

**IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, *ex rel.*)
 OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD)
 OF MEDICAL LICENSURE)
 AND SUPERVISION,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 vs.)
)
 CHIGURUPATI RAMANA, M.D.,)
 LICENSE NO. MD 31923,)
)
 Defendant.)

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OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Case No. 18-12-5685

**ORDER ACCEPTING
VOLUNTARY SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION**

The State of Oklahoma, *ex rel.* the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (“Board”), by and through its attorney, Joseph L. Ashbaker, Assistant Attorney General, for the State of Oklahoma (“State”) and the staff of the Board, as represented by the Secretary of the Board, Billy H. Stout, M.D., and the Executive Director of the Board, Lyle Kelsey, along with Chigurupati Ramana, M.D. (“Defendant”), Oklahoma medical license no. 31923, (collectively, the “Parties”) who appears in person and through counsel Elizabeth A. “Libby” Scott and Timothy J. Gallegly of Crowe & Dunlevy, P.C., offer this Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction (herein, “Order” or “Agreement”) effective ~~November~~ ^{MARCH} 17, 2020, for acceptance by the Board *en banc* pursuant to Okla. Admin. Code § 435:5-1-5.1. Ja

By voluntarily submitting to jurisdiction and entering into this Order, Defendant acknowledges that a hearing before the Board could result in some sanction under the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act (“Act”), 59 O.S. 2011, § 480, *et seq.* Defendant otherwise has not admitted or denied the allegations herein.

Defendant, Chigurupati Ramana, M.D., states that he is of sound mind and is not under the influence of, or impaired by, any medication or drug and that he fully recognizes his right to appear before the Board for an evidentiary hearing on the allegations made against him. Defendant hereby voluntarily waives his right to a full hearing, submits to the jurisdiction of the Board and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Order. Defendant acknowledges that he has read and understands the terms and conditions stated herein, and that this Agreement has been reviewed and discussed with him. Defendant also agrees not to pursue any motion to recuse the current Medical Board, and agrees to submit to their jurisdiction and present this action to the members currently appointed.

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If the Board does not accept this Order, the Parties stipulate that it shall be regarded as null and void. Admissions by Defendant herein, if any, shall not be regarded as evidence against him in a subsequent disciplinary hearing. Defendant will be free to defend himself, and no inferences will be made from his willingness to have this Order accepted by the Board. The Parties stipulate that neither the presentation of this Order nor the Board's consideration of this Order shall be deemed to have unfairly or illegally prejudiced the Board or its individual members and, therefore, shall not be grounds for precluding the Board nor any individual Board member from further participation in proceedings related to the matters set forth herein.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The State, the Defendant and the Board staff stipulate and agree as follows:

1. Defendant holds Oklahoma medical license number 31923, which was issued on February 5, 2016.
2. The acts and omissions complained of herein were made while Defendant was acting as a physician pursuant to the medical license conferred upon him by the State of Oklahoma. Such acts and omissions occurred within the physical territory of the State of Oklahoma.

CURRENT ALLEGATIONS IN COMPLAINT

1. Eight (8) patient records were subpoenaed and received. Each of those was sent for expert review. The expert rendered a summation of his medical record review as well as an opinion regarding each patient.
2. He stated that while venous stents should be applied only if necessary with visible stenosis, venous collaterals or cases of thrombus, this was not readily apparent in 3 of the cases he reviewed. He stated that Defendant has stented when unnecessary in one or more cases, and the fact that the stents are embolizing in the short term is evidence that the veins were normal in one or more cases. Further, he found that stents should be oversized and post angioplastied which did not occur appropriately in one or more cases.
3. The expert found that other cases demonstrated a pattern of unnecessary medical procedures. He found that Defendant has intervened on one or more patients when the ankle-brachial index (ABI) was normal. The expert determined the records reviewed demonstrated Defendant's venous stenting fell below the standard of care in one or more cases.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and is a duly authorized agency of the State of Oklahoma empowered to license and oversee the activities of physicians and surgeons in the State of Oklahoma. 59 O.S. 2011, § 480 *et seq.*

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2. Based on the foregoing and Defendant's voluntary submission to jurisdiction, the Defendant is guilty of the following:
3. Failure to maintain an office record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation, treatment and medical necessity of treatment of the patient in violation of Title 59 § 509(18).
4. Violation of any provision(s) of the medical practice act or the rules and regulations of the Board or of an action, stipulation, or agreement of the Board in violation of OAC 435:10-7-4(39).

ORDERS

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

1. The Board *en banc* hereby adopts the Agreement of the Parties in this Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction, including the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated herein.
2. Defendant, **CHIGURUPATI RAMANA, M.D.** is not to engage in venous stenting permanently. This prohibition includes practice of venous stenting by him, whether in his current practice or in any future medical practice or organization of which he is a member or an affiliate in any way. Defendant is precluded from requesting this prohibition be lifted.
3. Promptly upon receipt of an invoice, Defendant shall pay all costs of this action authorized by law, including without limitation, legal fees, investigation costs, staff time, salary and travel expenses, witness fees and attorney's fees.
4. A copy of this Order shall be provided to Defendant as soon as it is processed.
5. **This Order is subject to review and approval by the Oklahoma Attorney General, and this Order shall become final upon completion of the review by the Oklahoma Attorney General unless disapproved, in which case this Order shall be null and void.**

Dated this 11th day of MARCH, 2020.



James (Jim) Brinkworth, M.D., President
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL
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Chigurupati Ramana, MD

Chigurupati Ramana, M.D.
License No. 31923
Defendant

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Certificate of Service

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This is to certify that on the 17th day of March, 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order was transmitted as indicated, postage prepaid, to the following:

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-1821

March 17, 2021

Dear Secretary Stout:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision intends to take pursuant to an agreed order in case 18-12-5685. Under Executive Order 2019-17, Qualifying Boards need not submit for review by this office Board "actions to which the respondent consents or agrees[.]" Because the respondent in this case consented to the Board's action, no review by our office is necessary. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ethan Shaner".

ETHAN SHANER
DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL