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November 18, 2022

Case number: 22-CRF- 0220

Katharine Roxanne Grawe, M.D. 3982 Powell Rd., Suite 127 Powell, OH 43065

Dear Doctor Grawe:

Enclosed please find certified copies of the Entry of Order, the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, and an excerpt of the Minutes of the State Medical Board made at a conference call on November 18, 2022, scheduled pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, including a Motion adopting the Order of Summary Suspension and issuing the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing.

You are advised that continued practice after receipt of this Order shall be considered practicing without a certificate, in violation of Section 4731.41, Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing on the matters set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing. If you wish to request such hearing, that request must be made in writing and be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty days of the time of mailing of this notice. Further information concerning such hearing is contained within the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing.

THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.

Secretary

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached copies of the Entry of Order of the State Medical Board of Ohio and the Motion by the State Medical Board, meeting in in a conference call on November 18, 2022, scheduled pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, to Adopt the Order of Summary Suspension and to Issue the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, constitute true and complete copies of the Motion and Order in the Matter of Katharine Roxanne Grawe, M.D., Case number: 22-CRF- g 220 as they appear in the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio.

This certification is made under the authority of the State Medical Board of Ohio and in its behalf.

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November 18, 2022

Date

(SEAL)

BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF

KATHARINE ROXANNE GRAWE, M.D.

CASE NUMBER: 22-CRF- () ()

ENTRY OF ORDER

This matter came on for consideration before the State Medical Board of Ohio the 18th day of November 2022.

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, and upon recommendation of Kim G. Rothermel, M.D., Secretary, and Bruce R. Saferin, D.P.M., Supervising Member; and

Pursuant to their determination, based upon their review of the information supporting the allegations as set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, that there is clear and convincing evidence that Dr. Grawe has violated Sections 4731.22(B)(6) and 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, as alleged in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing that is enclosed herewith and fully incorporated herein; and,

Pursuant to their further determination, based upon their review of the information supporting the allegations as set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, that Dr. Grawe's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public;

The following Order is hereby entered on the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio for the 18th day of November 2022:

It is hereby ORDERED that the certificate of Katharine Roxanne Grawe, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio be summarily suspended.

It is hereby ORDERED that Dr. Grawe, shall immediately cease the practice of medicine and surgery in Ohio and immediately refer all active patients to other appropriate physicians.

This Order shall become effective immediately.

Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.

Secretary

November 18, 2022

Date

(SEAL)



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EXCERPT FROM TELECONFERENCE OF NOVEMBER 18, 2022

<u>VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2022 TO CONSIDER THE SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF A CERTIFICATE</u>

KATHARINE ROXANNE GRAW, M.D. – ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Dr. Reddy moved to enter an Order of Summary Suspension in the matter of Kaharine Roxanne Grawe, M.D., in accordance with Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, and to issue the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing to Dr. Grawe. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Rothermel - abstain Dr. Saferin - abstain Dr. Schottenstein - aye Dr. Soin - aye Dr. Johnson - aye Mr. Gonidakis - aye Dr. Feibel - aye Dr. Reddy - aye Dr. Bechtel - abstain Ms. Montgomery - aye

The motion carried.



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NOTICE OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

November 18, 2022

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Katharine Roxanne Grawe, M.D. 3982 Powell Rd., Suite 127 Powell, OH 43065

Dear Doctor Grawe:

The Secretary and the Supervising Member of the State Medical Board of Ohio [Board] have determined that there is clear and convincing evidence that you have violated Sections 4731.22(B)(6) and 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, and have further determined that your continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public, as set forth in paragraphs (1) through (3), below.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, and upon recommendation of Kim G. Rothermel, M.D., Secretary, and Bruce R. Saferin, D.P.M., Supervising Member, you are hereby notified that, as set forth in the attached Entry of Order, your license or certificate to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio is summarily suspended. Accordingly, at this time, you are no longer authorized to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio.

Furthermore, in accordance with Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the Board intends to determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke or suspend your license or certificate, or refuse to grant or register or issue the license or certificate for which you have a pending application in accordance with Section 9.79 of the Ohio Revised Code, or refuse to renew or reinstate your license or certificate to practice medicine and surgery, or to reprimand you or place you on probation for one or more of the following reasons:

(1) In a letter dated October 9, 2018, the Secretary of the Board cautioned you regarding the need to maintain patient privacy when sharing photos or video via social media. You responded via letter dated November 11, 2018, that you had remediated these concerns by instituting an updated patient consent form.

In a letter dated September 28, 2021, the Secretary of the Board cautioned you a second time. The letter articulated multi-faceted issues with your care of these patients, including concerns regarding the lack of informed consent, ethical concerns related to privacy and social media, and avoidable complications that required surgical revision. Based upon these concerns, the Secretary of the Board strongly recommended you

undertake remedial education courses related to complications of plastic surgery and professionalism/ethics, and requested you provide the Board with certificates of completion along with summaries of what you learned and how you would apply it to your future practice. On or about December 20, 2021, you provided the Board with information documenting your completion of remedial education in "Ethical Social Media" and "Finesse in Mastopexy and Augmentation Mastopexy."

After your completion of these remedial education courses, you continued to video produce and live broadcast medical procedures of some patients, at least through on or about October 14, 2022. Aspects of these productions include, but are not limited to, pre-operative photos, pre-operative interviews with patients about their bodies, live-streams of their procedures, post-operative still images of patients taken in the operating room, and the cost of the procedure. During some videos/live-streams you engage in dialogue to respond to viewers' online questions while the surgical procedure remains actively ongoing.

- (2) From in or around May 2020 through March 2022, you provided care and treatment in the routine course of your practice at your office setting, Roxy Plastic Surgery, to Patients 1 through 3, as identified in the attached Patient Key (Key is confidential and to be withheld from public disclosure). You inappropriately treated and/or failed to appropriately treat and/or you failed to appropriately document your treatment of these patients.
- (3) Examples of such care and treatment identified in paragraph (2) include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) On or about February 2018 through March 2022 you provided care and treatment to Patient 1. On or about July 9, 2020, you performed an abdominoplasty, "Brazilian Butt Lift," and liposuction of Patient 1's upper and lower back under general endotracheal anesthesia at Roxy Plastic Surgery, your office setting. You evaluated Patient 1 using the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Physical Status Classification System and evaluated her as ASA/P3. You collected a total aspirate of 4300 cc. Further, you failed to provide or failed to document providing written discharge instructions to Patient 1 concerning specific information about lidocaine toxicity.

On or about March 21, 2022, you performed liposuction of the abdomen and arms, a "Brazilian Butt Lift", and Renuvion J-plasma procedure on abdomen and arms, under general endotracheal anesthesia at Roxy Plastic Surgery, your office setting. At this time you evaluated Patient 1 as ASA/P2. You collected a total aspirate of 3700 cc. During the procedure, you broadcast on social media. While looking at the camera and speaking to the camera, you were engaged in liposuction of Patient 1's abdomen. Despite liposuction being a blind surgery that requires awareness of the tip of the cannula to avoid injury, your attention to the camera meant at those moments you were not looking at the patient or palpating the location of the tip of the cannula. Further, you failed to provide or failed to document providing written discharge instructions to Patient 1 concerning specific information about lidocaine toxicity.

On March 26, 2022, Patient 1's husband called to report that emergency medical personnel were checking on her at their house. On or about March 27, 2022, a nurse practitioner in your practice saw Patient 1 and sent her to the emergency room for evaluation, where she was found to have free air in her abdomen and hepatic encephalopathy. On or about March 28, 2022, Patient 1 was transferred to another hospital for further evaluation and definitive treatment. Patient 1 underwent surgery for exploratory laparotomy and was found to have perforated small bowel and necrotizing soft tissue infection. Patient 1 required a prolonged stay with multiple debridements, open abdomen, and skin grafting.

(b) On or about May 20, 2020 through December 21, 2020, you provided care and treatment to Patient 2. On or about On December 10, 2020, you performed "Liposuction 360," "Brazilian Butt Lift, an umbilical hernia repair, and Renuvion J-plasma of the abdomen and flanks under general endotracheal anesthesia at Roxy Plastic Surgery, your office setting. You collected a total aspirate of 4900 cc from Patient 2. Patient 2 was discharged to the "recovery house." You failed to provide or failed to document providing written discharge instructions to Patient 2 concerning specific information about lidocaine toxicity.

On or about December 11, 2020, Patient 2 called the emergency line due to cramping and severe abdominal pain. Patient 2 had produced 2000 cc of dark yellow urine over the previous four hours. After that phone call, Patient 2 called 911, was transferred to the emergency room, and admitted to the hospital with rhabdomylosis. Patient 2's creatine kinase level on admission was 11,900. The following day, Patient 2 developed an acute abdomen with pneumoperitoneum. She underwent exploratory laparotomy and was found to have six enterotomies and multiple serosal tears that were not full thickness. Patient 2 required small bowel resection, two repairs of the small bowel and partial omentectomy.

(c) On or about September 13, 2018 through December 10, 2021 you provided care and treatment to Patient 3. On or about December 1, 2021, you performed breast augmentation with silicone implants, mastopexy revision with internal bra (Galaflex), under general anesthesia at Roxy Plastic Surgery, your office setting. On or about December 6, 2021, Patient 3 complained of nausea since her surgery. Her left nipple appeared dusky on exam. On or about December 8, 2021, Patient 3 complained of bleeding from the breast. A general surgeon opened her left breast and evacuated a hematoma at your office and no implant was visualized. On or about December 10, 2021, Patient 3 complained of malaise, nausea and pain in her arm. Patient 3's right nipple was dark, and her left nipple with eschar. Despite Patient 3's complex surgical history and her prior hematoma, you delegated bilateral breast exploration and hematoma evacuation to your nurse practitioner. No implant was visualized. Patient 3 was tachycardic and was transferred to the hospital for treatment. You communicated to the plastic surgeon who assumed care at the hospital that you believed her condition was not infectious in origin, and erroneously indicated that Patient 3's implants had been removed. Once at the hospital, Patient 3 was found to have developed infection requiring removal of bilateral implants, removal of the mesh bra bilaterally, and debridement bilaterally of both breasts.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraphs (2), and (3)(a) through (3)(c) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute a "departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(6), Ohio Revised Code.

Further, your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraph (3)(a) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in the or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Rule 4731-25-02(H), Ohio Administrative Code, Office-Based Surgery - General Provisions.

Further, your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraphs (3)(a) and (3)(b) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in the or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Rule 4731-25-05(B)(7), Ohio Administrative Code, Liposuction in the Office Setting.

Further, your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraphs (3)(a) and (3)(b) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in the or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Rule 4731-25-05(B)(8), Ohio Administrative Code, Liposuction in the Office Setting.

Further, your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraph (3)(b) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in the or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Rule 4731-25-05(C), Ohio Administrative Code, Liposuction in the Office Setting.

Further, your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraphs (3)(a) and (3)(b) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in the or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Rule 4731-25-05(E), Ohio Administrative Code, Liposuction in the Office Setting.

Furthermore, for any violations that occurred on or after September 29, 2015, the Board may impose a civil penalty in an amount that shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars, pursuant to Section 4731.225, Ohio Revised Code. The civil penalty may be in addition to any other action the Board may take under section 4731.22, Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 4731., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing concerning these matters. If you wish to request such hearing, the request must be made in writing and must be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty days of the time of mailing of this notice.

You are further advised that, if you timely request a hearing, you are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by your attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before this agency, or you may present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and that at the hearing you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you.

In the event that there is no request for such hearing received within thirty days of the time of mailing of this notice, the State Medical Board may, in your absence and upon consideration of this matter, determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke or suspend your license or certificate, or refuse to grant or register or issue the license or certificate for which you have a pending application in accordance with Section 9.79 of the Ohio Revised Code, or refuse to renew or reinstate your license or certificate to practice, or to reprimand you or place you on probation.

Please note that, whether or not you request a hearing, Section 4731.22(L), Ohio Revised Code, provides that "[w]hen the board refuses to grant or issue a license or certificate to practice to an applicant, revokes an individual's license or certificate to practice, refuses to renew an individual's license or certificate to practice, or refuses to reinstate an individual's license or certificate to practice, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a license or certificate to practice and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the license or certificate or for issuance of a new license or certificate."

Copies of the applicable sections are enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,

Kim G. Rothermel, M.

Secretary

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cc: BY PERSONAL DELIVERY

cc: Sabrina Sellers, counsel for Dr. Grawe

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

IN THE MATTER OF KATHARINE ROXANNE GRAWE, MD

22-CRF-0220

NOVEMBER 18, 2022, NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING -PATIENT KEY

SEALED TO PROTECT PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY AND MAINTAINED IN CASE RECORD FILE.