

State of Rhode Island  
Department of Health  
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline



**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
**Neal Bhagwanji Madhani, MD**  
**License No.: MD 15450**  
**Case No.: C201773**

**CONSENT ORDER**

Madhani, MD ("Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") has reviewed and investigated the above-referenced complaint pertaining to Respondent through its Investigative Committee. The Board makes the following

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the state of Rhode Island since May 4, 2016. He graduated from Baylor College of Medicine in 2010. His specialty is Emergency Medicine.
2. The Board was notified by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency ("DEA") that Respondent had improperly procured a non-narcotic Schedule II controlled substance. The Board was informed that this was not the first instance of Respondent improperly obtaining non-narcotic controlled substances.
3. Respondent admitted to law enforcement that he improperly acquired non-narcotic Schedule II controlled substances. Respondent also admitted taking the non-narcotic Schedule II controlled substance.

4. Respondent voluntarily surrendered his Rhode Island physician license pursuant to Consent Order on December 17, 2021.

5. Respondent was evaluated by the Rhode Island Medical Society's Physicians Health Program ("PHP"), pursuant to which he was further evaluated and treated at an appropriate treatment center. Subsequent to such treatment, Respondent received a letter from the PHP endorsing his return to practice, provided he follows the recommendations of the PHP.

6. Based on the foregoing, the Investigative Committee determined that Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(5), which defines "unprofessional conduct" as including *"[d]ependence upon controlled substances."*

**Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:**

1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board and 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 of appeal of this Consent Order;
  - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review; and

h. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards and posted to the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") public website.

4. Respondent agrees to pay, within 5 days of the ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$1500.00 for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint. Such payment shall be made by certified check, made payable to "Rhode Island General Treasurer," and sent to Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 205, Providence, RI 02908. Respondent will send notice of compliance with this condition to [DOH.PRCCompliance@health.ri.gov](mailto:DOH.PRCCompliance@health.ri.gov) within 30 days of submitting the above-referenced payment.

5. Respondent's license is reinstated upon ratification of this Consent Order.

6. Respondent hereby agrees to this reprimand on his physician license.

7. Respondent has entered into a contract with the PHP and will remain under and obey such contract, as may be amended from time to time, for five years from the ratification of this Consent Order. Respondent shall follow all recommendations of the PHP.

8. If Respondent violates any term of this Consent Order after it is signed and accepted, the Director of RIDOH ("Director") shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action, including immediate suspension of Respondent's medical license. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request within 20 days of the suspension and/or further discipline an administrative hearing. The Director shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Respondent's licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 15 day of March, 2021.

Neal Madhani  
Neal Madhani, MD

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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