

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND & PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

**Donna Harkness, M.D.
License Number MD 14525
Complaint Number C16-884**

VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT NOT TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

Donna Harkness, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. After a review of the above-referenced complaint the Director of the Department of Health makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent has been licensed as a physician in Rhode Island since February 2014 and is a 1979 graduate of the Tufts University School of Medicine.
2. A report was made to the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") from the Massachusetts Board of Registration, that Respondents employment was terminated at Heywood Hospital due to an issue with refusing to take a drug test. Respondent's license in Massachusetts has been surrendered.
3. Respondent agrees to enter into this Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine in Rhode Island.

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.

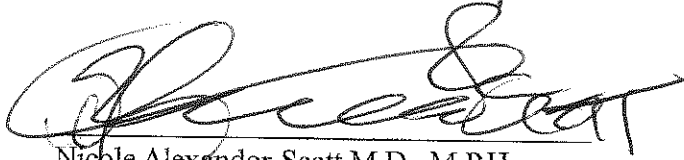
2. Respondent has read this Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine (“Agreement”) and understands that it is a proposal and is subject to the final approval of the Director.
3. This Agreement is not binding on Respondent until signed by the Director.
4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in 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 set forth herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Agreement;
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Agreement may be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
 - h. Any objection to the Board reviewing the evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review and access this Agreement;
 - i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of any presentation of this Agreement.
5. This Agreement shall become part of the public record of this matter once it is approved by the Director, and shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards.
6. Failure to comply with this Agreement, when approved by the Director, shall subject the Respondent to disciplinary action.
7. Respondent agrees not to seek licensure or to practice medicine in another jurisdiction without notifying this Board.

Signed this 10 day of August, 2016.

Donna Harkness MD

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Approved this 2nd day of September, 2016.



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