  
14 for hydrocodone from another provider, on or about January 4, 2016. Patient A continued to  
15 receive regular prescriptions for hydrocodone from other providers, although Respondent did not  
16 make any note of this until Patient A raised it as a concern in September of 2019.

17           25. On or about March 2, 2016, Patient A returned to Respondent. Respondent did not  
18 document a narrative history of presenting illness or a narrative clinical assessment in the record.  
19 The HPI only states that Patient A is doing “poorly and having anxiety attacks.” Respondent  
20 increased her alprazolam to 1 mg three times daily, and prescribed mirtazapine 15 mg nightly.  
21 Respondent did not document any assessment of the potential risks of increasing the alprazolam,  
22 and did not document any justification for starting mirtazapine instead of an SRI. .

23           26. On or about May 31, 2016, Patient A presented to Respondent for refills of her  
24 medications. Respondent did not document a narrative history of presenting illness or a narrative  
25 clinical assessment in the record. The HPI only states that Patient A was in the hospital for “3  
26 days due to decompensation of her anxiety.”

27           27. On or about November 8, 2016, Patient A presented to Respondent for refills of her  
28 medications. Respondent did not document a narrative history of presenting illness or a narrative

1 clinical assessment in the record. The HPI only states that she is “doing well overall” with no  
 2 side effects from medications. Respondent lists sertraline 25 mg daily on Patient A’s medication  
 3 list without explanation, despite discontinuing the prescription earlier on January 6, 2016.

4 28. During the period of on or about January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, Patient  
 5 A filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Days' Supply	Prescriber Name
1/4/2016	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	H.M.
1/4/2016	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	90	30	H.M.
1/6/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	0.5 MG	60	30	Respondent
2/2/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	0.5 MG	60	30	Respondent
2/4/2016	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	H.M.
2/4/2016	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	90	30	H.M.
3/2/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
3/4/2016	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	H.M.
3/4/2016	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	90	30	H.M.
4/3/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
4/3/2016	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	H.M.
4/3/2016	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	90	30	H.M.
4/29/2016	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	J.T.
5/2/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
5/28/2016	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	H.M.
5/31/2016	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	90	30	H.M.
6/3/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
6/24/2016	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	H.M.
6/28/2016	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	90	30	H.M.
7/2/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
7/25/2016	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	J.T.
7/27/2016	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	90	30	J.T.
8/3/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
8/22/2016	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	H.M.
8/25/2016	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	90	30	H.M.



Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Days' Supply	Prescriber Name
9/3/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
9/23/2016	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG- 10 MG	120	30	H.M.
9/23/2016	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	90	30	H.M.
10/13/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	45	15	Respondent
10/17/2016	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG- 10 MG	120	22	H.M.
11/8/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
11/8/2016	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG- 10 MG	120	30	H.S.
11/21/2016	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	90	30	H.M.
12/4/2016	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG- 10 MG	120	20	H.M.
12/17/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
12/31/2016	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	90	30	H.M.

29. On or about January 31, 2017, Patient A presented to Respondent for a three month medication management appointment. Respondent did not document a narrative history of presenting illness or a narrative clinical assessment in the record. The HPI only states that she is very sad because her sister died the week prior. On or about July 18, 2017, Respondent prescribed Patient A hydrocodone / APAP 10/325 every six hours as needed. Respondent did not document any assessment of the potential risk of continuing to prescribe alprazolam 1 mg three times daily in addition to opiates.

30. On or about July 18, 2017, Patient A returned to Respondent for a "3 Month MED MGT" appointment. Respondent did not document a narrative history of presenting illness or a narrative clinical assessment in the record. The HPI only states that she had no complaints, no side effects, and was eating and sleeping well.

31. On or about October 10, 2017, Patient A returned to Respondent for a "3 Month MED MGT" appointment. Respondent did not document a narrative history of presenting illness or a narrative clinical assessment in the record. The HPI only states that she was doing well overall, eating and sleeping well.

32. During the period of on or about January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, Patient A filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Days' Supply	Prescriber Name
1/4/2017	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	H.M.
1/20/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
2/2/2017	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	F.A.
2/21/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
3/2/2017	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	F.M.
3/29/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
3/31/2017	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	L.Y.
4/25/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
4/28/2017	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	F.A.
5/30/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
5/31/2017	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	L.Y.
6/28/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
6/29/2017	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	L.Y.
7/27/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
7/28/2017	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	F.A.
8/28/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
8/29/2017	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	H.M.
9/28/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
9/28/2017	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	L.Y.
10/27/2017	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	L.Y.
10/28/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
11/26/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
11/29/2017	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	F.A.
12/26/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
12/28/2017	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	A.T.

33. On or about January 16, 2018, Patient A returned to Respondent for a "3 Month MED MGT" appointment. Respondent did not document a narrative history of presenting illness or a narrative clinical assessment in the record. The HPI only states that she had no complaints, no side effects, and was eating and sleeping well. Respondent removed generalized anxiety as an

1 assessment diagnosis, leaving only major depressive disorder.

2 34. On or about April 10, 2018, Patient A returned to Respondent for a “3 Month MED  
3 MGT” appointment. Respondent did not document a narrative history of presenting illness or a  
4 narrative clinical assessment in the record. The provider note only states that Patient A was doing  
5 well, with no medication side effects, and was sad due to the 7 year anniversary of the death of  
6 her son.

7 35. On or about July 3, 2018, Patient A presented to Respondent with a treatment plan  
8 that stated “continue current medications.” Respondent did not document a narrative history of  
9 presenting illness or a narrative clinical assessment in the record.

10 36. On or about September 25, 2018, Patient A presented to Respondent with a chief  
11 complaint that she was “doing well overall,” had no medication side effects, and was eating and  
12 sleeping well. Respondent did not document a narrative history of presenting illness or a  
13 narrative clinical assessment in the record.

14 37. On or about November 20, 2018, Patient A presented to Respondent with a chief  
15 complaint that stated she was doing well, had no medication side effects, and suffered from  
16 anxiety and depression. Respondent did not document a narrative history of presenting illness or  
17 a narrative clinical assessment in the record. Respondent decreased Patient A’s alprazolam to 1  
18 mg twice daily, and switched the sertraline to citalopram 20 mg daily without any documented  
19 explanation. Despite the change in Patient A’s medications, the section of the medication records  
20 titled “General Treatment Plan” states that she should continue her current medications.

21 38. During the period of on or about January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, Patient  
22 A filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

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Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Days' Supply	Prescriber Name
1/26/2018	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG- 10 MG	120	30	L.Y.
1/27/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
2/24/2018	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG- 10 MG	120	30	L.Y.
2/27/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent

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Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Days' Supply	Prescriber Name
3/24/2018	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	L.Y.
3/27/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
4/21/2018	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	L.Y.
4/25/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
5/24/2018	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	F.A.
5/25/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
6/22/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
6/22/2018	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	C.O.
7/21/2018	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	F.A.
7/23/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
8/20/2018	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	L.Y.
8/21/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
9/19/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
9/20/2018	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	L.Y.
10/17/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	90	30	Respondent
10/19/2018	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	15	L.Y.
11/3/2018	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	15	R.T.
11/15/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
11/15/2018	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	L.Y.
12/14/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
12/14/2018	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE-ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	120	30	L.Y.

39. On or about January 15, 2019, Patient A presented to Respondent as “doing well” with no complaints of any medication side effects. The treatment plan was to continue current medications. Respondent did not document a narrative history of presenting illness or a narrative clinical assessment in the record.

40. On or about April 9, 2019, Patient A presented to Respondent for refills of her medications. Patient A reported sadness due to the anniversary month of the passing of her son. Patient A’s medications at this visit no longer included Aspirin, atorvastatin, clopidogrel,

1 gabapentin, or Lisinopril. Respondent did not document any explanation for the change in Patient  
2 A's current medication list. Despite the change in Patient A's medications, the "General  
3 Treatment Plan" states that Patient A should continue taking her current medication.

4 41. On or about July 16, 2019, Patient A presented to Respondent with no complaints.  
5 Respondent diagnosed her with moderately severe recurrent depression, and refilled her  
6 prescriptions.

7 42. On or about September 10, 2019, Patient A presented to Respondent with a history of  
8 presenting illness stating that Patient A's pain physician "wants clarification about the reason for  
9 the use of Xanax." This is the first note in the available records for Patient A with any reference  
10 to her concurrent treatment by a pain management physician, even though Patient A had been  
11 receiving hydrocodone from various providers. Patient A's CURES reports show that she had  
12 been receiving hydrocodone from other providers at least since January 4, 2016. The Interval  
13 History / HPI section of the medical record states that Patient A's pain management physician has  
14 requested clarification regarding her need of Xanax, due to concerns about the interaction with  
15 her prescription for hydrocodone. Respondent discontinued alprazolam, but did not include any  
16 assessment or documentation of a plan for Patient A to taper her prescription of alprazolam. The  
17 timing is unclear, because Respondent did not document any plan to discontinue or taper the  
18 alprazolam in the medical records. Respondent states that he discontinued the alprazolam  
19 successfully, but the records reflect that this was only done following an inquiry from Patient A's  
20 pain management physician. Respondent states that he called Patient A's pain management  
21 physician and discussed her management, but there is no documentation of the phone call in the  
22 medical record.

23 43. On or about September 30, 2019, Patient A's insurance company sent respondent a  
24 six page fax intended to alert him to the danger of polypharmacy. The notice explained that  
25 Patient A was concurrently taking at least 10 different drugs from multiple prescribing  
26 physicians, and identified the drugs, amounts, quantities, pharmacy and prescribing physicians  
27 related to each prescription for the past several months.

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1 44. On or about October 8, 2019, Patient A returned to Respondent for refills of her  
2 medications. Respondent removed alprazolam from the medication list.

3 45. Respondent did not document review of Patient A's CURES prior to prescribing or  
4 refilling Patient A's alprazolam at any time during his treatment of Patient A. Respondent failed  
5 to document a narrative interval history in the subjective portion of the progress notes in many of  
6 Patient A's visits. From November 20, 2016 through January 16, 2018, the records include a  
7 provider note, which later transitioned into a "chief complaint," which Respondent stated was  
8 actually documented by the nursing staff. Despite four progress notes on July 16 through October  
9 8, 2019, Respondent failed to document any interval history in the progress notes for Patient A.  
10 At nearly every visit, Respondent failed to document any narrative clinical assessment in the  
11 progress notes. On July 3, 2018, Respondent began listing the general treatment plan as  
12 "continue current medications," despite changing the medications on November 20, 2018, and  
13 April 9, 2019.

14 46. During the period of on or about January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 Patient  
15 A filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Days' Supply	Prescriber Name
1/11/2019	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
1/11/2019	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG- 10 MG	120	30	T.M.

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20 **Patient A Departures**

21 47. Respondent failed to document Patient A's interval history/history of presenting  
22 illness at each visit. Every visit in which Respondent failed to adequately and accurately  
23 document an interval history constitutes a departure from the standard of care. These departures  
24 include, but are not limited to the following visits:

- 25 • 11/20/2015
- 26 • 12/9/2015
- 27 • 1/6/2016
- 28 • 3/2/2016

- 1 • 5/31/2016
- 2 • 11/8/2016
- 3 • 1/31/2017
- 4 • 7/18/2017
- 5 • 10/10/2017
- 6 • 01/16/2018
- 7 • 04/10/2018
- 8 • 7/3/2018
- 9 • 9/25/2018
- 10 • 11/20/2018
- 11 • 1/15/2019
- 12 • 04/09/2019

13 48. Respondent failed to document reasonable assessments for Patient A that address the  
14 diagnosis at each visit. Every visit in which Respondent failed to adequately and accurately  
15 document a reasonable assessment for Patient A constitutes a separate departure from the  
16 standard of care. These departures include, but are not limited to the visits on the following dates,  
17 each of which constitute a separate and distinct departure from the standard of care:

- 18 • 11/20/2015
- 19 • 12/9/2015
- 20 • 1/6/2016
- 21 • 3/2/2016
- 22 • 5/31/2016
- 23 • 11/8/2016
- 24 • 1/31/2017
- 25 • 7/18/2017
- 26 • 10/10/2017
- 27 • 01/16/2018
- 28 • 04/10/2018

- 1 • 7/3/2018
- 2 • 9/25/2018
- 3 • 11/20/2018
- 4 • 1/15/2019
- 5 • 04/09/2019
- 6 • 7/16/2019
- 7 • 9/10/2019
- 8 • 10/08/2019

9 49. Respondent switched Patient A to alprazolam with a follow up not scheduled until  
10 two months later absent any documented plan or contingency in case of a complication, which  
11 constitutes a departure from the standard of care.

12 50. Respondent departed from the standard of care on March 2, 2016, when he increased  
13 her prescription of alprazolam from 0.5 mg twice daily to 1 mg three times daily, without any  
14 documentation of an assessment or discussion of potential risks.

15 51. Respondent departed from the standard of care on July 18, 2017 when he prescribed  
16 hydrocodone/APAP absent any documentation of a discussion of the potential drug interactions  
17 with Patient A.

18 52. Respondent departed from the standard of care on September 10, 2019, when he  
19 discontinued alprazolam, absent any assessment or documentation of a plan for Patient A to taper  
20 her prescription of alprazolam.

21 **PATIENT B**

22 53. On or about March 29, 2016, Patient B first presented to Respondent for treatment  
23 based upon the records available for review. Patient B reported no side effects or complaints, and  
24 Respondent diagnosed Patient B with bipolar depression and insomnia. Respondent prescribed  
25 Patient B temazepam 15 mg 1-2 tabs as needed for sleep #60, aripiprazole 10 mg twice daily,  
26 trazadone 300 mg at bedtime, and scheduled a follow up in two months. Patient B's prescription  
27 for aripiprazole 10 mg twice daily continued at each visit during the entire treatment period  
28 reviewed. Respondent prescribed Patient B temazepam 15 mg one or two tabs as needed for



1 sleep, with #60 per month throughout the treatment period. Patient B returned to Respondent for  
 2 refills of his medications on June 7, August 30, and November 22, 2016. Patient A continued to  
 3 receive regular prescriptions for hydrocodone throughout 2016, but Respondent did not document  
 4 this in the medical records. Respondent did not document an interval history for Patient B in the  
 5 medical records related to these visits.

6 54. During the period of on or about January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, Patient  
 7 B filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Prescriber Name
1/27/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	E.T.
3/22/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	30 MG	30	Respondent
4/4/2016	ACETAMINOPHEN-CODEINE PHOSPHATE	TAB	300 MG-30 MG	20	A.M., DDS
4/20/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	30 MG	30	Respondent
5/16/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	30 MG	30	Respondent
6/13/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	30 MG	30	Respondent
7/11/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	30 MG	30	Respondent
8/8/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	30 MG	30	Respondent
9/2/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	30 MG	45	Respondent
9/2/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	30 MG	30	Respondent
10/5/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	30 MG	30	Respondent
10/8/2016	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	12	J.D.
10/10/2016	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	24	T.S.
10/15/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	30 MG	45	Respondent
11/3/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	30 MG	45	Respondent
11/12/2016	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	20	D.F.
11/22/2016	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	90	G.D., M.D.
11/22/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
12/19/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
12/19/2016	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
12/23/2016	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	90	G.D., M.D.
12/23/2016	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	90	G.D., M.D.

1           55. On or about February 14, 2017, Patient B presented to Respondent for refills, with no  
 2 complaints. Patient B began receiving hydrocodone/APAP 5/325 EVERY 6-8 hours from  
 3 another provider. Respondent continued to prescribe temazepam along with the opiates that  
 4 Patient B was now receiving from another provider. Respondent did not document any  
 5 discussion of the risks of concurrently taking opiate and benzodiazepines with Patient B. Patient  
 6 B returned to Respondent for refills of his medications on May 16, August 8, November 21, 2017,  
 7 and February 14, 2018. Respondent did not document an interval history for Patient B in the  
 8 medical records related to these visits.

9           56. During the period of on or about January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, Patient  
 10 B filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Prescriber Name
1/16/2017	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
1/24/2017	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	90	G.D., M.D.
2/13/2017	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
2/24/2017	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
3/8/2017	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
3/28/2017	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
4/5/2017	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
4/25/2017	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
5/1/2017	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
5/26/2017	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
5/31/2017	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
6/27/2017	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
6/29/2017	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
7/25/2017	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
7/26/2017	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Prescriber Name
8/23/2017	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
8/25/2017	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
9/18/2017	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
9/26/2017	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
10/14/2017	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
10/24/2017	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
11/10/2017	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
11/21/2017	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
12/7/2017	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
12/22/2017	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.

57. On or about May 8, 2018, Patient B presented to Respondent for treatment. Respondent changed the prescription for trazodone 300 mg at bedtime to 100 mg three times daily. The social history section of the record states that Patient B reported drinking beer 1-2 times per month, which was repeated in the social history of each subsequent visit. Respondent did not document any discussion of the risks of using alcohol concurrently with temazepam, despite the notation that Patient B regularly consumes alcohol 1-2 times per month. The interval history states that Patient B is doing well, with no complaints. Patient B returned to Respondent for refills of his medications on May 18, 2018. Respondent did not document an interval history for Patient B in the medical records related to these visits.

58. On or about August 7, 2018, Patient B presented to Respondent for treatment. Respondent changed Patient B's diagnosis to unspecified mood disorder, schizoaffective disorder depressed type, bipolar 2 disorder, and major depressive disorder. Patient B returned to Respondent for refills of his medications on October 30, 2018, and January 22, 2019. Respondent did not document an interval history for Patient B in the medical records related to these visits.

1 59. During the period of on or about January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, Patient  
 2 B filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Prescriber Name
1/4/2018	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	50	Respondent
	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE				
1/23/2018	BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
1/23/2018	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE				
2/20/2018	BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
2/20/2018	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE				
4/13/2018	BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
4/13/2018	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
5/12/2018	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE				
5/18/2018	BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
6/9/2018	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE				
6/15/2018	BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
7/7/2018	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE				
7/13/2018	BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
8/7/2018	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE				
8/10/2018	BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
10/2/2018	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE				
10/5/2018	BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
10/30/2018	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE				
11/3/2018	BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
11/28/2018	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE				
12/4/2018	BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
12/24/2018	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent

1           60. On or about April 16, 2019, Patient B presented to Respondent for refills. The  
2 interval history states that Patient B is doing well overall and working.

3           61. On or about July 16, 2019, Patient B presented to Respondent for treatment. The  
4 chief complaint states that Patient B underwent emergency back surgery due to a fall. The  
5 interval history states that Patient B fell, broke a disc, and was taken to the hospital for emergency  
6 back surgery. Respondent did not document any discussion with Patient B regarding the potential  
7 that the temazepam may have contributed to his recent fall. Respondent made no change in the  
8 temazepam following Patient B's fall.

9           62. On or about October 15, 2019, Patient B presented to Respondent for the final time  
10 based upon the records available for review. Respondent did not document an interval history for  
11 Patient B in the medical records related to the visit.

12           63. Respondent failed to include any narrative interval history in the subjective portions  
13 of Patient B's medical record at almost every visit. From March 29, 2016 through February 13,  
14 2018, the records reflect a "provider note." On May 8, 2018, the "provider note" was replaced by  
15 a "chief complaint." Respondent stated that the nursing staff documents the chief complaint into  
16 the patient medical record. Respondent failed to document a narrative interval history at nearly  
17 every documented patient encounter with Patient B.

18           64. During the period of on or about January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, Patient  
19 B filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Prescriber Name
1/4/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
1/22/2019	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
2/5/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
2/19/2019	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
3/5/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
3/19/2019	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent

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Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Prescriber Name
4/3/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
4/16/2019	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
5/1/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
5/14/2019	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
5/31/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
6/13/2019	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
6/26/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	15	B.C.
6/28/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
7/16/2019	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
7/16/2019	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	30	G.D., M.D.
7/26/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
7/26/2019	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	30	G.D., M.D.
8/15/2019	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
8/20/2019	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	30	G.D., M.D.
8/23/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
9/11/2019	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	30	G.D., M.D.
9/14/2019	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
9/21/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
10/1/2019	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	30	G.D., M.D.
10/12/2019	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
10/15/2019	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	30	G.D., M.D.
10/19/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
11/7/2019	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	30	G.D., M.D.
11/11/2019	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
11/16/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
12/6/2019	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	30	G.D., M.D.

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Prescriber Name
12/10/2019	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
12/14/2019	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.

65. During the period of on or about January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, Patient B filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Prescriber Name
1/23/2020	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
1/23/2020	TRAMADOL HCL	TAB	50 MG	30	G.D., M.D.
2/4/2020	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
2/20/2020	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
3/3/2020	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
3/18/2020	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
4/3/2020	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
4/15/2020	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
5/1/2020	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
5/9/2020	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
5/29/2020	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
6/6/2020	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
6/26/2020	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
7/2/2020	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
7/24/2020	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
7/30/2020	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
8/25/2020	ACETAMINOPHEN-HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	120	G.D., M.D.
8/28/2020	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Prescriber Name
9/22/2020	ACETAMINOPHEN- HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	60	G.D., M.D.
9/24/2020	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
10/21/2020	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
11/3/2020	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	300 MG-5 MG	10	K.W.
11/18/2020	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
12/17/2020	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent

66. During the period of on or about January 1, 2021 through June 8, 2021, Patient B filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Prescriber Name
1/14/2021	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
2/12/2021	TEMAZEPAM	CAP	15 MG	60	Respondent
5/10/2021	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	30	A.M.
5/21/2021	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	28	G.D., M.D.
5/25/2021	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	28	A.M.
6/1/2021	HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-5 MG	30	A.M.

**Patient B Departures**

67. Respondent failed to document Patient B's interval history/history of presenting illness at each visit. Every visit in which Respondent failed to adequately and accurately document an interval history constitutes a departure from the standard of care. These departures include, but are not limited to the following visits:

- 3/29/2016
- 6/7/2016
- 8/30/2016
- 11/22/2016



- 1 • 2/14/2017
- 2 • 5/16/2017
- 3 • 8/8/2017
- 4 • 11/21/2017
- 5 • 2/13/2018
- 6 • 5/18/2018
- 7 • 8/7/2018
- 8 • 10/30/2018
- 9 • 1/22/2019
- 10 • 10/15/2019

11 68. Respondent failed to document the risk of drug interactions between temazepam and  
12 opioids, which constitutes a departure from the standard of care.

13 69. Respondent failed to document any discussion of the risk of using alcohol while  
14 taking temazepam with Patient B, which constitutes a departure from the standard of care.

15 70. Respondent failed to document any discussion of the potential for temazepam to  
16 contribute to Patient B's risk of falling, which constitutes a departure from the standard of care.

17 **Patient C**

18 71. On or about February 17, 2016, Patient C presented to Respondent for the first time in  
19 the records provided for review. The progress note states that Patient C is returning to the clinic  
20 after a year without visits, but is identified as a new patient to the provider. Patient C was  
21 diagnosed with major depression, generalized anxiety disorder, and panic disorder. Respondent  
22 did not document an interval history for Patient C at this visit. The records state that Patient C  
23 stopped taking Effexor XR, and was interested in a different medication. Respondent prescribes  
24 Patient C alprazolam 0.5 mg twice daily, and Latuda 20 mg daily. Patient C is also taking  
25 morphine 30 mg three times daily. During the following months, Respondent stopped prescribing  
26 citalopram. Patient C was concurrently receiving prescriptions for controlled substances from  
27 other providers, including her primary care physician. In addition to the alprazolam prescribed by  
28 Respondent, Patient C concurrently received prescriptions for alprazolam, hydromorphone hcl,

1 morphine, oxycodone hcl-acetaminophen, OxyCONTIN, and Xtampza ER from other medical  
 2 providers. Respondent did not document Patient C's treatment or prescriptions received by other  
 3 medical providers in the medical records for the period reviewed. Patient C returned to  
 4 Respondent for refills on April 20, June 7, August 2, and September 28, 2016. Respondent did  
 5 not document an interval history for Patient C in the medical records related to these visits.

6 72. On or about October 25, 2016, Patient C presented to Respondent for refills.  
 7 Respondent increased Patient C's dose of alprazolam from 0.5 mg twice daily, to 1 mg twice  
 8 daily. Respondent did not document a narrative assessment of the need to change the  
 9 prescription, or a discussion of the risks of increasing alprazolam concurrently with Patient C's  
 10 prescription of morphine 30 mg three times daily. Respondent did not document an interval  
 11 history for Patient C at this visit. Patient C returned to Respondent for refills on December 6,  
 12 2016, January 31, 20, 2016. Respondent did not document an interval history for Patient C in the  
 13 medical records related to these visits.

14 73. During the period of on or about January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, Patient  
 15 C filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Days' Supply	Prescriber Name
1/13/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	2 MG	60	30	J.C.
1/13/2016	MORPHINE SULFATE	TER	30 MG	90	30	J.C.
2/8/2016	MORPHINE SULFATE	TAB	30 MG	90	30	J.C.
2/11/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	2 MG	60	30	J.C.
3/8/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	2 MG	60	30	J.C.
3/8/2016	MORPHINE SULFATE	TAB	30 MG	90	30	J.C.
4/6/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	2 MG	60	30	J.C.
4/6/2016	MORPHINE SULFATE	TAB	30 MG	90	30	J.C.
5/3/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	2 MG	60	30	J.C.
5/3/2016	MORPHINE SULFATE	TAB	30 MG	90	30	J.C.
6/3/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	2 MG	60	30	J.C.
6/3/2016	MORPHINE SULFATE	TAB	30 MG	90	30	J.C.
7/1/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	2 MG	60	30	J.C.
7/1/2016	MORPHINE SULFATE	TAB	30 MG	90	30	J.C.
7/29/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	2 MG	60	30	J.C.
7/29/2016	MORPHINE SULFATE	TER	30 MG	90	30	J.C.
8/27/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	2 MG	60	30	J.C.
8/27/2016	MORPHINE SULFATE	TER	30 MG	90	30	J.C.

9/21/2016	HYDROMORPHONE HCL	TAB	4 MG	60	30	J.D.
9/28/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	0.5 MG	60	30	Respondent
10/12/2016	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	J.D.
10/25/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
11/2/2016	OXYCONTIN	TER	15 MG	60	30	H.N.
11/10/2016	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	J.D.
11/23/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
11/30/2016	OXYCONTIN	TER	15 MG	90	30	J.D.
12/22/2016	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
12/30/2016	OXYCONTIN	TER	15 MG	90	30	H.N.

74. On or about August 16, 2017, Patient C returned to Respondent for refills.

Respondent did not document an interval history for Patient C related to this visit. Respondent documented that Patient C was receiving OxyCONTIN and morphine in addition to the alprazolam he was prescribing, but failed to document any discussion of the potential risks to Patient C of taking two concomitant opioids in combination with benzodiazepines. Patient C returned to Respondent for refills on November 15, 2017, January 10, and April 4, 2018.

Respondent did not document an interval history for Patient C in the medical records related to these visits.

75. During the period of on or about January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, Patient

C filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Days' Supply	Prescriber Name
1/21/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
1/31/2017	OXYCONTIN	TER	15 MG	90	30	H.N.
2/22/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
3/1/2017	OXYCONTIN	TER	15 MG	90	30	H.N.
3/24/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
3/30/2017	OXYCONTIN	TER	10 MG	90	30	H.N.
4/24/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
4/28/2017	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	J.D.
4/28/2017	OXYCONTIN	TER	15 MG	60	30	J.D.
5/24/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
5/25/2017	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	H.N.
5/25/2017	OXYCONTIN	TER	15 MG	60	30	H.N.
6/23/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent

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6/23/2017	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	J.D.
6/23/2017	OXYCONTIN	TER	15 MG	60	30	J.D.
7/22/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
7/22/2017	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	H.N.
7/22/2017	OXYCONTIN	TER	15 MG	60	30	H.N.
8/19/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
8/19/2017	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	J.D.
8/19/2017	OXYCONTIN	TER	15 MG	60	30	J.D.
9/16/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
9/16/2017	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	J.D.
9/16/2017	OXYCONTIN	TER	15 MG	60	30	J.D.
10/14/2017	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	H.N.
10/14/2017	OXYCONTIN	TER	15 MG	60	30	H.N.
10/16/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
11/11/2017	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	J.D.
11/11/2017	OXYCONTIN	TER	15 MG	90	30	J.D.
11/18/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
12/11/2017	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	H.N.
12/15/2017	XTAMPZA ER	CER	13.5 MG	60	30	H.N.
12/16/2017	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent

76. On or about July 17, 2018, Respondent transitioned to a new electronic health record system. The new system included a ‘general treatment plan’ section, in which Respondent always wrote, “continue current medications.” Respondent did not document an interval history for Patient C related to this visit.

77. On or about September 5, 2018, Respondent wrote, “continue current medications” in the general treatment plan, despite discontinuing the prescription for Rexulti. Respondent did not document an interval history for Patient C related to this visit.

78. During the period of on or about January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, Patient C filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Days' Supply	Prescriber Name
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1	1/10/2018	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	H.N.
2	1/13/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
3	1/13/2018	XTAMPZA ER	CER	13.5 MG	60	30	H.N.
4	2/7/2018	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	H.N.
5	2/10/2018	XTAMPZA ER	CER	13.5 MG	60	30	H.N.
6	2/15/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
7	3/7/2018	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	H.N.
8	3/14/2018	XTAMPZA ER	CER	13.5 MG	60	30	H.N.
9	3/20/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
10	4/4/2018	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
11	4/12/2018	XTAMPZA ER	CER	13.5 MG	60	30	H.N.
12	4/18/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
13	5/4/2018	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
14	5/9/2018	XTAMPZA ER	CER	13.5 MG	60	30	H.N.
15	5/16/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
16	6/2/2018	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	J.D.
17	6/7/2018	XTAMPZA ER	CER	13.5 MG	60	30	J.D.
18	6/13/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
19	6/30/2018	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	H.N.
20	7/5/2018	XTAMPZA ER	CER	13.5 MG	60	30	H.N.
21	7/18/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
22	8/2/2018	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	H.N.
23	8/2/2018	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
24	8/17/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
25	9/1/2018	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	20	H.N.
26	9/1/2018	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
27	9/15/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
28	9/25/2018	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
	9/25/2018	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
	10/13/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
	10/26/2018	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	60	30	H.N.
	10/31/2018	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
	11/13/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
	11/24/2018	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.

11/24/2018	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
12/11/2018	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
12/22/2018	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
12/27/2018	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.

79. On or about January 9, 2019, Respondent wrote "continue current medications" in the general treatment plan, despite adding Latuda as a new medication. Respondent did not document an interval history for Patient C related to this visit.

80. During the period of on or about January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, Patient C filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Days' Supply	Prescriber Name
1/11/2019	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
1/21/2019	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
1/26/2019	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
2/9/2019	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
2/19/2019	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	J.D.
2/25/2019	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	J.D.
3/12/2019	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
3/21/2019	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	J.D.
3/27/2019	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	J.D.
4/11/2019	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
4/19/2019	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
4/26/2019	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
5/13/2019	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
5/18/2019	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
5/24/2019	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
6/14/2019	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
6/17/2019	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	J.D.
6/22/2019	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	J.D.
7/13/2019	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
7/16/2019	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.

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7/22/2019	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
8/13/2019	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
8/15/2019	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
8/20/2019	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
9/12/2019	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
9/14/2019	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
9/21/2019	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
10/12/2019	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
10/16/2019	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
10/21/2019	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
11/12/2019	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
11/14/2019	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
11/20/2019	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
12/11/2019	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
12/13/2019	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
12/19/2019	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.

81. During the period of on or about January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, Patient

C filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Days' Supply	Prescriber Name
1/10/2020	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	J.D.
1/17/2020	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	J.D.
1/21/2020	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
2/8/2020	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	J.D.
2/17/2020	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	J.D.
2/20/2020	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
3/9/2020	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
3/19/2020	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
3/19/2020	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
4/7/2020	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
4/18/2020	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
4/18/2020	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
5/7/2020	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.

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5/18/2020	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
5/18/2020	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
6/5/2020	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
6/17/2020	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
6/19/2020	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
7/4/2020	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
7/15/2020	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
7/17/2020	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
8/3/2020	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
8/14/2020	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
8/17/2020	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
8/31/2020	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
9/14/2020	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
9/16/2020	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
9/30/2020	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
10/13/2020	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
10/14/2020	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
10/29/2020	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
11/11/2020	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
11/12/2020	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
11/27/2020	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
12/12/2020	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
12/12/2020	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
12/26/2020	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.

82. During the period of on or about January 1, 2021 through June 8, 2021, Patient C filled the following prescriptions for controlled substances:

Date Filled	Drug Name	Form	Drug Strength	Qty	Days' Supply	Prescriber Name
1/11/2021	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
1/12/2021	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
1/26/2021	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
2/11/2021	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
2/11/2021	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.



1	2/26/2021	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
2	3/15/2021	ALPRAZOLAM	TAB	1 MG	60	30	Respondent
3	3/15/2021	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
4	3/27/2021	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.
5	4/16/2021	XTAMPZA ER	CER	18 MG	60	30	H.N.
6	4/26/2021	OXYCODONE HCL- ACETAMINOPHEN	TAB	325 MG-10 MG	90	30	H.N.

**Patient C Departures**

7 83. Respondent failed to document Patient C's interval history or history of presenting  
8 illness at each visit. Every visit in which Respondent failed to adequately and accurately  
9 document an interval history constitutes a departure from the standard of care. These departures  
10 include, but are not limited to the following visits:

- 11 • 2/17/2016
- 12 • 4/20/2016
- 13 • 6/7/2016
- 14 • 8/2/2016
- 15 • 9/28/2016
- 16 • 10/25/2016
- 17 • 12/06/2016
- 18 • 1/31/2017
- 19 • 8/16/2017
- 20 • 11/15/2017
- 21 • 1/10/2018
- 22 • 4/4/2018
- 23 • 7/17/2018
- 24 • 9/5/2018
- 25 • 1/9/2019

1 84. Respondent failed to document an assessment of the need to increase Patient C's  
2 prescription for alprazolam on October 25, 2016, while she was already taking morphine daily,  
3 which constitutes a departure from the standard of care.

4 85. Respondent did not document a discussion or assessment of the risk of taking  
5 benzodiazepines concurrently with two opioids on August 16, 2017, which constitutes a departure  
6 from the standard of care.

7 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

8 **(Failure to Maintain Adequate and Accurate Medical Records)**

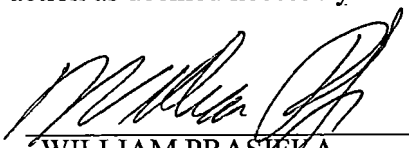
9 86. Respondent has subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 40267 to  
10 disciplinary action under section 2227, as defined by section 2266, of the Code, in that he failed  
11 to maintain adequate and accurate records in connection with his care and treatment of Patient A,  
12 Patient B, and Patient C, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 22 through 85, which are  
13 hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

14 **PRAYER**

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

- 17 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 40267,  
18 issued to Edgar Castillo-Armas, M.D.;
- 19 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Edgar Castillo-Armas, M.D.'s authority  
20 to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
- 21 3. Ordering Edgar Castillo-Armas, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the  
22 costs of probation monitoring; and
- 23 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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25 DATED:  JUL 23 2021

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27 WILLIAM PRASIFKA  
28 Executive Director  
Medical Board of California  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
*Complainant*