

6. On the morning of July 28, 2024, Respondent was involved in a single-car accident that involved only himself in Hoosick, New York at a time when he was scheduled to be working at SVMC.

7. Respondent resigned from SVMC on August 7, 2024.

8. Respondent's health problems affected his behavior and functioning at work and impaired his judgment, focus, and interactions with others.

9. In September 2024, Respondent began working with the Vermont Health Practitioner Program ("VPHP") to address his personal health concerns.

10. As part of working with VPHP, Respondent attended intensive inpatient care at Caron Treatment Center and then intensive outpatient care at St. Peter's Addiction and Recovery Center Professionals Program.

11. On February 27, 2025, Respondent pled guilty to driving while ability impaired in violation of New York VTL § 1192(4) in connection with his car accident.

12. Respondent entered into a five-year VPHP monitoring contract that became effective on June 1, 2025.

13. Respondent cooperated with the Committee's investigation and provided relevant information to the Committee.

Conclusions of Law

14. Respondent's habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances impaired his ability to practice medicine in violation of 26 V.S.A. § 1354(a)(5).

15. Consistent with Respondent's cooperation with the Board, he acknowledges that if the State were to file charges it could satisfy its burden at a hearing and a finding adverse to him could be entered by the Board pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 1354(a)(5).

16. Respondent agrees that the Board may adopt as its facts and conclusions in this matter Paragraphs 1-22 and further agrees that this is an adequate basis for the Board actions set forth herein. Any representation by Respondent herein is made solely for the purposes set forth in this agreement.

17. Therefore, in the interest of Respondent's desire to fully and finally resolve the matter presently before the Board, he has determined that he shall enter into this agreement with the Board. Respondent enters no further admissions here, but to resolve this matter without further time, expense, and uncertainty he has concluded that this agreement is acceptable and in the best interest of the parties.

18. Respondent agrees and understands that by executing this document he is waiving any right to challenge the jurisdiction and continuing jurisdiction of the Board in this matter, to be presented with a specification of charges and evidence, to cross-examine witnesses, and to offer evidence of his own to contest any allegations by the State.

19. The parties agree that upon the Board's acceptance of this Stipulation and Consent Order, and pursuant to the terms herein, the above-captioned matter shall be resolved by the Board. Thereafter, the Board will take no further action as to this matter absent non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this document by Respondent.

20. This Stipulation and Consent Order is conditioned upon its acceptance by the Board. If the Board rejects any part of this document, the entire agreement shall be considered void. Respondent agrees that if the Board does not accept this agreement in its current form, he shall not assert in any subsequent proceeding any claim of prejudice from any such prior consideration. If the Board rejects any part of this agreement, none of its terms shall bind Respondent or constitute an admission of any of the facts of the alleged misconduct, it shall not

be used against Respondent in any way, it shall be kept in strict confidence, and it shall be without prejudice to any future disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination of any charge against Respondent.

21. Respondent acknowledges and understands that this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be a matter of public record, shall be entered in his permanent Board file, shall constitute an enforceable legal agreement, and may and shall be reported to other licensing authorities, including but not limited to the Federation of State Medical Boards Board Action Databank and the National Practitioner Data Bank. In exchange for the actions by the Board, as set forth herein, Respondent expressly agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Consent Order.

22. The parties therefore agree that should the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Consent Order be deemed acceptable by the Board, it may enter an order implementing the terms and conditions herein.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing and the consent of Respondent, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Upon approval of this Stipulation, Respondent is hereby relieved from the Cessation of Practice Agreement dated January 15, 2025.
2. Respondent shall be REPRIMANDED for the conduct set forth above.
3. Respondent's medical license shall be CONDITIONED as follows:
 - a. Respondent shall participate fully and in good faith in care, treatment, and monitoring under the auspices of the Vermont Practitioners Health Program ("VPHP") for a period of five years that commenced on June 1,

2025. Respondent expressly agrees that he shall abide fully and in good faith with all provisions of his VPHP contract. Respondent shall not cease, terminate, or interrupt his participation in VPHP without advance written approval of the Committee or Board, following presentation of a written petition from him in this regard. Respondent and VPHP may agree to modifications of the provisions of his VPHP contract without Committee or Board approval, with the exception of the length of time of the contract, which shall not be less than five (5) years. Respondent agrees he shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the Committee and/or Board may obtain, on written request, copies of all written reports, information, or assessments related to his participation in VPHP with regard to his care, treatment, medical history, diagnosis, test results, or other matters.

- b. Upon request of the Committee, Respondent shall appear at a meeting(s) of the Committee to address his compliance with his VPHP contract, his progress in treatment, and other matters concerning his practice.

SIGNATURES

Dated at _____, Vermont, this 12th__ day of January, 2026.



Dawn Philibert
Chair, North Investigative Committee
Vermont Board of Medical Practice

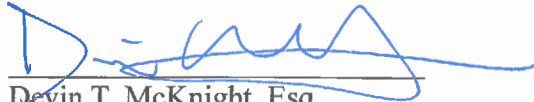
Dated at _____, New York, this 7 day of December, 2025.



Ahsan A. Iftikhar, M.D.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Dated at Burlington, Vermont, this 17 day of December, 2025.



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Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 17th day of December, 2025.

Kurt A. Kuehl

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**AS TO AHSAN A. IFTIKHAR, M.D.
APPROVED AND ORDERED
VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

Signed on Behalf of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Greenberg". The signature is written in a cursive style.

By: _____
Matthew Greenberg, M.D.
Chair, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Vote documented in the Vermont Board of Medical Practice meeting minutes,
dated February 4, 2026.

Dated: February 4, 2026