## BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE

OF

## WALTER RAY WOLFE, M.D.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

## CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, WALTER RAY WOLFE, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 11096, said license number expires on June 30, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Investigative Staff of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," has conducted an investigation of Licensee and has in its possession evidence which, if established during the course of an evidentiary hearing, would substantiate that Licensee is guilty of unprofessional conduct in violation of provisions of the Mississippi Medical Practice Law, specifically, Subsection (8)(d) of §73-25-29 and §73-25-83(a), Miss. Code Ann., as amended, for which the Board may revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action as the Board may deem proper under the circumstances;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Licensee to avoid an evidentiary hearing before the Board and, in lieu thereof, has agreed to enter into this Consent Order;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, with consent of Licensee as signified by his joinder herein, does hereby take the following disciplinary action:

- 1. Licensee's Certificate (No. 11096) to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi is hereby suspended for an indefinite period of time from the date of execution of this order, with no stay of the suspension. However, upon expiration of one (1) year from the date of execution of this order, Licensee shall have the right, but not the obligation, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §73-25-32, to petition the Board for reinstatement of licensure.
- 2. In the event Licensee elects to seek reinstatement of his medical Licensee pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §73-25-32, he is advised and fully understands that there is no guarantee that the Board will grant reinstatement. Furthermore, Licensee is advised, fully understands and agrees that if the Board authorizes reinstatement, the Board reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to place any and all restrictions on Licensee's practice deemed necessary to protect the public, including but not limited to requiring Licensee to undergo an assessment or evaluation for the purpose of determining his fitness to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, said assessment or evaluation conducted with advise and recommendation from the Mississippi Professional Health Program (MPHP) pursuant to the Mississippi Disabled Physician Law, Miss. Code Ann §73-25-51 et seq.
- 3. Licensee shall reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., §73-25-30. Licensee shall be advised of the total assessment by separate written notification, and shall tender to the Board a certified check or money order made payable to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

This Consent Order shall be subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Consent Order, in whole or in part, it shall have no force or effect on the parties. It is further understood and agreed that the purpose of this Consent Order is to avoid a hearing before the Board. In this regard, Licensee authorizes the Board to review and examine any documentary evidence or material concerning the Licensee prior to or in conjunction with its consideration of this Consent Order. Should this Consent Order not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Consent Order and other documents and matters pertaining thereto by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from participation in any further proceedings.

By execution of this Consent Order, Licensee is not admitting to or acknowledging any misconduct or act of malpractice and this Order cannot be used against him.

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that this Consent Order, if approved and executed by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, shall constitute a public record of the State of Mississippi, thereby accessible through the Board's website. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to, among others, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Due to the public nature of this Order, the Board makes no representation as to actions, if any, which any insurance company, healthcare network, agency or jurisdiction may take in response to this Order.

Recognizing his right to notice of charges specified against him, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-27 (1972), to be represented therein by legal counsel of his choice, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, WALTER RAY WOLFE, M.D., nevertheless, hereby waives his right to notice and a formal adjudication of all charges and hereby voluntarily executes this Consent

Order, thereby suspending his medical license, subject to those terms and conditions listed above.

**EXECUTED**, this 25th day of July, 2019.

WALTER RAY WOLFE, M.D.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this 25th day of July, 2019, by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

JEANNE ANN REA, M.D. Board President

APPROVED:

Maison Heidelberg, Esq. Counsel for Dr. Wolfe

Stan T. Ingram, Esq. Board Complaint Counsel