

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

2 In the Matter of

CASE NO. MD-02-0592

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4 **GRIGORY SOROKIN, M.D.**

**INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND
ORDER FOR SUMMARY
SUSPENSION OF LICENSE**

5 Holder of License No. 27559
6 For the Practice of Medicine
7 In the State of Arizona.

8 **INTRODUCTION**

9 The above-captioned matter came on for discussion before the Arizona Medical
10 Board ("Board") at an emergency meeting held on September 4, 2002. After reviewing
11 relevant information in the matter obtained pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1451 and being fully
12 advised, the Board enters the following Interim Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and
13 Order for Summary Suspension of License, pending formal hearings or other Board action.

14 **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

15 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the
16 practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

17 2. Grigory Sorokin M.D. ("Respondent") is the holder of License No. 27559 for the
18 practice of medicine in the State of Arizona.

19 3. On September 3, 2002 at approximately 5:00 p.m. the Board received a phone call
20 from Detective Sy Ray of the Gilbert Police Department advising that Respondent was in
21 custody as a suspect in numerous sexual related offenses perpetrated between December
22 2000 and December 2001 on numerous juvenile patients. Detective Ray advised that
23 Respondent had been retained by the Anasazi Foundation ("Foundation") to conduct routine
24 physicals on juveniles who were going to be participating in the Foundation's camp for
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1 troubled teens. A former patient had reported that Respondent had masturbated him to
2 ejaculation as part of the pre-boot camp physical.

3 4. Detective Ray testified before the Board at the September 4, 2002 hearing that the
4 Gilbert Police Department had initiated an investigation based on information received from
5 the Foundation as well as information from an anonymous caller, a former patient. The
6 information disclosed by the anonymous caller meets the requirements of A.R.S. § 13-1405,
7 sexual conduct with a minor. Detective Ray stated that using a list provided by the
8 Foundation he had contacted four additional former patients of Respondent. One former
9 patient declined to speak to Detective Ray, but the other three have disclosed information
10 that meets either A.R.S. § 13-405, sexual conduct with a minor or A.R.S. § 13-1410,
11 molestation of a child.

12 5. Detective Ray also testified that during an interview he conducted with Respondent,
13 Respondent admitted to examining the children and described his actions as a procedure he
14 had learned in medical school and told Detective Ray that the procedure was common.
15 Detective Ray stated that he contacted the medical school Respondent attended and spoke
16 with the Resident Program Director ("Director"). Detective Ray stated that the Director
17 explained that Respondent's explanation was not a medical procedure that the school had
18 ever taught, or would ever teach. The Director also stated that Respondent's explanation of
19 his conduct was in no way a medical procedure or anything the medical community has ever
20 adopted as a procedure.

21 6. Detective Ray informed the Board that during his interview with Respondent,
22 Respondent stated that he has had contact with other patients under the age of 18 that were
23 not patients he had seen through the Foundation and that Respondent's conduct with these
24 patients meets the criteria of A.R.S. § § 13-405, sexual conduct with a minor and 13-410,
25 molestation of a child.

1 7. Detective Ray informed the Board that Respondent's case had been referred to the
2 Maricopa County Attorney for the filing of four felony counts pursuant to A.R.S. § § 13-405
3 and 13-410. Detective Ray stated that the investigation is continuing. Detective Ray also
4 informed the Board that the offenses were bondable offenses and that once Respondent
5 posted bond he would be released. However, Detective Ray informed the Board that the
6 Maricopa County Superior Court had been requested to impose as a condition of release that
7 Respondent not practice medicine with juveniles.

8 8. Detective Ray also testified that he had contacted Respondent's office and was told
9 that while Respondent's practice is primarily an adult practice he is accepting patients
10 years old or older.

11 9. Respondent's attorney stated that Respondent had posted bond and would be released
12 sometime late in the afternoon of the 4th. Respondent's attorney noted that there were no
13 other complaints pending against Respondent and that the alleged actions had taken place
14 approximately one year ago.

15 10. Based upon the foregoing, the Board finds that it has been presented with sufficient
16 substantial and reliable information concerning Respondent's professional conduct to
17 conclude that, pending formal administrative hearing, the public health, safety and welfare
18 imperatively requires emergency action by the Board against Respondent's license to
19 practice medicine in the State of Arizona.

20 INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

21 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent,
22 holder of License No. 27559, for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

23 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct
24 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(24)(d) "[c]ommitting a felony, whether or not involving moral
25 turpitude, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. In either case, conviction by a court

1 of competent jurisdiction or a plea of no contest is conclusive evidence of the commission.”

2 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct
3 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(24)(q) “[a]ny conduct practice which is or might be harmful
4 or dangerous to the health of the patient or public.”

5 4. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct
6 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(24)(z) “[e]ngaging in sexual conduct with a current patient . .
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8 5. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1451(D), and based on the foregoing Interim Findings of
9 Fact and Conclusions of Law, the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires
10 emergency action.

11 **ORDER**

12 Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, set forth
13 above,

14 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

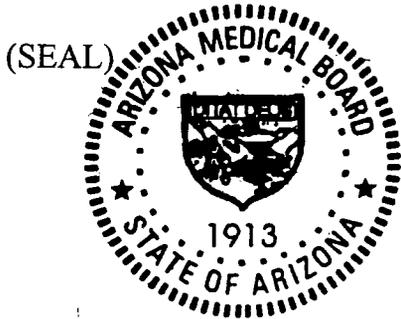
15 1. Respondent’s license to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona,
16 License No. 27559, is summarily suspended pending a formal hearing before a hearing
17 officer from the Office of Administrative Hearings.

18 2. The Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law constitute written notice
19 to Respondent of the charges of unprofessional conduct made by the Board against him.
20 Respondent is entitled to a formal hearing to defend these charges as expeditiously as
21 possible from the effective date of this order.

22 3. The Board’s Executive Director is instructed to refer this matter to the Office
23 of Administrative Hearings for scheduling of an administrative hearing to be commenced as
24 expeditiously as possible from the date of the issuance of this order, unless stipulated and
25 agreed otherwise by Respondent.

1 DATED this 5th day of September, 2002.

2 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD



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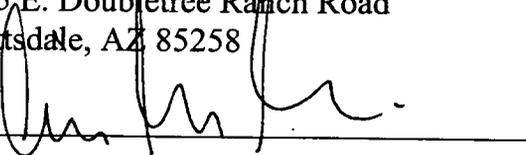
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