



**State Medical  
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February 12, 2025

Case number: 25-CRF-0030

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Dear Doctor Hatef:

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, meeting in regular session on February 12, 2025, 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 service 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

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Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.  
Secretary

KGR/CDP/jmr  
Enclosures

### 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 regular session on February 12, 2025, 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 Jeffrey Hatef, Jr., M.D., Case number: 25-CRF-0030 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.



Kim G. Rothermel MD  
Kim G. Rothermel, M.D., Secretary

February 12, 2025  
Date

BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF JEFFREY

HATEF, JR., M.D. CASE

NUMBER: 25-CRF-0030

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**ENTRY OF ORDER**

This matter came on for consideration before the State Medical Board of Ohio the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, and upon recommendation of Kim G. Rothermel, M.D., Secretary, and Harish Kakarala, M.D., 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. Hatef has violated Section 4731.22(B)(6), 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. Hatef'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 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025:

It is hereby ORDERED that the certificate of Jeffrey Hatef, Jr., M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio be summarily suspended.

It is hereby ORDERED that Dr. Hatef, 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.



  
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Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.  
Secretary

February 12, 2025  
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Date



**NOTICE OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION  
AND  
OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

February 12, 2025

Case number: 25-CRF-0030

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Dear Doctor Hatef:

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 Section 4731.22(B)(6), 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 (2), below.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, and upon recommendation of Kim G. Rothermel, M.D., Secretary, and Harish Kakarala, M.D., 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 the routine course of your practice, you provided care and treatment for Patients 1 through 3, as identified on 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 failed to appropriately document your treatment of these patients.
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- (2) Examples of such treatment identified in paragraph (1) include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (a) You began treating Patient 1 on or about July 9, 2024, to at least on or about July 17, 2024, for conditions that included cervical spondylotic myelopathy. Patient 1 was 72 years old and presented with multiple co-morbidities, including morbid obesity, hypertension, and a history of transient ischemic attack and pulmonary embolism. He presented with complaints of leg pain in both legs and numbness in his hands; he was determined to have mild weakness in his hands. A CT performed on May 31, 2024, reported “normal alignment” of the cervical spine with no mention of central canal stenosis at any level. An MRI was performed on May 31, 2024, and the report indicated that the alignment of the lumbar spine was normal. Following an assessment, you recommended and, on or about July 9, 2024, subsequently performed a fusion that generally extended from the base of the patient’s skull to his sacrum. Following the procedure, Patient 1 experienced complications, including hemorrhagic shock. You had documented that one of the indications for the procedure was cervical spondylotic myelopathy [CSM], although there was no documented evidence of CSM. You also documented that Patient 1 had post-junctional kyphosis, although the lumbar MRI indicated normal alignment. There was no clinical or radiographic evidence to support the need for bilateral sacroiliac joint fusions. The surgery was excessive and/or unjustified, given the lack of support in the medical records and Patient 1’s significant co-morbidities.
  - (b) You began treating Patient 2 on or about October 7, 2024, to at least on or about October 11, 2024, for conditions that included idiopathic scoliosis and a thoracic compression fracture. Patient 2 was 78 years old and had multiple co-morbidities, including a history of carotid artery stenosis and chronic anemia, depression and mild dementia. The patient presented with mid and lower back pain and progressive lower extremity weakness. Pre-operative imaging demonstrated a T8 compression fracture with partial loosening of her thoracic instrumentation. You recommended revision of the prior thoracic fixation with extension from T5 to L2. The surgery was marked by multiple durotomies and significant blood loss of approximately three liters, necessitating transfusion. Following the surgery, Patient 2 remained hemodynamically unstable and developed pulseless tachycardia that necessitated cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful, and the patient died later the same day. Patient 2’s intraoperative complications and death were reasonably predictable given her age and co-morbidities. The severity and complexity of Patient 2’s spinal deformity, her age and co-morbidities and the magnitude of the procedure were factors that necessitated referral.
  - (c) You began treating Patient 3 on or about September 17, 2024, to at least on or about September 28, 2024, for conditions that included thoracic kyphosis and thoracic fracture. Patient 3 was 77 years old, with a history of breast cancer, unexplained weight loss with anorexia, and radiation fibrosis with associated exertional shortness of breath. She presented with back and neck pain and difficulty holding her head upright. Pre-operative imaging demonstrated compression fractures in the mid thoracic region with a marked kyphotic

deformity. You recommended revision of the thoracic fixation with extension from C6 to T10, along with a corpectomy and anterior reconstruction of the fractured vertebrae. The operative report indicated the surgery was complex, involving removal of the prior spinal instrumentation, resection of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> ribs bilaterally, and removal and reconstruction of the fractured thoracic vertebrae. Despite the extensive amount of surgery performed, there was minimal correction to Patient 3's deformity. Following the procedure, Patient 3 was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit. Extubation was not possible until post-operative day 3, and the patient subsequently developed additional complications. Patient 3 died on September 28, 2024. Patient 3's post-operative complications and death were reasonably predictable given her age and co-morbidities. The severity and complexity of Patient 3's spinal deformity, her age and multiple co-morbidities, and the magnitude of the procedure to address her condition were factors that necessitated referral.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraphs (1) through (2) 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.

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 service 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 service 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.

THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kim G. Rothermel MD".

Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.  
Secretary

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cc: BY PERSONAL DELIVERY

**IN THE MATTER OF  
Jeffrey Hatef, Jr., M.D.  
25-CRF-0030**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2025, NOTICE OF  
OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING -  
PATIENT KEY**

**SEALED TO  
PROTECT PATIENT  
CONFIDENTIALITY**





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EXCERPT FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2025

**NOTICES OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING, ORDERS OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION,  
ORDERS OF IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION, AND ORDERS OF AUTOMATIC  
SUSPENSION**

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**JEFFREY HATEF, JR., M.D. – NOTICE OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND  
OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

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**Dr. Bechtel moved to approve and issue proposed Citation #8, a Notice of Summary and Opportunity for Hearing. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken:**

ROLL CALL:	Dr. Rothermel	- abstain
	Dr. Kakarala	- abstain
	Dr. Feibel	- abstain
	Ms. Brumby	- aye
	Dr. Soin	- aye
	Dr. Bechtel	- aye
	Mr. Gonidakis	- aye
	Dr. Lewis	- aye
	Ms. Montgomery	- aye
	Dr. Boyle	- aye
	Dr. Johnson	- aye
	Dr. Reddy	- aye

The motion carried.

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