

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF PHARMACY

v.

DOMINIC COLARUSSO, R.Ph.

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: Case No. 99-009C
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CONSENT ORDER

This matter is before the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter "Board"), upon allegations that Dominic Colarusso, R.Ph. (hereinafter "Respondent") did fail to perform Prospective Drug Review on diverse dates from 1 January 1996 to 21 April 1997 as required by Section 13.8.4 of the "Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Pharmacists, Pharmacies and Manufacturers, Wholesalers and Distributors" (hereinafter "Regulations") while working as a registered pharmacist at Prime Drug, 613 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI. Based upon these allegations, the Board of Pharmacy, at its meeting on 20 October 1999, recommended that Respondent's registration as a pharmacist be suspended for a period of one (1) year; that the suspension be stayed subject to Respondent serving at least a one (1) year period of probation; and that Respondent obtain fifteen (15) contact hours (personal attendance) of continuing education in the areas of patient counseling, OBRA regulations, or related topics. Prior to initiating administrative action to impose the aforementioned disciplinary sanctions, it was agreed by and

between the parties as follows:

1. That Respondent's registration as a pharmacist shall be suspended for a period of one (1) year; provided, however, that the suspension shall be stayed and Respondent shall serve a one (1) year period of probation upon the terms and conditions set forth herein.

2. That said probationary period shall commence as of January 1, 2000 and will abate for the duration of any period in which Respondent ceases to be employed as a pharmacist. This Order shall in no way restrict Respondent's ability to retail, compound or dispense drugs, medicine or poisons in conformity with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board and in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §5-19-6, et seq. during the period in which the suspension is stayed.

3. That Respondent shall present to the Board prior to the expiration of the probationary period evidence of having completed fifteen (15) hours of continuing education in the areas of patient counseling, OBRA regulations, or related topics. Five (5) of said hours must be contact hours (personal attendance). This requirement is in addition to the continued education required for license renewal.

4. That should Respondent comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy during the period of probation, and comply with the requirements of this Consent Order, Respondent will be deemed to have fully complied with this Order and this Order shall be considered of no further force and effect.

5. That should Respondent fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy and/or fail to comply with the terms of this Consent Order during the period of probation, his registration as a pharmacist shall be subject to suspension and/or other appropriate disciplinary action.

6. That the terms of this Order shall be effective as of January 1, 2000.

7. That this Consent Order constitutes a final disposition of the matters forming the basis for this Order and obviates the necessity for an Administrative Hearing.

Domenic Colarusso, R.Ph.

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A. J. M. Muehl

Chairperson
Board of Pharmacy

Dated: 1/20/00