

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



**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
**Constance R. Tambakis-Odom, MD**  
**License Number: MD 15716**  
**Case Number: C19-0364**

**CONSENT ORDER**

Constance R. Tambakis-Odom, MD (“Respondent”) is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (“Board”) makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since January 23, 2017.
2. Respondent is a graduate of Universidad Autonoma De Guadalajara.
3. Respondent’s practice is located outside of Rhode Island.
4. The Board received a complaint of a disciplinary action regarding Respondent in other jurisdictions.
5. Respondent was issued a Public Letter of Concern on November 6, 2018 by the North Carolina Medical Board, a reprimand by the Medical Board of California on February 19, 2019, and a reprimand by the Maryland Board of Physicians on May 16, 2019.
6. The underlying circumstances of this matter occurred when Respondent prescribed medications, including controlled substances, to an immediate family member and prescribed a

controlled substance to a friend, and in each case failed to adequately document the prescriptions in a medical record.

7. Respondent was required by the North Carolina Medical Board to complete the CPEP (“Center for Personalized Education for Physicians”) ProBE (“Professional, Problem-Based Ethics”) Course.

8. The Investigative Committee reviewed the facts and circumstances of this complaint and concluded Respondent is guilty of unprofessional conduct, in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(21), which defines “unprofessional conduct” as “[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.”

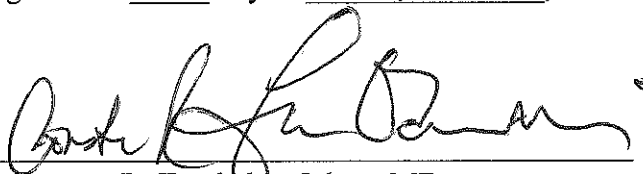
**Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:**

1. Respondent admits to 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 this Consent Order 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 60 days of the ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$850.00 for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint. Such payment shall be made by certified check, made payable to “**Rhode Island General Treasurer.**” 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 hereby agrees to this reprimand on her physician license.
  6. Respondent has successfully passed the CPEP ProBE Course.
  7. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated after ratification by the Board, the Director of RIDOH (“Director”) shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action. 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. 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.

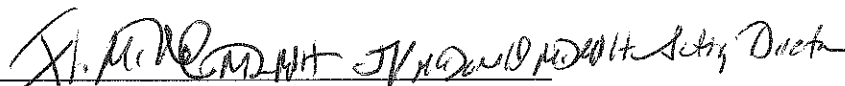
[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

Signed this 29 day of June, 2019.



Constance R. Tambakis-Odom, MD

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 2019.



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Director

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