

**BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF
RESPIRATORY CARE EXAMINERS**

In the Matter of:)	CASE NO. 2019-RCE-0044
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CHRISTINA E. WILSON, RCP)	
Holder of License No. 012177)	ORDER FOR SUMMARY
)	SUSPENSION OF LICENSE
For the Practice of Respiratory Care)	
In the State of Arizona)	
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In order to protect the public health, safety or welfare, the Arizona State Board of Respiratory Care Examiners (Board) enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order for Summary Suspension of License (Order), setting forth the charges against Christina E. Wilson, RCP (Respondent).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted agency for licensing and regulating the practice of respiratory care in the State of Arizona and possesses jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3501, *et seq.*

2. Respondent is the holder of License Number 012117 which enables her to practice respiratory care in the State of Arizona.

3. Respondent has been licensed to practice respiratory care in the State of Arizona since January 23, 2017.

4. On or about February 17, 2020, the Board received information from Respondent's employer, a hospital in Phoenix, Arizona, that Respondent tested positive in a for-cause drug screen on February 17, 2020 for Propofol, a controlled substance and Opiate. Respondent's for-cause drug screen was the result of co-workers concerns that Respondent was under the influence of intoxicants while at work that day, as well as visible trauma on Respondent's hand from what appeared to be a syringe puncture mark.

5. The Board reviewed the preliminary investigative materials at its February 20,

1 2020 board meeting and discussed the matter with Respondent. Respondent stated that she was
2 in the process of taking care of personal issues that would render her incapable of providing
3 respiratory therapy.

4 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

5 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over this subject matter and Respondent
6 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3501, *et seq.*

7 2. The Board has the authority to issue an Order for Summary Suspension of
8 License and conduct an administrative hearing to determine whether Respondent's license to
9 practice respiratory care should be disciplined pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3553(E), in conjunction
10 with A.R.S. § 32-3552(A).

11 3. The Board has the statutory authority to enter this Order pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 41-
12 1064(C) and 32-3553(E).

13 4. Based upon the evidence and information known to the Board regarding
14 allegations set forth in the paragraphs above, the Board finds that to protect the public's health,
15 welfare or safety, it is necessary to invoke the Board's authority, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-
16 3553(E), to summarily suspend the license issued to Respondent to practice respiratory care in
17 the State of Arizona.

18 5. Respondent's conduct as alleged, if subsequently established to be true after
19 formal hearing, constitutes violations of:

- 20 a. A.R.S. § 32-3552(A)(3) Commits an act of unprofessional conduct.
- 21 b. A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(c) Illegal use of narcotic or hypnotic drugs or substances.
- 22 c. A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(g) Immorality or misconduct that tends to discredit the
23 respiratory therapy profession.
- 24 d. A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(i) Any conduct or practice which is contrary to recognized
25 standards of ethics of the respiratory therapy profession or any conduct or practice
26 which does or might constitute a danger to the health, welfare or safety of the

1 patient or the public.

2 e. A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(j) Any conduct, practice or condition which does or might
3 impair the person's ability to safely and skillfully practice respiratory therapy.

4 f. A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(k) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly,
5 or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate a provision of
6 this chapter.

7 g. A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(l) Failing to report to the board within ten calendar days an
8 incident or incidents that appear to show the existence of a cause for disciplinary
9 action or that a licensed respiratory care practitioner is or may be professionally
10 incompetent or is or may be mentally or physically unable to engage safely in the
11 practice of respiratory care.

12 h. A.A.C. R4-45-214 (1) Engaging in the practice of respiratory care in a manner
13 that harms or may harm a patient or that the Board determines falls below the
14 community standard.

15 i. A.A.C. R4-45-214 (6) Endangering a patient's or the public's physical or
16 emotional health or safety or engaging in conduct or practice that may be
17 reasonably expected to do so.

18 j. A.A.C. R4-45-214 (9) Acting in a manner that the Board determines, based on
19 community standards, constitutes incompetence, gross negligence, repeated
20 negligence, or negligence that results in harm or death of a patient.

21 k. A.A.C. R4-45-214 (12) Using or being under the influence of alcohol, illegal
22 drugs or substances, or drugs or substances that impair judgment, while on duty in
23 any health care work location.

24 **ORDER**

25 **THEREFORE**, based upon the evidence and information known to the Board regarding
26 the allegations set forth above, the Board finds that in order to protect the public health, welfare

1 or safety, it is necessary to invoke the Board's authority, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3553 (E), to
2 summarily suspend Respondent's license to practice respiratory care.

3 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that License Number 012117, issued to and held by
4 Christina E. Wilson is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED** from the **PRACTICE OF**
5 **RESPIRATORY CARE**, effective immediately upon issuance of this Order.

6 **NOTICE**

7 Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3553(E) the Respondent is entitled to a formal hearing before the
8 Board on the charges within sixty (60) days. Respondent shall be served with a written notice of
9 complaint and formal hearing, setting forth the charges made against her as required by the
10 operative statute and rule.



ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

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Jack Confer
Executive Director

DATED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

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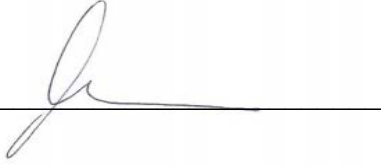
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Copies of the foregoing sent by certified,
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