

IN THE MATTER OF

JUNG S. KIM, L.Ac.

Respondent.

License No.: U01789

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND STATE

BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

Case No. 26-09

CONSENT ORDER

On or about December 23, 2025, the Maryland State Board of Acupuncture (the “Board”) received information about a malpractice settlement paid by Licensee Jung S. Kim (the “Respondent”) to a patient (the “Patient”). The basis of the claim alleged improper treatment for a burn following electrical stimulation for pain. The Board initiated a full investigation of the Respondent under Case Number 26-09. On March 24, 2026, the Board invited the Respondent to a pre-charge Case Resolution Conference (“CRC”) to determine whether a settlement can be reached without the need for formal proceedings.

On April 10, 2026, the pre-charge CRC was held in this matter. Based on negotiations occurring as a result of this CRC, the Respondent agreed to enter into this Consent Order, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds the following:

1. At all times relevant, the Respondent was licensed to practice acupuncture in the State of Maryland under License Number U01789.
2. At all times relevant, the Respondent practiced acupuncture at a private practice located in Ellicott City, Maryland.
3. The Patient began to see the Respondent in June 2024 with a chief complaint of shoulder pain and back pain.

4. The Patient specifically requested moxibustion treatment¹ after seeing it on a K-drama television show, and, though the Respondent usually does not practice moxibustion, he agreed to proceed with the requested moxibustion treatment at her persistence.
5. The Respondent documented that moxibustion treatment was provided to increase overall immunity.
6. The Respondent used moxibustion in a ceramic vessel, which intensifies the heat from moxibustion.
7. The first two sessions of moxibustion on June 18 and 25 were completed without any issues.
8. On the third treatment, on June 27, because of fears that the Patient would get cold, the Respondent added an infrared light lamp in addition to the moxibustion treatment.
9. Infrared light when combined with moxibustion increases and intensifies the heat.
10. During the June 27 moxibustion and infrared light lamp treatment, the Respondent left the room while both heat sources were active and engaged and was out of the room for five or ten minutes.
11. The infrared light along with the moxibustion resulted in burning injuries on the patient's abdomen.
12. On June 29 or June 30, the Patient returned with blisters on her abdomen from the burn and the Respondent advised the patient to seek further medical care at an urgent care center.
13. Respondent's medical records for the Patient had the following deficiencies:
 - a. Illegible handwriting on chart notes;

¹ Moxibustion is a therapy that involves applying indirect/direct heat to specific acupuncture points on the body using a dried herb called moxa (dried mugwort).

- b. Missing the standard Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan (SOAP) note structure;
- c. Missing patient's last name, chart number, or patient date of birth;
- d. Lacking documentation regarding Ah Shi point locations or how many were used, and their applicability to the chief complaint and diagnosis;
- e. Lacking sufficient objective findings or other indication to substantiate the need to perform moxibustion and the points selected;
- f. Lacking sufficient assessment, diagnosis and treatment plan containing clear details about the moxibustion treatment delivered;
- g. Lacking point assignments and how the points stimulated relate to, address, or remedy the chief complaint;
- h. For the three units of electroacupuncture, the notes did not indicate the duration or specific points used.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice acupuncture, in violation of Health Occ. § 1A-309(3); and engaging in a course of conduct that is inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards in the practice of acupuncture, in violation of Health Occ. § 1A-309(17).

ORDER

It is thus by a majority of a quorum of the Board hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent is **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum of one year.²

During probation, the Respondent shall comply with the following terms and conditions of probation:

1. Within **ONE YEAR** the Respondent is required to take and successfully complete three courses. One course shall be regarding clinical decision-making. A second course shall be in recordkeeping. A third course should be in the use of infrared lamps and moxibustion. The following terms apply:
 - a. it is the Respondent's responsibility to locate, enroll in and obtain the Board's approval of the course before the course commences;
 - b. the Respondent must provide documentation to the Board that the Respondent has successfully completed the course;
 - c. the course may not be used to fulfill the continuing education credits required for license renewal; and
 - d. the Respondent is responsible for the cost of the course.
2. The Respondent's Acupuncture practice shall be supervised by a Board-approved peer supervisor/mentor.
 - a. Within 30 days, the Respondent shall provide the panel with the name and professional background information of the supervisor whom he is requesting approval.
 - b. The Board will provide the Board-approved supervisor with the relevant Board order concerning the Respondent.
 - c. The Respondent consents to the release of these documents to the supervisor.
 - d. Each month the supervisor shall review the patient records, randomly chosen by the supervisor, of at least **TEN** of the Respondent's patients.
 - e. The supervisor shall meet with the Respondent at least once each month.
 - f. Discussion at their meetings shall include the care the Respondent has provided for specific patients and detailed feedback from the supervisor on the Respondent's practice and recordkeeping.
 - g. The supervisor shall be available to the Respondent for consultations on any patient and shall observe the Respondent's practice and have access to the Respondent's patients' records and shall maintain the confidentiality of all medical records and patient information.
 - h. The Respondent shall ensure that the supervisor provides the Board with quarterly reports.
 - i. The quarterly reports shall detail the quality of the Respondent's practices; deficiencies, concerns and needed improvements; and measures to improve patient care and recordkeeping.

² If the Respondent's license expires during the period of probation, the probation and any conditions will be tolled.

- j. Reports from the Supervisor that do not show sufficient progress or any failure comply with the Supervisor's recommendations may be deemed a violation of probation or of this Consent Order.
- k. If there are indications that the Respondent poses a substantive risk to patients, the supervisor shall immediately report his or her concerns to the Board.
- l. In the event that the Respondent's supervisor discontinues supervising the Respondent's practice for any reason during the probationary period, the Respondent shall immediately notify the Board. The Respondent shall be solely responsible for submitting a request for Board-approved replacement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a violation of probation constitutes a violation of the Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall not apply for early termination of probation; and it is further

ORDERED that, after the Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions of probation, the Respondent may submit a written petition for termination of probation. The Respondent's probation may be administratively terminated through an order of the Board if the Respondent has complied with all probationary terms, upon the receipt of four satisfactory quarterly reports from the supervisor, and if there are no pending complaints relating to the charges; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Respondent shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing; and it is further

ORDERED that after the appropriate hearing, if the Board determines that the Respondent has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Board may

reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend with appropriate terms and conditions, or revoke the Respondent's license to practice acupuncture in Maryland. The Board may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine on the Respondent; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of the Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is signed by the Board Chair or her designee. The Board chair signs the Consent Order on behalf of the Board which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607 and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

CONSENT

I, Jung S. Kim, L.Ac., acknowledge that I have consulted with counsel before signing this document.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and all its terms and conditions and understand that the Board will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition.

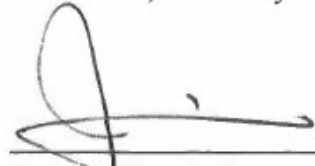
I assert that I am aware of my right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 1A-310 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 *et seq.* concerning the pending charges. I waive this right and have elected to sign this Consent Order instead.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I waive those procedural and substantive protections. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order.

I voluntarily enter into and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order as a resolution of the charges. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order set out in the Consent Order. I waive all rights to appeal this Consent Order.

I sign this Consent Order, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

6/15/2026
Date


Jung S. Kim, L. Ac.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Harford

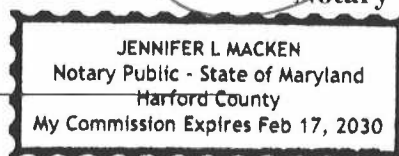
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 15th day of June, 2026,

before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Jung S. Kim, L.Ac., and gave oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS, my hand and Notary Seal.

Jennifer L Macken
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



ACCEPTANCE

I, Brandie Garry, sign this **CONSENT ORDER** on behalf of the Board.

6/18/26
Date

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