BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

SUTTER COAST HOSPITAL, INC., DBA SUTTER COAST HOSPITAL PHARMACY, Original Pharmacy Permit No. HSP 37160 Sterile Compounding License No. LSC 100197; and

MEGAN ASHLEY KRAMER, Pharmacist License No. RPH 70124,

Respondents.

Agency Case No. 7027

OAH No. 2022030908

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is hereby

adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this

matter.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on July 26, 2023.

It is so ORDERED on June 26, 2023.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By

Seung W. Oh, Pharm.D. Board President

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9	DEPARTMENT OF C	ONSUMER AFFAIRS
10	STATE OF C	ALIFORNIA
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13	SUTTER COAST HOSPITAL, INC., DBA SUTTER COAST HOSPITAL PHARMACY	OAH No. 2022030908
14 15	800 E. Washington Blvd Crescent City, CA 95531	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
15 16	Original Pharmacy Permit No. HSP 37160	DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC REPROVAL
17	Sterile Compounding License No. LSC 100197	(RESPONDENT MEGAN ASHLEY KRAMER ONLY)
18	MEGAN ASHLEY KRAMER 26 Bilotto Dr.	
19	Cedar Crest, NM 87008	
20	Pharmacist License No. RPH 70124	
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22	Respondents.	
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24		ement of this matter, consistent with the public
25	interest and the responsibility of the Board of Pha	
26	the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulat	
27	be submitted to the Board for approval and adopt	tion as the final disposition of the Accusation
28	solely with respect to Megan Ashley Kramer.	
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1	PARTIES
2	1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy
3	(Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by
4	Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Christopher M. Young, Deputy
5	Attorney General.
6	2. Respondent Megan Ashley Kramer (Respondent Kramer) is represented in this
7	proceeding by attorney Suzanne M. Crouts, Esq., whose address is: 2447 Pacific Coast Hwy, 2nd
8	Floor, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.
9	3. On or about October 24, 2013, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License
10	Number RPH 70124 to Respondent Kramer. The Registered Pharmacist License was in full force
11	and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2023,
12	unless renewed. From on or about July 27, 2017 through on or about July 12, 2019, Respondent
13	Kramer served as the Pharmacist in Charge (PIC) of Respondent Pharmacy.
14	JURISDICTION
15	4. Accusation No. 7027 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against
16	Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served
17	on Respondent on November 17, 2021. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting
18	the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 7027 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein
19	by reference.
20	ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS
21	5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
22	charges and allegations in Accusation No. 7027. Respondent has also carefully read, fully
23	discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
24	Order.
25	6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
26	hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine
27	the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right
28	to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of
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1	documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other
2	rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
3	7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and
4	every right set forth above.
5	<u>CULPABILITY</u>
6	8. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation
7	No. 7027, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her Registered
8	Pharmacist License No. RPH 70124.
9	9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of
10	further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual
11	basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent hereby gives up her right to contest
12	those charges.
13	10. Respondent agrees that her Registered Pharmacist License is subject to discipline and
14	she agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary
15	Order below.
16	<u>CONTINGENCY</u>
17	11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent
18	understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may
19	communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to
20	or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent
21	understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation
22	prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation
23	as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or
24	effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties,
25	and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
26	12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
27	copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile
28	signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
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1	13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an
2	integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.
3	It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,
4	negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
5	Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a
6	writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
7	14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
8	the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following
9	Disciplinary Order:
10	DISCIPLINARY ORDER
11	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Pharmacist License No. RPH 70124 issued to
12	Respondent Megan Ashley Kramer, shall be publicly reproved by the Board of Pharmacy under
13	Business and Professions Code section 495 in resolution of Accusation No. 7027, attached as
14	Exhibit A, as to Respondent Kramer, only.
15	15. Definition: Respondent
16	For the purposes of paragraph 15, "Respondent" shall refer to Respondent Megan Ashley
17	Kramer, RPH.
18	Coursework. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent
19	shall submit to the Board, for prior approval, an appropriate program of remedial education
20	related to remedial compounding education. The program of remedial education shall consist of
21	at least ten (10) hours, having 50% in-person training or live webinar online classes, which shall
22	be completed within one year of the effective date of this Decision and Order, at Respondent's
23	own expense. All remedial education shall be in addition to, and shall not be credited toward,
24	continuing education (CE) courses used for license renewal purposes for pharmacists.
25	Failure to timely submit for approval or complete the approved remedial education shall be
26	considered a violation of this Decision and Order. Respondent's license will not be renewed until
27	she satisfies this term, as required.
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Full Compliance. As a resolution of the charges in Accusation No. 7027, this stipulated 1 2 settlement is contingent upon Respondent's full compliance with all conditions of this Decision and Order. If Respondent fails to satisfy any of these conditions, such failure to comply 3 constitutes cause for discipline, including outright revocation, of Respondent's Pharmacist 4 License No. RPH 70124. If Respondent violates any term and condition of this Decision and 5 Order, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation Number 7027 shall be deemed 6 to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for purposes of any disciplinary action the Board 7 may take if such occurs. 8 16. **Cost Recovery.** No later than twelve (12) months from the effective date of the 9 Decision and Order, Respondent Kramer shall pay \$3,762.83 to the Board for its costs associated 10

with the investigation and enforcement of this matter pursuant to Business and Professions Code
Section 125.3, jointly and severally. If Respondent fails to pay the Board costs as ordered,
Respondent shall not be allowed to renew her Pharmacist License until Respondent pays costs in
full. In addition, the Board may enforce this order for payment of its costs in any appropriate
court, in addition to any other rights the Board may have.

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17. Restrictions on Supervision and Oversight of Licensed Facilities

17 Respondent shall not supervise any intern pharmacist, be the pharmacist-in-charge,
18 designated representative-in-charge, responsible manager or other compliance supervisor of any
19 entity licensed by the board, nor serve as a consultant.

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public
Reproval and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Suzanne M. Crouts, Esq. I understand the
stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Pharmacist License. I enter into this
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to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

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27 DATED:

MEGAN ASHLEY KRAMER Respondent

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I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Megan Ashley Kramer the terms and
conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
I approve its form and content.
DATED:
SUZANNE M. CROUTS, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent
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2	conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
3	I approve its form and content.
4	DATED: May 2, 2023 Suzanne M. Croute SUZANNE M. CROUTS, ESQ.
5	SUZANNE M. CROUTS, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent
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7	ENDORSEMENT
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10	the Board of Pharmacy.
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 7027

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19	Cedar Crest, NM 87008	
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22	Respondents.	
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24	PAR	<u>ries</u>
25	1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) bring	s this Accusation solely in her official capacity
26	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.	
27	2. On or about February 4, 1992, the Bo	ard of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacy
28	Permit Number HSP 37160 to Sutter Coast Hospi	tal, Inc., dba Sutter Coast Hospital Pharmacy
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1	(Respondent Pharmacy). The Original Pharmacy Permit was in full force and effect at all times
2	relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February 1, 2022, unless renewed.
3	3. On or about May 29, 2014, the Board of Pharmacy issued Sterile Compounding
4	License Number LSC 100197 to Respondent Pharmacy. The Sterile Compounding License was
5	in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on
6	February 1, 2022, unless renewed.
7	4. On or about October 24, 2013, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License
8	Number RPH 70124 to Megan Ashley Kramer (Respondent Kramer). The Registered Pharmacist
9	License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
10	expire on July 31, 2023, unless renewed. From on or about July 27, 2017 through on or about
11	July 12, 2019, Respondent Kramer served as the Pharmacist in Charge (PIC) of Respondent
12	Pharmacy.
13	JURISDICTION
14	5. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following
15	laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise
16	indicated.
17	6. Code section 4011 provides that the Board shall administer and enforce the Pharmacy
18	Law [Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.]. Further pursuant to Code section 4011, the Board also
19	administers and enforces the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.
20	7. Code section 4300, subdivision (a), provides that every license issued by the Board
21	may be suspended or revoked.
22	8. Code section 4300.1 provides that the expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, suspension,
23	or voluntary surrender of a license "shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or
24	proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to
25	render a decision suspending or revoking the license."
26	9. Code section 4307, subdivision (a), states:
27	"(a) Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been revoked or is
28	under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or
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1	who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or	
2	any other person with management or control of any partnership, corporation, trust, firm, or	
3	association whose application for a license has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has	
4	been placed on probation, and while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member,	
5	officer, director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control had	
6	knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the license was denied,	
7	revoked, suspended, or placed on probation, shall be prohibited from serving as a manager,	
8	administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or in any other position with	
9	management or control of a licensee as follows:	
10	(1) Where a probationary license is issued or where an existing license is placed on	
11	probation, this prohibition shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years.	
12	(2) Where the license is denied or revoked, the prohibition shall continue until the license is	
13	issued or reinstated."	
14	STATUTORY PROVISIONS	
15	10. Business and Professions Code section 4113, subdivision (c), states that the	
6	"pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy's compliance with all state and federal	
17	laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy."	
18	11. Business and Professions Code section 4301 states, in pertinent part:	
19 20	The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:	
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22	(f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or	
23	corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a licensee or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.	
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25	(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the United	
26	States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.	
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	(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the	
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1 2	applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency.
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4	12. Business and Professions Code section 4306.5 states, in pertinent part:
5	Unprofessional conduct for a pharmacist may include any of the following:
6	(a) Acts or omissions that involve, in whole or in part, the inappropriate exercise of
7	his or her education, training, or experience as a pharmacist, whether or not the act or omission arises in the course of the practice of pharmacy or the ownership, management, administration, or operation of a pharmacy or other entity licensed by
8	the board.
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10	REGULATORY PROVISIONS
11	13. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714, subdivision (c) states, in
12	pertinent part:
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14	(c) The pharmacy and fixtures and equipment shall be maintained in a clean and orderly condition. The pharmacy shall be dry, well-ventilated, free from rodents and increase and lighted. The pharmacy shall be emined with a side with bet
15 16	insects, and properly lighted. The pharmacy shall be equipped with a sink with hot and cold running water for pharmaceutical purposes.
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18	14. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1715, subdivisions (a) and (b) state,
	in pertinent part:
19 20	(a) The pharmacist-in-charge of each pharmacy as defined under section 4029 or section 4037 of the Business and Professions Code shall complete a self-assessment
21	of the pharmacy's compliance with federal and state pharmacy law. The assessment shall be performed before July 1 of every odd-numbered year. The primary purpose
22	of the self-assessment is to promote compliance through self-examination and education.
23	(b) In addition to the self-assessment required in subdivision (a) of this section, the
24	pharmacist-in-charge shall complete a self-assessment within 30 days whenever:
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26	(2) There is a change in the pharmacist-in-charge, and he or she becomes the new pharmacist-in-charge of a pharmacy.
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California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.2, subdivision (k) states, in 1 15. 2 pertinent part: 3 4 (k) Prior to allowing any drug product preparation to be compounded in a pharmacy, the pharmacist-in-charge shall complete a self-assessment for compounding 5 pharmacies developed by the board (Incorporated by reference is "Community Pharmacy & Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy Compounding Self-Assessment" Form 6 17M-39 Rev. 02/12.) as required by Section 1715 of Title 16, Division 17, of the California Code of Regulations. That form contains a first section applicable to all 7 compounding, and a second section applicable to sterile injectable compounding. The first section must be completed by the pharmacist-in-charge before any compounding 8 is performed in the pharmacy. The second section must be completed by the pharmacist-in-charge before any sterile compounding is performed in the pharmacy. 9 The applicable sections of the self-assessment shall subsequently be completed before July 1 of each odd-numbered year, within 30 days of the start date of a new 10 pharmacist-in-charge or change of location, and within 30 days of the issuance of a new pharmacy license. The primary purpose of the self-assessment is to promote 11 compliance through self-examination and education. 12 . . . California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.3, subdivision (a) states, in 13 16. 14 pertinent part: 15 (a) For each compounded drug preparation, pharmacy records shall include: 16 17 (2) A compounding log consisting of a single document containing all of the following: 18 . . . 19 (E) The quantity of each ingredient used in compounding the drug 20 preparation. 21 . . . 22 (H) The beyond use date or beyond use date and time of the final compounded drug preparation, expressed in the compounding document in a standard 23 date and time format. 24 (I) The final quantity or amount of drug preparation compounded for dispensing. . . . 25 California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.5, subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) 26 17. state, in pertinent part: 27 28 (a) Any pharmacy engaged in compounding shall maintain written policies and 5 (SUTTER COAST HOSPITAL PHARMACY; M. KRAMER) ACCUSATION

1 2 3	procedures for compounding that establishes procurement procedures, methodologies for the formulation and compounding of drugs, facilities and equipment cleaning, maintenance, operation, and other standard operating procedures related to compounding. Any material failure to follow the pharmacy's written policies and procedures shall constitute a basis for disciplinary action.
3 4	(b) The policies and procedures shall be reviewed and such review shall be documented on an annual basis by the pharmacist-in-charge. The policies and procedures shall be updated whenever changes in policies and procedures are
5	implemented.
6	(c) The policies and procedures shall include at least the following:
7 8	(1) Procedures for notifying staff assigned to compounding duties of any changes in policies or procedures.
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10	(7) Dates and signatures reflecting all annual reviews of the policies and procedures by the pharmacist-in-charge.
11 12	(8) Dates and signatures accompanying any revisions to the policies and procedures approved by the pharmacist-in-charge.
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14	18. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751, subdivision (b) states, in
15	pertinent part:
16	(b) Any pharmacy compounding sterile drug preparations shall have a compounding area designated for the proparation of starile drug proparations that is in a restricted
17	area designated for the preparation of sterile drug preparations that is in a restricted location where traffic has no impact on the performance of the PEC(s). The cleanroom, including the walls, ceilings, and floors, shall be constructed in
18 19	accordance with Section 1250.4 of Title 24, Part 2, Chapter 12, of the California Code of Regulations. The pharmacy shall be ventilated in a manner in accordance with Section 505.7 of Title 24, Part 4, Chapter 5 of the California Code of Regulations.
20	The environments within the pharmacy shall meet the following standards:
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22	(3) A sink shall be included in accordance with Section 1250.4 of Title 24, Part 2, Chapter 12, of the California Code of Regulations. Sinks and drains shall not
23	be present in any ISO Class 7 or better cleanroom, nor in a segregated sterile compounding area within three feet of an ISO Class 5 or better PEC, with the exception of emergency eye-rinsing stations. A sink may be located in an ante-area.
24	When the PEC in the segregated sterile compounding area is a CAI or CACI and the documentation provided by the manufacturer shows it meets the requirements listed
25	in $1751.4(f)(1)$ -(3) the sterile compounding area is exempt from the room requirement listed in $1751(b)(3)$.
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1	19. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.1, subdivisions (a) and (c) state,				
2	in pertinent part:				
3	(a) In addition to the records required by section 1735.3, any pharmacy engaged in any compounding of sterile drug preparations shall maintain the following records				
4	any compounding of sterile drug preparations shall maintain the following records, which must be readily retrievable, within the pharmacy:				
5	(1) Documents evidencing training and competency evaluations of employees in sterile drug preparation policies and procedures.				
6	(2) Results of hand hygiene and garbing assessments with integrated gloved				
7	fingertip testing.				
8	(3) Results of assessments of personnel for aseptic techniques including results of media-fill tests and gloved fingertip testing performed in association with				
9	media-fill tests.				
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11	(c) Pharmacies shall maintain and retain all records required by this article in the pharmacy in a readily retrievable form for at least three years from the date the record				
12	was created. If only recorded and stored electronically, on magnetic media, or in any other computerized form, the records shall be maintained as specified by Business				
13	and Professions Code section 4070 subsection (c).				
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15	20. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.3, subdivision (a) states, in				
16	pertinent part:				
17	(a) Any pharmacy engaged in compounding sterile drug preparations shall maintain written policies and procedures for compounding. Any material failure to follow the				
18	pharmacy's written policies and procedures shall constitute a basis for disciplinary action. In addition to the elements required by section 1735.5, there shall be written				
19	policies and procedures regarding the following:				
20	(1) Action levels for colony-forming units (CFUs) detected during viable surface sampling, glove fingertip, and viable air sampling and actions to be taken				
21	when the levels are exceeded.				
22	(2) Airflow considerations and pressure differential monitoring.				
23	(3) An environmental sampling plan and procedures specific to viable air, surface and gloved fingertip sampling as well as nonviable particle sampling.				
24	(4) Cleaning and maintenance of ISO environments and segregated				
25	compounding areas.				
26	(5) Compounded sterile drug preparation stability and beyond use dating.				
27	(6) Compounding, filling, and labeling of sterile drug preparations.				
28	(7) Daily and monthly cleaning and disinfection schedule for the controlled				
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	areas and any equipment in the controlled area as specified in section 1751.4.			
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2	(9) Facility management including certification and maintenance of			
3	controlled environments and related equipment.			
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5	(11) Hand hygiene and garbing.			
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7	(19) Quality assurance program compliant with sections 1711, 1735.8 and 1751.7.			
8	(20) Record keeping requirements.			
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10	(21) Temperature monitoring in compounding and controlled storage areas.			
11	(22) The determination and approval by a pharmacist of ingredients and the compounding process for each preparation before compounding begins.			
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13	21. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.4, subdivision (d) states, in			
14	pertinent part:			
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16	(d) Cleaning shall be done using a germicidal detergent and sterile water. The use of a			
17	sporicidal agent is required to be used at least monthly.			
18 19	(1) All ISO Class 5 surfaces, work table surfaces, carts, counters, and the cleanroom floor shall be cleaned at least daily. After each cleaning, disinfection using a suitable sterile agent shall occur on all ISO Class 5 surfaces, work table surfaces, carts, and counters.			
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21	22. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.5, subdivision (a) states, in			
22	pertinent part:			
23	(a) When compounding sterile drug preparations the following standards must be			
24	met:			
25	(1) Personal protective equipment consisting of a non-shedding gown, head cover, face mask, facial hair covers (if applicable), and shoe covers must be worn			
26	inside the designated area at all times. For hazardous compounding double shoe covers are required.			
27	(2) Personal protective equipment must be donned and removed in an ante-			
28	area or immediately outside the segregated compounding area.			
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1 2 3 4	(3) Personnel shall don personal protective equipment in an order that proceeds from those activities considered the dirtiest to those considered the cleanest. The following order is to be followed unless the pharmacy has a procedure in place that documents a method equivalent to or superior to the method described here: The donning of shoe covers or dedicated shoes, head and facial hair covers and face masks shall be followed by the washing of hands and forearms up to the elbows for 30 seconds with soap and water, drying hands, and then the donning of a non- shedding gown.			
5	(4) Compounding personnel shall not wear any wrist, hand, finger, or other visible jewelry, piercing, headphones, earbuds, or personal electronic device			
6	visible jewelry, piercing, headphones, earbuds, or personal electronic device.			
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8	23. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.6, subdivisions (b), (c), and (e)			
9	state, in pertinent part:			
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11	(b) The pharmacist-in-charge shall ensure that all pharmacy personnel engaging in			
12	compounding sterile drug preparations have training and demonstrated competence in the safe handling and compounding of sterile drug preparations, including hazardous			
13	agents if the pharmacy compounds products with hazardous agents.			
14	(c) Records of training and demonstrated competence shall be available for each individual and shall be retained for three years beyond the period of employment.			
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16	(e) Pharmacies that compound sterile drug preparations must comply with the			
17	following training requirements:			
18	(1) The pharmacy must establish and follow a written program of training and performance evaluation designed to ensure that each person working in the designated area has the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their assigned			
19 20	tasks properly. This program of training and performance evaluation must address at least the following:			
20	(A) Aseptic technique.			
21	(B) Pharmaceutical calculations and terminology.			
22	(C) Sterile preparation compounding documentation.			
23	(D) Quality assurance procedures.			
24	(E) Aseptic preparation procedures.			
25 26	(F) Proper hand hygiene, gowning and gloving technique.			
26	(G) General conduct in the controlled area (aseptic area practices).			
27	(H) Cleaning, sanitizing, and maintaining of the equipment and the			
28	controlled area.			
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1 2	(2) Each person engaged in sterile compounding must successfully complete			
2 3	practical skills training in aseptic technique and aseptic area practices using models that are comparable to the most complex manipulations to be performed by the individual. Each pharmacist responsible for, or directly supervising and controlling,			
4	aseptic techniques or practices, must demonstrate the skills needed to ensure the sterility of compounded drug preparations. Evaluation must include written testing			
5	and a written protocol of periodic routine performance checks involving adherence to aseptic area policies and procedures. Each person's proficiency and continuing training needs must be reassessed at least every 12 months. Results of these			
6	assessments must be documented and retained in the pharmacy for three years.			
7	24. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.7, subdivisions (b), (c), and (d)			
8	state, in pertinent part:			
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10	(b)			
11	(1) The pharmacy and each individual involved in the compounding of sterile drug preparations must successfully demonstrate competency on aseptic			
12	technique and aseptic area practices before being allowed to prepare sterile drug preparations. The validation process shall be carried out in the same manner as			
13	normal production, except that an appropriate microbiological growth medium is used in place of the actual product used during sterile preparation. The validation process			
14	shall be representative of the types of manipulations, products and batch sizes the individual is expected to prepare and include a media-fill test. The validation process			
15 16	shall be as complicated as the most complex manipulations performed by staff and contain the same amount or greater amount of volume transferred during the compounding process. The same personnel, proceedings, equipment, and materials			
10	compounding process. The same personnel, procedures, equipment, and materials must be used in the testing. Media used must have demonstrated the ability to support and promote growth. Completed medium samples must be incubated in a manner			
18	consistent with the manufacturer's recommendations. If microbial growth is detected, then each individual's sterile preparation process must be evaluated, corrective action			
19	taken and documented, and the validation process repeated.			
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21	(c) All sterile compounding personnel must successfully complete an initial competency evaluation. In addition, immediately following the initial hand hygiene and garbing procedure, each individual who may be required to do so in practice must			
22	successfully complete a gloved fingertip (all fingers on both hands) sampling procedure (zero colony forming units for both hands) at least three times before			
23	initially being allowed to compound sterile drug preparations.			
24	(d) Re-evaluation of garbing and gloving competency shall occur at least every 12 months for personnel compounding products made from sterile ingredients and at			
25	least every six months for personnel compounding products from non-sterile ingredients.			
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25. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.8, subdivision (e) states, in

2 pertinent part:

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In conformity with and in addition to the requirements and limitations of section 1735.2, subdivision (h), every sterile compounded drug preparation shall be given and labeled with a beyond use date that does not exceed the shortest expiration date or beyond use date of any ingredient in sterile compounded drug preparation, nor the chemical stability of any one ingredient in the sterile compounded drug preparation, nor the chemical stability of the combination of all ingredients in the sterile compounded drug preparation, nor the chemical stability of the combination of all ingredients in the sterile compounded drug preparation, and that, in the absence of passing a sterility test in accordance with standards for sterility testing found in Chapter 797 of the United States Pharmacopeia - National Formulary (USP37-NF32) Through 2nd Supplement (37th Revision, Effective December 1, 2014), hereby incorporated by reference, that would justify an extended beyond use date, conforms to the following limitations:

10 (e) Where any sterile compounded drug preparation was compounded either outside of an ISO class 5 PEC or under conditions that do not meet all of the 11 requirements for any of subdivisions (a) through (d), the sterile compounded drug preparation shall be labeled for "immediate use only" and administration shall begin 12 no later than one hour following the start of the compounding process. Unless the "immediate use" preparation is immediately and completely administered by the 13 person who prepared it or immediate and complete administration is witnessed by the preparer, the preparation shall bear a label listing patient identification information, 14 the names and amounts of all ingredients, the name or initials of the person who prepared the compounded sterile preparation, and the exact one-hour beyond use date 15 and time. If administration has not begun within one hour following the start of the compounding process, the compounded sterile preparation shall be promptly, 16 properly, entirely, and safely discarded. This provision does not preclude the use of a PEC to compound an "immediate use" preparation. A PEC used solely to compound 17 'immediate use' preparations need not be placed within an ISO Class 7 cleanroom, with an ante-area. Such "immediate use" preparations shall be compounded only in 18 those limited situations where there is a need for immediate administration of a sterile preparation compounded outside of an ISO class 5 environment and where failure to 19 administer could result in loss of life or intense suffering. Any such compounding shall be only in such quantity as is necessary to meet the immediate need and the 20 circumstance causing the immediate need shall be documented in accordance with policies and procedures. 21

- 26. California Code of Regulations, title 24, section 1250.4, subdivision (4) states, in
- 24 pertinent part:

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The pharmacy shall have a designated area for the preparation of sterile products for dispensing which shall:

(4) A sink with hot and cold running water must be within the parenteral solution compounding area or adjacent to it.

1	COST RECOVERY			
2	27. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the			
3	administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of			
4	the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and			
5	enforcement of the case.			
6	FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS			
7	January 3, 2019 Routine Inspection			
8	28. A Board investigator conducted a routine inspection of Respondent Pharmacy,			
9	located in Crescent City, California, on January 3, 2019. Respondent Kramer, the Pharmacist in			
10	Charge, was present during the inspection. Prior to the inspection, the Board investigator			
11	requested copies of policies and procedures from Respondent Kramer. Following the inspection,			
12	the Board investigator followed up several times with Respondent Kramer and Respondent			
13	Pharmacy staff for clarification and to correct deficiencies identified by the Board investigator.			
14	29. During the inspection at Respondent Pharmacy, the investigator found that the only			
15	sink available was in a restroom, when Pharmacy Law requires that a sink with hot and cold			
16	running water must be within the parenteral solution compounding area or adjacent to it.			
17	30. Respondent Pharmacy's records showed that two prior pharmacists, D. Nguyen and			
18	G. Orat, conducted compounding without training, and none of the pharmacy technicians			
19	employed at Respondent Pharmacy had conducted training. Records of training for the past three			
20	years, as required by Pharmacy Law, were not retained by Respondents or available to the			
21	investigator.			
22	31. Respondents did not have a written program for training and performance evaluation			
23	for the PIC, the staff pharmacists, and the pharmacy technicians. Respondent Kramer and her			
24	staff had not conducted most of the training required prior to commencing compounding. The			
25	investigator asked Respondent Kramer, and Respondent Pharmacy staff, to demonstrate their			
26	knowledge of aseptic handwashing, garbing, cleaning of a controlled environment, and the ability			
27	to accurately document each compounded drug product. The investigator noted major			
28	deficiencies in knowledge of applicable regulations.			
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32. Respondents documented sterile compounding with a system called EPIC and did not
 ensure the records kept included all the required elements. Specifically, records for completed
 compounded drug products for vancomycin, ketamine, and Remicade did not contain all
 ingredients used to compound the products, did not contain the beyond use date of the final
 compounded products, and did not contain final volumes.

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33. During the inspection, the Board investigator observed that compounding staff failed to wear appropriate clothing. Specifically, compounding staff: failed to wear non-shedding gowns, and wore isolation gowns instead; failed to don personal protective equipment immediately outside the segregated compounding area; did not dry hands with a low-lint towel prior to donning a non-shedding gown; and wore visible jewelry.

Respondents did not provide written policies and procedures which contained all 11 34. required categories for a licensed sterile compounding pharmacy. The Board investigator 12 requested the written policies and procedures several times, and Respondents failed to provide 13 14 complete copies. Compounding staff at Respondent Pharmacy did not follow their own policies and procedures relating to handwashing, garbing, orientation, training, and competency 15 evaluation. Moreover, Respondent Kramer did not ensure that the applicable annual review of 16 policies occurred, and that Respondent Pharmacy's staff had reviewed the policies and procedures 17 on an annual basis. Respondents did not maintain records of training and competency as required 18 19 by Pharmacy Law for a period of three years.

35. During the inspection, the Board investigator observed unsanitary conditions,
including that Respondent Pharmacy did not clean the hoods, all surfaces and floors with a
germicidal detergent and sterile water. Respondent Pharmacy's policies and procedures stated
that cleaning must be conducted with a detergent, but the pharmacy only used isopropyl alcohol
and water for cleaning.

36. Respondents failed to ensure that process validation and quality assurance in relation
to sterile compounding. Specifically, staff pharmacists had not completed three-fingertip tests or
media fill prior to compounding. Records were not available to ensure that all of Respondent
Pharmacy staff had completed these tests. Respondent Kramer failed to demonstrate competency

1	on aseptic technique and practices prior to compounding, or to show that Respondent Pharmacy's			
2	staff were adequately trained in process validation and quality assurance.			
3	37. Respondent Kramer did not prepare accurate compounding self-assessments as			
4	required by Pharmacy Law. Respondent Kramer signed and dated a self-assessment, under			
5	penalty of perjury, stating that Respondent Pharmacy was in compliance with regulations when it			
6	was not. The Board investigator observed several areas that were not in compliance with			
7	Pharmacy Law at the inspection. Respondent Kramer wrongly stated that:			
8	• Respondent Pharmacy had an adequate sink for a sterile compounding pharmacy,			
9	when it did not;			
10	• Respondent Pharmacy had a "CAI hood," when it had a laminar flow hood;			
11	• Respondent Pharmacy was in compliance with hand-washing and garbing			
12	regulations;			
13	• Competency training and process validation was conducted prior to compounding;			
14	• "Beyond Use Dates" were assigned to compounded drugs;			
15	• That compounding records were adequately maintained, when in fact they were not			
16	kept for three years;			
17	• That policies and procedures were followed, when in fact there was inadequate			
18	cleaning, record-keeping, and compounding practices.			
19	January 7, 2020 Routine Inspection			
20	38. A Board investigator conducted a routine inspection of Respondent Pharmacy on			
21	January 7, 2020. Respondent's Pharmacist in Charge at the time of the inspection, Ram			
22	Malhotra, was present for the inspection.			
23	39. Prior to the January 7, 2020 inspection, Malhotra sent an e-mail to Board			
24	investigators, on October 10, 2019, stating that emergent compounding with immediate use			
25	Beyond Use Dates was taking place in Respondent Pharmacy only when necessary, and all other			
26	patient-specific compounding was being conducted in the infusion cleanroom located on the same			
27	campus. Respondent Pharmacy was undergoing a complete remodel at that time. Board			
28	investigators responded to Malhotra that some of the compounds being prepared at Respondent			
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Pharmacy were outside the allowance for immediate use, and that insufficient evidence of
 immediate need and/or emergency need was not provided. Board investigators provided the
 regulatory criteria for emergency need, and confirmed with Malhotra the allowable practices for
 compounding during the pharmacy remodel.

40. Between on or about October 10, 2019, and January 6, 2020, at least 340 sterile
preparations were compounded in a manner that was not compliant with Pharmacy Law. The
circumstance for immediate need was either not documented, or the general statement "patient
care compromised when delayed or ED patient" was documented as the circumstance.
Immediate-use compounding was not used in limited situations where failure to administer could
result in loss of life or intense suffering, but was used for several first doses of non-emergent
medications such as supplements and antibiotics.

41. During the January 7, 2020 inspection, Board investigators learned that Malhotra
began as PIC at Respondent Pharmacy on or about July 29, 2019, but did not conduct the hospital
and compounding self-assessments until on or about December 11, 2019.

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FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer: Improper Sink in Pharmacy)
42. Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer are subject to disciplinary action under Code
section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o), Code section 4113, subdivision (c), and/or California
Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751, subdivision (b)(3), and/or California Code of
Regulations, title 16, section 1714, subdivision (c), and/or California Code of Regulations, title
24, section 1250.4, subdivision (4). As described above in paragraph 29, the only sink in the
sterile compounding pharmacy was in a restroom.

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SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer: Failure to Train Sterile Compound Staff)
43. Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer are subject to disciplinary action under Code
section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o), Code section 4113, subdivision (c), and/or California
Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.6, subdivisions (c), and/or (e). As described above in

1	paragraphs 30 and 31, Respondents failed to maintain adequate records of training, and failed to			
2	demonstrate knowledge of sterile compounding practical skills required by Pharmacy Law.			
3	THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE			
4	(Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer: Failure to Maintain Compounding Records)			
5	44. Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer are subject to disciplinary action under Code			
6	section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o), Code section 4113, subdivision (c), and/or California			
7	Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.3, subdivision (a), in that Respondents failed to ensure			
8	that all required information for compounded drug products was kept in the required records for			
9	those compounded drugs, as described above in paragraph 32.			
10	FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE			
11	(Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer: Hand Washing and Garbing)			
12	45. Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer are subject to disciplinary action under Code			
13	section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o), Code section 4113, subdivision (c), and/or California			
14	Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.5, subdivision (a). Compounding staff at Respondent			
15	Pharmacy failed to wear adequate clothing and wash their hands according to regulation, as			
16	described above in paragraph 33.			
17	FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE			
18	(Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer: Failure to Maintain and Follow Written Procedures)			
19	46. Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer are subject to disciplinary action under Code			
20	section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o), Code section 4113, subdivision (c), and/or California			
21	Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.3, subdivision (a), in that inadequate written policies			
22	and procedures were provided to the Board investigator, and of those policies available, pharmacy			
23	staff did not follow all policies, as described above in paragraph 34.			
24	SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE			
25	(Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer: Failure to Complete Annual Review of Policies)			
26	47. Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer are subject to disciplinary action under Code			
27	section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o), Code section 4113, subdivision (c), California Code of			
28	Regulations, title 16, section 1735.5, subdivisions (b), and/or (c), and/or California Code of			
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1	Regulations, title 16, section 1751.3, subdivision (e), in that an annual review of policies and			
2	procedures was not conducted, and pharmacy staff were not required to review on an annual			
3	basis, as described above in paragraph 34.			
4	SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE			
5	(Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer: Failure to Keep Training Records for Three Years)			
6	48. Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer are subject to disciplinary action under Code			
7	section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o), Code section 4113, subdivision (c), and/or California			
8	Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.1, subdivisions (a), and/or (c), in that Respondents			
9	failed to maintain records of training and competency for three years, as described above in			
10	paragraph 34.			
11	EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE			
12	(Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer: Inadequate Cleaning)			
13	49. Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer are subject to disciplinary action under Code			
14	section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o), Code section 4113, subdivision (c), and/or California			
15	Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.4, subdivision (d), in that Respondent Pharmacy was			
16	not cleaned with a germicidal detergent, and areas were not cleaned according to policy, as			
17	described above in paragraph 35.			
18	NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE			
19	(Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer: Failure to Conduct Process Validation)			
20	50. Respondents Pharmacy and Kramer are subject to disciplinary action under Code			
21	section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o), Code section 4113, subdivision (c), and/or California			
22	Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.7, subdivisions (b), and/or (c), and/or (d), in that			
23	required tests to ensure process validation and quality assurance were not completed prior to			
24	compounding, as described above in paragraph 36.			
25	TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE			
26	(Respondent Kramer: Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)			
27	51. Respondent Kramer is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301,			
28	subdivision (f), (j), and/or (o), Code section 4113, subdivision (c), Code section 4306.5, and/or			
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1	California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.2, subdivision (k), in that Respondent
2	Kramer completed a compounding pharmacy self-assessment attesting to facts that did not exist,
3	as stated above in paragraph 37.
4	ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
5	(Respondent Pharmacy: Incomplete Documentation of Immediate Use Compounding;
6	Immediate Use Compounding Not Limited to Certain Situations)
7	52. Respondent Pharmacy is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301,
8	subdivisions (j), and/or (o), and/or California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.8,
9	subdivision (e), in that sterile compounded drug preparation was compounded under conditions
10	that did not meet regulations, as described above in paragraphs 39 and 40.
11	TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
12	(Respondent Pharmacy: Late Self-Assessment of Pharmacy by PIC)
13	53. Respondent Pharmacy is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301,
14	subdivisions (j), and/or (o), and/or California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1715,
15	subdivision (b)(2), in that Malhotra did not complete the hospital pharmacy self-assessment and
16	compounding self-assessment within thirty days as required, as described above in paragraph 41.
17	DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS
18	54. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Kramer,
19	Complainant alleges that on or about November 8, 2019, in a prior action, the Board of Pharmacy
20	issued Citation and Fine Number CI-2019-85775 and ordered Respondent Kramer to pay a fine of
21	\$500, or proof of four (4) hours of remedial education in "hazardous compounding." During the
22	time period of January 3, 2018 through August 22, 2018, employees under Respondent Kramer's
23	supervision were compounding hazardous preparations in a positive pressure primary engineering
24	control (PEC), when preparation of those agents required a negative pressure PEC (Cal. Code
25	Regs., tit. 16, section 1751.4, subdivision (g)). That Citation was paid, and is now final.
26	55. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent
27	Pharmacy, Complainant alleges that the following citations have been issued to Respondent
28	Pharmacy:
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a. On or about November 8, 2019, in a prior action, the Board of Pharmacy issued
 Citation Numbers CI-2019-85774 and CI-2018-81806 to Respondent Pharmacy, and ordered
 Respondent Pharmacy to pay a \$1,000 fine. During the time period of January 3, 2018 through
 August 22, 2018, employees under Respondent Kramer's supervision were compounding
 hazardous preparations in a positive pressure PEC, when preparation of those agents required a
 negative pressure PEC (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, section 1751.4, subdivision (g)). Those Citations
 were paid and are now final.

b. On or about July 10, 2017, in a prior action, the Board of Pharmacy issued
Citation Numbers CI-2016-75817 and CI-2016-73021 to Respondent Pharmacy, and ordered
Respondent Pharmacy to pay a fine of \$2,000 for each Citation. During an inspection occurring
on or about November 8, 2016, Respondent Pharmacy had unsanitary conditions including a
filthy under-grate on the PEC in the designated compounding area, as well as open porous areas
on the door and near the PEC in the compounding area (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, section 1751.4,
subdivisions (c) and (d)). Those Citations were paid and are now final.

On or about October 12, 2016, in a prior action, the Board of Pharmacy issued c. 15 Citation Numbers CI-2016-72387 and CI-2015-68643 to Respondent Pharmacy, and ordered 16 Respondent Pharmacy to pay fines totaling \$4,250. During an inspection occurring on or about 17 January 5, 2016, Respondent had unsanitary conditions in that shelves and storage bins were not 18 19 documented as being regularly cleaned (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, section 1751.4, subdivision (d)); there were inadequate master formulas for compounded drug products (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, 2021 section 1735.2, subdivision (d)); inadequate records of compounding were kept (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, section 1735.3, subdivision (a)); a biennial inventory was unavailable for review (Title 21, 22 Code of Federal Regulations section 1304.11); the compounding clean room was not maintained 23 24 properly (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, section 1751.4, subdivision (c)); end product testing for potency on compounded products had not been performed (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, section 25 1735.8, subdivisions (c) and (d)); there were inadequate records of training for compounding staff 26 (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, section 1735.7, subdivision (a)); and compounding policies and 27 procedures were inadequate (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, section 1735.5, subdivision (c)(1)). 28

1	OTHER MATTERS				
2	56. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Respondent Pharmacy				
3	License Number HSP 37160, Respondent Pharmacy shall be prohibited from serving as a				
4	manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for				
5	five years if Respondent Pharmacy License Number HSP 37160 is placed on probation, or until				
6	reinstatement if Respondent Pharmacy License Number HSP 37160 is revoked.				
7	57. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Respondent Pharmacy				
8	License Number HSP 37160 issued to Respondent Pharmacy while Respondent Kramer was the				
9	pharmacist-in-charge, and had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which				
10	the licensee was disciplined, Respondent Kramer shall be prohibited from serving as a manager,				
11	administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if				
12	Respondent Pharmacy License Number HSP 37160 is placed on probation, or until reinstatement				
13	if Respondent Pharmacy License Number HSP 37160 is revoked.				
14	PRAYER				
15	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,				
16	and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:				
17	1. Revoking or suspending Original Pharmacy Permit Number HSP 37160, issued to				
18	Sutter Coast Hospital, Inc., dba Sutter Coast Hospital Pharmacy;				
19	2. Revoking or suspending Sterile Compounding License Number LSC 100197, issued				
20	to Sutter Coast Hospital, Inc., dba Sutter Coast Hospital Pharmacy;				
21	3. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 70124, issued to Megan				
22	Ashley Kramer;				
23	4. Prohibiting Sutter Coast Hospital, Inc., dba Sutter Coast Hospital Pharmacy from				
24	serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a				
25	licensee for five years if Original Pharmacy Permit Number HSP 37160 is placed on probation, or				
26	until reinstatement if Original Pharmacy Permit Number HSP 37160 is revoked;				
27	5. Prohibiting Megan Ashley Kramer from serving as a manager, administrator, owner,				
28	member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Original Pharmacy				
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1	Permit Number HSP 37160 is placed on probation, or until reinstatement if Original Pharmacy			
2	Permit Number HSP 37160 is revoked;			
3	6. Ordering Respondent Pharmacy and Respondent Kramer, jointly and severally, to pay			
4	the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case,			
5	pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and,			
6	7. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.			
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8	DATED:	11/6/2021	Signature on File ANNE SODERGREN	
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