

**MEDICAL BOARD 2168 STAFF REPORT – CHATTOPADHYAY, SOMNATH**

DATE REPORT ISSUED: March 11, 2025

ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California

SUBJECT: Special Faculty Permit Application  
Somnath Chattopadhyay, MBBS, MS, DNB

STAFF CONTACT: Neal Funston, Analyst, Licensing Program

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Review the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee's (Committee) recommendation for a Special Faculty Permit (SFP) appointment for Somnath Chattopadhyay, MBBS, MS, DNB, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

**BACKGROUND**

The Medical Board of California (Board) is authorized to issue an SFP to a physician who is academically eminent and meets all the requirements pursuant to BPC section 2168.1.

The SFP authorizes an individual to practice medicine only within the medical school and its affiliated institutions where the SFP holder is providing instruction as part of the medical school's educational program, and for which the medical school has assumed direct responsibility.

The Committee is comprised of 14 members: one representative from each of the 11 medical schools in California, one representative from academic medical centers, and two Board members. The Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the eligibility of the applicants applying pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

On March 5, 2025, the Committee reviewed the qualifications of an applicant from Loma Linda University School of Medicine (LLU): Dr. Chattopadhyay. Dr. Sharon Lum, Chair of the Department of Surgery, presented Dr. Chattopadhyay's qualifications for an SFP to the Committee on behalf of Committee member Dr. Daniel Giang, who could not attend the meeting.

Dr. Chattopadhyay is academically eminent. He is recognized as an expert in living donor liver transplantation, performing almost 400 living donor liver transplants and close to 400 complex hepatopancreatobiliary surgery cases. He started a robotic living donor hepatectomy program at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, one of the largest quaternary hospitals in Western India. Dr. Chattopadhyay has published in leading

journals, presented his research at international meetings, and given lectures at multiple venues.

His experience is critical to LLU's goal of establishing a living donor liver transplantation program. With the shortage of available organs from deceased donors, up to 25% of patients on the liver transplant wait list die each year. LLU is the main tertiary/quaternary medical center serving patients from San Bernardino, Riverside, Inyo, Mono, and Kern Counties.

LLU recruited Dr. Chattopadhyay for the position of Surgical Director of the Loma Linda Living Donor Liver Transplantation program as Associate Professor of Surgery.

### EDUCATION

Medical School: Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Government Medical College, Nagpur – Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery: 2002

Postgraduate Study: University of Mumbai – Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College (LTMMC), India, M.S. General Surgery: 2004-2007

Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, India,  
DNB Surgical Gastroenterology: 2009 – 2012

University of Pennsylvania, USA  
Transplant Fellowship: 2012 - 2014

If approved for an SFP by the Board, Dr. Chattopadhyay will hold a full-time faculty position as an Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery. His role will also include the Surgical Director of Living Donor Liver Transplant program. His duties will include performing adult liver and kidney transplantation, living donor hepatectomies, and hepatopancreatobiliary surgery, as well as managing care for these patients.

### SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

The Committee recommended approval of Dr. Chattopadhyay for this SFP at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

**MEDICAL BOARD 2168 STAFF REPORT  
LELLOUCH, ALEXANDRE GASTON MICHAEL**

DATE REPORT ISSUED: March 11, 2025

ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California

SUBJECT: Special Faculty Permit Application  
Alexandre Gaston Michael Lellouch, M.D.

STAFF CONTACT: Neal Funston, Analyst, Licensing Program

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Review the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee's (Committee) recommendation for a Special Faculty Permit (SFP) appointment for Alexandre Gaston Michael Lellouch, M.D., pursuant to California Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

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On March 5, 2025, the Committee reviewed the qualifications of an applicant from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (CSMC): Dr. Lellouch. Dr. Bruce Gewertz, Executive Vice Dean, Faculty Affairs and Clinical System Development, presented Dr. Lellouch's qualifications for an SFP to the Committee.

Dr. Lellouch is an academically eminent, active, and prominent researcher in plastic surgery. Publications include more than 67 peer-reviewed papers, eight reviews, two books, two book chapters, seven letters to the editor, and four research patents. Dr. Lellouch has also been involved in several groundbreaking procedures.

Dr. Lellouch has specialized expertise in vascularized composite allograft, immunology, tissue engineering, perfusion technology, and nanotechnology. He has performed over 1,000 free flaps for various types of body reconstruction. He participated in the world's first face retransplantation and the first penis transplant in the USA. He frequently participates in international conferences. He has also organized the largest international research program in plastic surgery.

Dr. Lellouch was recruited by CSMC in May/June 2024 and is currently an associate professor and research Scientist II at CSMC.

### EDUCATION

Medical School: University of Paris, France – Doctor of Medicine: 2012

Postgraduate Study: European Georges Pompidou Hospital, Paris France  
Surgery residency: 2012 – 2019

Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts  
Research Fellowship: 2015 – 2017

Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts  
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston Massachusetts  
Shriners Hospital, Boston Massachusetts  
Various/Concurrent research (see Attachment 3B): 2017 – 2024

European Georges Pompidou Hospital, Paris France  
Clinical Fellowship in Plastic Surgery: 2019 - 2022

If approved for an SFP by the Board, Dr. Lellouch will be appointed the Director of the Vascularized Composite Allotransplantation Lab in the Division of Plastic Surgery, Department of Surgery. His role would include coordinating scientific research in the field of composite tissue allotransplantation; participating in projects aimed at inducing immune tolerance; contributing expertise in tissue engineering, perfusion machines and nanotechnology; facilitating international collaborations; and engaging in clinical research, aiming to assist with performing the first immunotolerant face transplant. In the clinical setting, he will perform complex reconstructive surgery and aesthetic surgery.

### SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

The Committee recommended approval of Dr. Lellouch for this SFP at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).