



News Release

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San Diego Physician's License Immediately Suspended

SACRAMENTO – The Medical Board has obtained a Stipulated Interim Suspension Order (ISO) suspending Naga Raj Thota, M.D.'s license to practice medicine in the state of California. The stipulated ISO was effective September 20, 2016, and will remain in effect pending further order from the Office of Administrative Hearings. "The Medical Board's primary mission is public protection and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said the Board's executive director Kimberly Kirchmeyer.

Thota admitted for purposes of the stipulation that a criminal complaint was filed against him on August 30, 2016 in the United States District Court, Southern District of California, alleging he knowingly and intentionally distributed controlled substances without medical justification. Thota also admitted that the affidavit accompanying the criminal complaint alleged that he engaged in sexual acts with at least two of his female patients during the time he was prescribing and/or facilitating them in obtaining controlled substances.

On March 2, 2016, in a Stipulated Settlement and Discipline Order Thota was placed on seven years' probation with various terms and conditions including a 30-day suspension. Thota was restricted from solo practice; from supervising physician assistants; and from prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances except those in schedules IV and V until completing a prescribing practices course. The public documents for the case can be found here:

[https://www.breeze.ca.gov/datamart/publicRecordRSDLList.do?tableid=1502&lictyp=8002&licid=683007&licNumber=53526&rank=A&desc=Administrative Disciplinary Actions&name=THOTA%2C+NAGA+RAJA&licTypeDesc=Physician+and+Surgeon+A](https://www.breeze.ca.gov/datamart/publicRecordRSDLList.do?tableid=1502&lictyp=8002&licid=683007&licNumber=53526&rank=A&desc=Administrative%20Disciplinary%20Actions&name=THOTA%2C+NAGA+RAJA&licTypeDesc=Physician+and+Surgeon+A)

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