

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

Din Lam, D.D.S. (License Number 9847)	) ) )	<b>CONSENT ORDER SUMMARILY SUSPENDING GENERAL ANESTHESIA PERMIT</b>
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Pursuant to G.S. 150B-3(c), the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) finds that the public health, safety and welfare requires emergency action and hereby summarily suspends the general anesthesia permit issued to Din Lam, D.D.S. (Respondent), effective upon service of this Order. This action is being taken based on evidence and information obtained to date during the Board's investigation indicating the following occurred.

On March 21, 2019, Respondent administered general anesthesia to patient R.M., and soon thereafter patient R.M. became apneic, lost a pulse, and went into respiratory and cardiac arrest. Respondent initiated resuscitation, called 911, and EMS transported patient R.M. to Novant Health Medical Center in Matthews. Efforts to resuscitate patient R.M. by Respondent, EMS, and Emergency Department physicians at Novant ultimately were unsuccessful. Patient R.M. died in the Emergency Department at Novant.

Respondent submitted an adverse occurrence report to the Board the following day on March 22, 2019. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 16Q .0703(a), Respondent has not administered general anesthesia or sedation since submitting the report until the Board completed its preliminary review. The Board's Investigative Panel has concluded its preliminary review and investigation and has reached an agreement with Respondent

that he will not administer general anesthesia or sedation while this proceeding is pending.

The Board's summary suspension is not a final agency decision concerning Respondent's general anesthesia permit, his dental license, or his potential ability to administer anesthesia or practice dentistry in the future. The Board shall determine those issues in a written Final Agency Decision entered after a contested case hearing pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 150B-42. The summary suspension shall remain in effect until entry of the Final Agency Decision. Respondent shall surrender his general anesthesia permit and shall not administer general anesthesia and sedation in North Carolina absent further order of the Board.

Respondent will be served with a notice of hearing containing the allegations to be heard in compliance with N.C. Gen. Stat. 150B -38(b).

This the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2019.



THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE  
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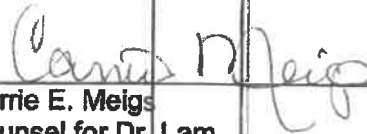
STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Din Lam, D.D.S., do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order Summarily Suspending License and assent to it. I freely and voluntarily enter into this Consent Order after consulting with my counsel. I understand that the Board will report the contents of this Consent Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank and that it will become part of the Board's public record.

This the 30 day of July 2019.



Din Lam, D.D.S.



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