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



IN THE MATTER OF:
David Steigman, MD
License No.: MD 07355
Case No.: C190843

CONSENT ORDER

David Steigman, MD ("Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The 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 July 6, 1988. His specialty is Internal Medicine.
2. Respondent graduated from New York University School of Medicine on June 1, 1985.
3. The Board received a complaint and subsequent report to the National Practitioner Data Bank ("NPDB") from Rhode Island Hospital ("RIH") indicating that, for disciplinary reasons, Respondent's privileges as a member of the medical staff at RIH had been terminated, effective June 13, 2019.
4. Respondent is an internist who admitted patients to RIH. He had practiced at RIH since 1988.
5. RIH found that Respondent had demonstrated a pattern of disruptive behavior and had not responded to interventions from medical staff leadership relative to his behavior.
6. Respondent had a prior disciplinary action from the Board for disruptive behavior; pursuant to a Consent Agreement, ratified by the Board on October 12, 2012, Respondent agreed

to a reprimand and two years of probation. The probation terminated on October 11, 2014 without further order of the Board.

7. The Investigative Committee subpoenaed Respondent's credentials file from the RIH medical staff office. Review of the credentials file confirmed that Respondent had a pattern at RIH of prior disciplinary actions for disruptive behavior and a new incident involving a discussion between Respondent and an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse ("APRN") over the management of a mutual patient. The APRN filed a complaint against Respondent based on her perception of the incident.

8. The Investigative Committee concluded, based on its review of the credentials files, complaint, and report to the NPDB, that the basis of RIH's termination of Respondent's privileges as a member of the medical staff constitutes acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct which would constitute grounds for action under Chapter 5-37 of the R.I. Gen. Laws.

9. Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(21), which defines unprofessional conduct as including *"surrender, revocation, suspension, or any other disciplinary action relating to a membership on any medical staff or in any medical or professional association or society while under disciplinary investigation by any of those authorities or bodies for acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct which would constitute grounds for action as described in this chapter."*

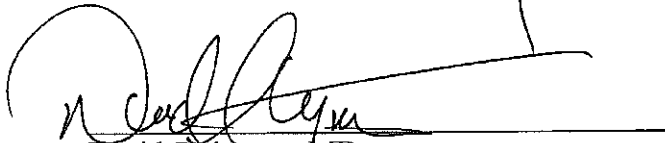
Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

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 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 web site.
4. Respondent agrees to a Reprimand on his license.
 5. Within five days of the ratification of this Consent Order, Respondent shall pay an administrative fee of \$1180.00 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 DOH.PRCOMPLIANCE@HEALTH.RI.GOV within 30 days of sending the above-referenced payment.
 6. Respondent's license shall be on probation for five years from ratification of this Consent Order.
 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 of Respondent's medical license. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request a hearing within 20 days of the suspension and/or further discipline. The Director shall also have the discretion to request a hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Board may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Respondent's licensure period if any alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 3rd day of January 2019.20



David Steigman, MD

Ratified this 8th day of January 2019 by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. ²⁰ _{NAC}



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