

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

IN THE MATTER OF:

Daniel F. Collins, M.D.

License Number MD 04612

BMLD Complaint Numbers C10-762

CONSENT ORDER

Daniel Collins, M.D., (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. After review of the above-numbered complaints, the medical records, and the reply of the Respondent, the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter "Board") makes the following.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a physician who has been licensed in Rhode Island since November 26, 1973, with a primary specialty in family practice. He is currently employed at Pawtucket Valley Urgent Care in Coventry, Rhode Island. He has no hospital privileges. He graduated from the National University of Ireland at Cork in Ireland in 1969.

2. Regarding Complaint Number C10-762, on December 17, 2010, the Board of Pharmacy received a call from a pharmacist regarding a prescription written by Respondent for a high dose of Oxycontin for Patient A, *alias*. The pharmacist reported that she attempted to call Respondent to verify the authenticity and medical necessity of the prescription, but Respondent did not return her call. The Respondent did not return the call, instead relying on his staff to do so.

3. Respondent was prescribing Suboxone (used to treat opiates addiction) to Patient A in 2009, and began prescribing opiates despite the patient having a positive screen for an illicit

drug. The opiates were re-prescribed by another of the patient's physicians. Respondent then stopped the Suboxone and renewed the opiate prescription. The medical records in this case were not sufficiently explanatory of the rationale for the prescription.

4. Based on the foregoing, Respondent is in civil violation of Rhode Island General Law § 5-37-5.1(19) for nonconformance with minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice.

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent has reviewed this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board; and this Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
3. If ratified by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights to appeal of this Consent Order; and
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review.

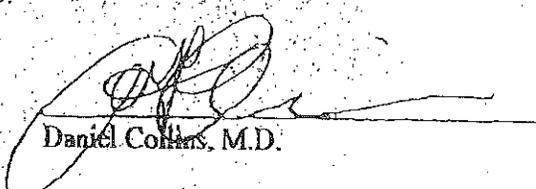
4. Respondent agrees to this Reprimand by the Board based on the findings in Paragraphs 2 and 4 in the Findings of Fact above.

5. Respondent shall pay an administrative fee to the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline for staff time spent investigating and reviewing the instant complaint, and shall submit to the Board a check for \$1,500.00 made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasury within sixty days of the ratification of this Consent Order.

6. Respondent shall within six months enroll in a continuing medical education course in medical recordkeeping approved by the Board. He has already completed numerous continuing medical education courses in narcotics prescribing since the opening of the above-referenced complaints.

7. If any terms of this Consent Order are violated, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to summarily suspend Respondent's license. If the Director suspends the license, Respondent shall be given notice and have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of the suspension. The Director shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of any violation of this Consent Order, and the Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

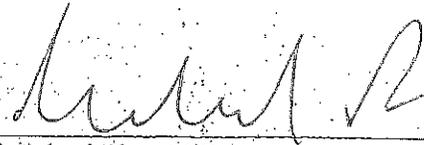
Signed this 11/10/13 day of October 2013.


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Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 11 day of

December 2013.



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