

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



**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
**Vinson DiSanto, DO**  
**License No.: DO 00677**  
**Case No.: 19-0486**

### **CONSENT ORDER AND REINSTATEMENT**

The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") has reviewed and investigated the above-referenced complaint pertaining to Dr. Vinson DiSanto ("Respondent") through its Investigative Committee. Respondent reports that he is employed by Spectrum HR and does not maintain a practice site in Rhode Island. Respondent's primary specialty is Family Medicine. Respondent reports that his office is located in Miami, Florida.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since July 5, 2011.
2. Respondent has a previous disciplinary action in Rhode Island, arising out of the facts and circumstances alleged in complaint 17-0970, which was resolved by Consent Order, signed by Respondent and ratified by the Board on January 10, 2018.
3. Relative to the instant complaint, 19-0486, Respondent's license to practice medicine in Rhode Island, DO 00677, and Rhode Island controlled substances registration, CMD 05417, (collectively, "License") were summarily suspended on April 25, 2019.
4. Respondent was investigated by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure ("Kentucky

Board”). That case, number 1900, which was filed March 19, 2019, arose out of a prior action in Idaho and inappropriate telemedicine.

5. The Kentucky Board’s investigation included review of medical records for four Kentucky patients to whom Respondent had prescribed controlled substances. The investigation included the opinion of an expert who had reason to question Respondent’s overall competence.

6. In or around November 2018, pursuant to an agreement with the Kentucky Board, Respondent’s clinical skills in the specialty of family medicine, with a focus on hormone deficiency, were assessed by the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (“CPEP”).

7. The CPEP report concluded that Respondent’s *“overall knowledge and judgment in the broad scope of general family medicine was outdated and in need of updating and review and opined that these needs would best be addressed through remediation in a formal educational setting such as residency, fellowship or residency-like setting. According to CPEP, this level of recommendation indicates that it would not be safe for this physician to practice independently while attempting to remediate the noted deficiencies. In addition, CPEP found [Respondent’s] knowledge and judgment in his focus area of male hypogonadism (adult hormone deficiency) to be inadequate; that the level of educational needs in this area would require oversight and supervision; and recommended that remediation in his focus area of adult hormone deficiency be addressed after remediation of foundational knowledge in his primary specialty, family medicine.”*

8. The Kentucky Board subsequently suspended Respondent’s Kentucky license effective March 19, 2019 based on the results of the CPEP assessment.

9. On April 23, 2019, the Federation of State Medical Boards notified the Board of the Kentucky action.

10. The Board concluded, based on its review of the Kentucky Board's entire case, the four Kentucky medical records, and excerpted language of the CPEP report, that there were global deficiencies in Respondent's practice of medicine and that continuation of Respondent's License, at the time, constituted an immediate danger to the health, welfare, and safety of the public.

11. Based on the Kentucky Board's action, Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(21), which defines "unprofessional conduct" as including, "[s]urrender, revocation, suspension, limitation of privilege based on quality of care provided, or any other disciplinary action against a license or authorization to practice medicine in another state or jurisdiction."

12. Respondent communicated to the Board that, relative to the CPEP evaluation, there were mitigating circumstances that, in his opinion, call into question the reliability of CPEP's conclusion. Specifically, Respondent stated that he suffered from altitude sickness during his evaluation, which affected his cognitive and practicum evaluation.

13. In October of 2019, subsequent to the CPEP evaluation, Respondent enrolled in the Physician Retraining and Reentry Program at the University of California, San Diego. Respondent successfully completed this program, which included a cognitive assessment of general medicine as well as a practicum evaluation. In the process, Respondent also earned 180 category 1 CME's by successfully completing the evaluation.

14. Respondent has also had a subsequent neuropsychological evaluation, which evaluation determined that Respondent is competent to practice medicine.

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

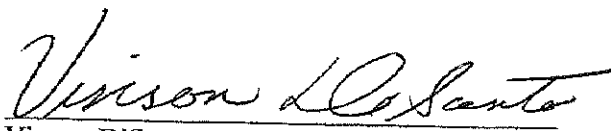
1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board and is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.

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 on the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") public website.
4. Respondent agrees to pay, upon ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$2000.00 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: Lauren Lasso. Respondent will send notice of compliance with this condition to ~~the Rhode Island Department of Health~~ within 30 days of submitting the above-referenced payment.
5. Respondent accepts this reprimand on his License.
6. Respondent's License is reinstated without restrictions.
7. 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. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within 20 days of the suspension and/or further discipline. 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. After hearing thereon, 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.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2020.



Vinson DiSanto, DO

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



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