STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Michael W. Gilliland, M.D.
Master Case No.: M2014-679
Document: Summary Action Order

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

In the Matter of: MICHAEL W. GILLILAND, M.D., License No. MD.MD.00042973, Respondent.	Master Case No. M2014-679 EX PARTE ORDER OF SUMMARY ACTION

PRESIDING OFFICER: Jerry D. Mitchell, Health Law Judge

COMMISSION PANEL: William Gotthold, M.D., Panel Chair
William Brueggemann, M.D.
John Maldon, Public Member

This matter came before the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (Commisson) on June 5, 2015, on an Ex Parte Motion for Order of Summary Action (Ex Parte Motion) brought by the Office of the Attorney General. The Commission issued a Statement of Charges alleging Respondent violated RCW 18.130.180(1), (4), (7), and (24) and WAC 246-919-630(2). After reviewing the Statement of Charges, Ex Parte Motion, and supporting evidence, the Commission GRANTS the Motion. Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon is SUMMARILY RESTRICTED pending further action.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1.1 Michael W. Gilliland, M.D. (Respondent), is a physician and surgeon, licensed by the state of Washington at all times applicable to this matter.

1.2 The Department issued a Statement of Charges alleging Respondent violated RCW 18.130.180(1), (4), (7), and (24) and WAC 246-919-630(2). The

Statement of Charges was accompanied by all other documents required by WAC 246-11-250.

1.3 As set forth in the allegations in the Statement of Charges, as well as the Ex Parte Motion, Respondent's lack of good judgment is demonstrated by: 1) his engaging in a sexual relationship with a patient for whom he was prescribing and administering narcotics; 2) his serious violations of the standard of care in the use of high doses of cumulative parenteral corticosteroids causing Patient A to develop secondary iatrogenic adrenal insufficiency; 3) his serious violation of the standard of care in utilizing high dose intravenous fentanyl for sedation during the block procedures with no informed consent or record of oxygen saturation or ECG monitoring during the sedation procedures; and 4) his serious violation of the standard of care in the use of neurolytic (alcohol) blocks typically reserved for terminal cancer patients, without specific signed consent. The Commission cannot allow the Respondent to practice without restrictions given this serious lack of good judgment required for a physician to safely practice and given the serious risk of harm his practice presents. The experts who have reviewed the matter have determined that Respondent's use of corticosteroids, IV fentanyl, and alcohol blocks was below the standard of care and created a risk of severe harm.

1.4 The above allegations, supported by the exhibits attached to the Declaration of Commission Investigator and the expert reports of Dr. Shannon and Dr. Du Pen justify the determination of immediate danger in this case and a decision to immediately restrict the credential until a hearing on the matter is held.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

2.1 The Commission, has jurisdiction over Respondent's credential to practice as a physician and surgeon. RCW 18.130.040.

2.2 The Commission has authority to take emergency adjudicative action to address an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare. RCW 34.05.422(4); RCW 34.05.479; RCW 18.130.050(8); and WAC 246-11-300.

2.3 The Findings of Fact establish the existence of an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare if Respondent has an unrestricted credential. The Findings of Fact establish that the requested summary action is necessary and adequately addresses the danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

III. ORDER

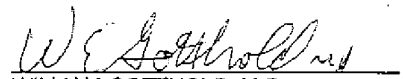
3.1 The Commission finds that a less restrictive alternative to summary suspension will adequately protect the public health, safety, or welfare. Based on the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law, it is ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon is SUMMARILY RESTRICTED pending further disciplinary proceedings by the Commission. Respondent shall immediately cease all treatment of Patient A. Respondent shall no longer use nerve block therapy on any patient and Respondent shall no longer use steroids for injections on any patient.

3.2 It is HEREBY ORDERED that a protective order in this case is GRANTED. RCW 34.05.446(1) and WAC 246-11-400(2) and (5). This Protective Order prohibits the release of health care information outside of these proceedings. Unless required by law, anyone involved in these proceedings must keep confidential and not disclose

health care information obtained through these proceedings. Health care information includes information in any form "that identifies or can readily be associated with the identity of a patient and directly relates to the patient's health care." RCW 70.02.010. The parties may share the information with their attorney, if any.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2015.

Medical Quality Assurance Commission



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Panel Chair

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