

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



IN THE MATTER OF:
Stuart Schneiderman M.D.
License No.: MD 08510
Case No.: C210708

CONSENT ORDER

Stuart Schneiderman M.D. ("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 September 1, 1993. Respondent graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine in 1976.
2. The Board received notice from the National Practitioner Databank ("NPDB") that a settlement had been reached in a malpractice suit against Respondent, and others, relative to their care of Patient A (alias).
3. Respondent was the attending physician for Patient A, a 75-year old patient who presented Respondent for a sacroiliac injection to relieve pain on February 16, 2016; Patient A had been receiving regular injections since 2013.
4. At his appearance before the Investigative Committee, Respondent stated that prior to

administering the injection that day, a “time out” was observed, after which the procedure went forward as planned.

5. At the time of the procedure, Patient A had been taking warfarin—a blood thinner—for unrelated reasons. The warfarin was not discontinued prior to the procedure, however. As a result, Patient A experienced an intradural spinal hematoma, which was an avoidable complication.

6. Subsequent to the procedure, Patient A was admitted to the hospital and succumbed to other comorbidities that were not causally related to the complication.

7. Respondent has since changed his office practices to prevent similar, avoidable complications in the future.

8. The Investigative Committee concluded that Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(19), which defines “unprofessional conduct” as including “....*any departure from, or the failure to conform to, the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in his or her area of expertise as is determined by the board.*”


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;

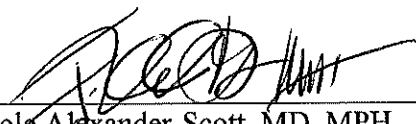
- c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order 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 NPDB 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 \$1100.00 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, Attn: Jessica DeSanto. Respondent will send notice of compliance with this condition to DOH.PRCompliance@health.ri.gov within 30 days of submitting the above-referenced payment.
5. Respondent hereby agrees to this reprimand on his physician license.
6. 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

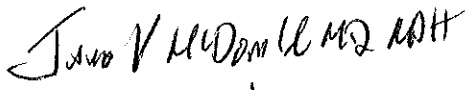
Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Respondent's licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 23 day of September, 2021.


Stuart Schneideman, MD

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 13th day of October, 2021.


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