

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**Jorge Ruelos, M.D. License Number MD 06564
Controlled Substances Registration Number CMD 06564**

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Jorge Ruelos, MD (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in the State of Rhode Island. The Respondent is licensed to prescribe controlled substances under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act pursuant to R.I. General Laws 21-28. The Respondent has a state issued Controlled Substances Registration and a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Registration to prescribe controlled substances.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about January 9, 2012 and May 11, 2012 the Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy received complaints from pharmacists regarding the prescribing behaviors of Respondent.
2. An investigation by the Board of Pharmacy Respondent demonstrated suspect prescribing patterns for multiple patients, including a pattern of prescribing high dose pain management to multiple male patients despite a specialty in obstetrics/gynecology.
3. Respondent prescribed a 797 day supply of various strength Oxycodone IR to a male patient for the 365 day period of 4/29/11 through 4/30/12.
4. Respondent prescribed a 669 day supply of Oxycodone IR to a second male patient for the 440 day period of February 7, 2011 to April 23, 2012, including three 30 day prescriptions for Oxycodone IR in the month of April 2012. Respondent prescribed a 447 day supply of Hydromorphone to the same male patient in the 361 day time period of March 9, 2011 to March 5, 2012.
5. Respondent prescribed a 30 day supply of Oxycodone IR to a third male patient on April 27, 2012 and a second prescription for the same drug and directions on April 30, 2012, which the patient filled at different pharmacies. In addition, Respondent prescribed 30 day supplies of each of Hydromorphone and Percoset to the same patient on December 21, 2011.

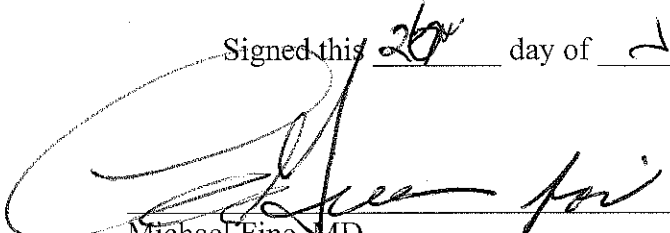
- Respondent issued the same patient identical prescriptions 19 days later on January 9, 2012, again for 30 day supply of both medications.
6. Respondent prescribed a 420 day supply of Hydrocodone to a female patient in the 365 period of April 22, 2011 to April 21, 2012. This patient has obtained this medication on a chronic basis from 2010 and ongoing.
 7. Respondent has prescribed and distributed phentermine to friends and family without proper monitoring or medical records for a period of more than 6 months.
 8. Respondent admits medical records have numerous deficiencies and are not compliant with §11.4 of the Rhode Island Department of Health Rules and Regulations for physicians.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the controlled substances registration of Jorge Ruelos, MD constitutes an immediate threat to the health, welfare and safety of the public. Accordingly, the controlled substances registration issued to Jorge Ruelos, MD to prescribe controlled substances is hereby **suspended** forthwith pursuant to R.I. General Laws 42-35-14(c). This **suspension** shall continue until further order of the Board.

The Respondent is entitled to a hearing in accordance with § 42-35-14(c).

Signed this 26th day of July, 2012.



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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this **Summary Suspension Order** was sent via hand delivery to the Respondent on this 26th day of July 2012 at the following address:

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