

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
SYED SAJID, M.D.

COMMISSIONER'S
ORDER OF
SUMMARY
ACTION

TO: Syed Sajid, M.D. Syed Sajid, M.D.

[REDACTED]
Syed Sajid, M.D.
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The undersigned, Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D., Commissioner of Health, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230, upon the recommendation of a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, has determined that the duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another jurisdiction, the State of New Jersey, has made a finding substantially equivalent to a finding that the practice of medicine by **Syed Sajid, M.D.**, Respondent, New York license number 224084, in that jurisdiction constitutes an imminent danger to the health of its people, as is more fully set forth in the Order of Summary Suspension and the Statement of Particulars, dated March 31, 2015, of the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Medicine, attached hereto as Appendix "A" and made a part hereof.

It is therefore:

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230(12)(b), that effective immediately, Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of New York, or practice in any setting under the authority of Respondent's New York license.

Any practice of medicine in violation of this Order shall constitute Professional Misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(29) and may constitute unauthorized medical practice, a Felony defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6512.

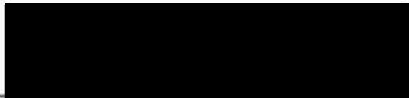
This Order shall remain in effect until the final conclusion of a hearing which shall commence within thirty days after the final conclusion of the disciplinary proceeding in

the predicate action. The hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on a date and at a location to be set forth in a written Notice of Hearing or Notice of Referral Proceeding to be provided to the Respondent after the final conclusion of the proceeding in the predicate action. Said written notice may be provided in person, by mail, or by other means. If Respondent wishes to be provided said written notice at an address other than that set forth above, Respondent shall so notify, in writing, both the attorney whose name is set forth in this Order, and the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, at the addresses set forth below.

Respondent shall notify the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204-2719 via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, of the final conclusion of the proceeding in the predicate action, immediately upon such conclusion.

THE NEW YORK PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT YOU BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW §230-a. YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York
February 24, 2016


Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D.
Commissioner of Health
New York State Department of Health

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VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: SYED SAJID, M.D.
License No.: 0101-232717

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a quorum of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") met on March 31, 2015, by telephone conference call after a good faith effort to convene a regular meeting of the Board failed. The purpose of the meeting was to receive and act upon information indicating that Syed Sajid, M.D., may have violated certain laws and regulations relating to the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

WHEREUPON, pursuant to its authority under § 54.1-2408.1 of the Code, the Board concludes that a substantial danger to the public health or safety warrants this action and ORDERS that the license of Syed Sajid, M.D., to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and hereby is, SUSPENDED. It is further ORDERED that a hearing will be convened forthwith to receive and act upon evidence in this cause, and that the Executive Director of the Board shall be authorized to execute this Order and all other documents, notices, and Orders on behalf of the Board necessary to bring this matter to hearing.

Upon entry of this Order of Summary Suspension, the license of Syed Sajid, M.D., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

Pursuant to § 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD



for William J. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 3/31/2015

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: SYED SAJID, M.D.
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STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") alleges that:

1. Dr. Sajid may be in violation of Section 54.1-2915.A(2), (4), and (14) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), in that he is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse, as evidenced by the following:

a. From August 12, 2008 to January 6, 2015, Dr. Sajid was under the psychiatric care of Physician Z for management of depression, anxiety, insomnia, and Attention Deficit Disorder, including the regular prescription of Adderall (C-II), Klonopin (C-IV), Zolpidem (C-IV), and multiple anti-depressants. Physician Z reports that, at Dr. Sajid's last office visit on January 6, 2015, he exhibited psychotic symptoms with paranoid delusions and expressed rambling, disorganized thoughts. Among other things, Dr. Sajid informed Physician Z that other people were using "rays" against him and "bombarding" him with "maximum explosion therapy." Physician Z questioned whether such delusional thinking was due to manic psychosis or was medication (Adderall) induced and noted that Dr. Sajid reported taking some of a family member's Adderall. When Physician Z recommended that Dr. Sajid stop taking Adderall, be tapered off his antidepressants, and start taking antipsychotic medication and a mood stabilizer, Dr. Sajid disagreed with this assessment and treatment plan, refused to take

the prescribed Zyprexa (C-VI) and Depakote (C-VI), and stated he would not be returning to Physician Z for care thereafter (and has not done so since this last visit).

b. In an interview with a Department of Health Professions' ("DHP") Investigator on or about March 3, 2015, Physician Z opined that, based on his last office visit on January 6, 2015, Dr. Sajid was not safe to practice medicine due to his psychosis and poor insight and judgment.

c. On or about December 17, 2014, Physician X, a former psychiatric treatment provider and friend of Dr. Sajid, responded to an emergency call from a family member asking him to come to their home to evaluate Dr. Sajid. After arriving at the home and evaluating Dr. Sajid, Physician X reported that Dr. Sajid appeared to be experiencing paranoia due to taking Adderall. In a progress note that he documented for this visit, Physician X diagnosed Dr. Sajid with mood disorder NOS, rule out drug-induced mood disorder from Adderall. Physician X recommended that Dr. Sajid stop taking Adderall and Wellbutrin, prescribed him Zyprexa, advised Dr. Sajid not to see patients for a couple of days until the Zyprexa "kicked in," and instructed Dr. Sajid to follow up with his regular psychiatrist, Physician Z. Dr. Sajid refused to take the Zyprexa prescribed by Physician X.

d. On or about February 6 and 12, 2015, a family member of Dr. Sajid's reported to a DHP Investigator that Dr. Sajid had experienced paranoia intermittently since approximately 2007, and such paranoia had gotten worse over time. This family member reported that he recently had made statements to the effect that "the system is

after him and [the President] is after him" and "patients are fake," in addition to accusing the family member of calling motorcyclists to spy on him and waking in the middle of the night because he believed someone had broken into the house. In early December 2014, this family member reported receiving a call from police at Fort Lee reporting that Dr. Sajid was there and was lost and did not know how to get back home. This family member called Physician X for help on December 17, 2014 after Dr. Sajid threatened to commit suicide. This family member expressed fear of Dr. Sajid and has called both the police and the local mental health community service board about Dr. Sajid's behavior.

2. Dr. Sajid may have violated Section 54.1-2915.A(3), (12), (13), (16), (18) and (19) of the Code, and 18 VAC 85-20-100.A and .B of the Board's General Regulations, in that during an office visit on or about January 6, 2015 with his psychiatrist, Physician Z, Dr. Sajid reported that he had engaged in sexual misconduct with two of his patients during a manic episode that occurred over five years ago. Previously, Dr. Sajid had reported to Physician Z (as documented in progress notes for August 12, 2008 and October 1, 2014), that he had been falsely accused of and reported to DHP by a female patient for sexual misconduct in December 2006.

3. Dr. Sajid may have violated Section 54.1-2915.A(1) and (16) of the Code in that Dr. Sajid made false and deceptive statements to the Board during an informal conference held on May 9, 2007 regarding a complaint filed by a 24-year-old female patient (Patient A) alleging that Dr. Sajid engaged in sexual contact with her during a December 1, 2006 office visit. The Board Order arising from this informal conference (dated May 17, 2007) reported Dr. Sajid's

denial to the Special Conference Committee "that he engaged in conduct of a sexual nature with Patient A on or about December 1, 2006, or any other date," a denial which Dr. Sajid has now revealed to be false to his psychiatrist by his admissions made on or about January 6, 2015, as described in allegation #2 above. Based on this false denial, the Special Conference Committee of the Board dismissed Patient A's complaint of sexual misconduct against Dr. Sajid.

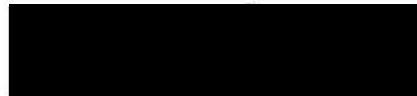
4. Dr. Sajid may have violated Sections 54.1-111(A)(7) and 54.1-2915.A(12) and (18) of the Code, and 18 VAC 85-20-105 of the Board's General Regulations, in that he willfully refused to provide information requested by the Investigator during her investigation. Specifically, on or about February 9, 2015, after receiving a written request for information from the Investigator, Dr. Sajid informed her via telephone that "I'm not going to respond or cooperate with the Board's investigation because it was against the law for [Physician Z] to report me. Practitioners can only report other practitioners for substance abuse problems not mental health issues." Before terminating his conversation with the Investigator, Dr. Sajid stated that an "injustice" had been done against him and that "it doesn't matter anyway." Dr. Sajid did not respond to further attempts by the Investigator to contact him or obtain information from him.

5. Dr. Sajid may have violated Sections 54.1-2405 and 54.1-2915.A(3), (12), (13), (16), and (18) of the Code, and 18 VAC 85-20-26.F of the Board's General Regulations, in that, prior to closing his psychiatric office in mid-January 2015, he failed to provide written notification of such closure by mail or publication in a local newspaper of general circulation to patients in his

psychiatric practice, nor did he notify them in advance of the location of or the means by which they could obtain their patient records. Moreover, in his only telephone conversation with the DHP Investigator on or about February 9, 2015, Dr. Sajid stated that he had closed his practice and left a message with his answering service instructing his patients to find a new doctor. When the Investigator called Dr. Sajid's medical office number on or about February 3, 2015, a recorded message stated that Dr. Sajid's office was closed for a family emergency until further notice. By closing his psychiatric office in mid-January 2015 without first notifying patients in writing or through the newspaper (or any other means) or making any provision for the transfer of his patients' care or medical records to other providers, Dr. Sajid abandoned his patients.

Please see Attachment I for the identity of the patient and physicians listed above.

FOR THE BOARD



For William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

DATE: 3/31/2015