

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



IN THE MATTER OF:
Karim Khanbhai, MD
License No.: MD 10009
Case No.: C200875

CONSENT ORDER

Karim Khanbhai, 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 February 3, 1999.
2. Respondent graduated from Aga Khan University Medical College in 1993.
3. In August 2018, the Board conducted an audit of physician compliance with continuing medical education (“CME”) requirements codified in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-2.1 and Section 1.5.5 of Licensure and Discipline of Physicians (216-RICR-40-05-1) (“Regulations”), which provide, respectively, that *“every physician licensed to practice medicine within this state shall, in connection with biannual registration, on or before the first day of June in each even-numbered year, provide satisfactory evidence to the [Board] that in the preceding two (2) years the practitioner has completed a prescribed course of continuing medical education established by the appropriate medical or osteopathic society and approved by rule or regulation of the director [of the Rhode Island Department of Health (“RIDOH”)] or by the [Board],”* and

“[e]very physician licensed to practice allopathic or osteopathic medicine in Rhode Island . . . shall on or before the first (1st) day of June of every even-numbered year, on a biennial basis, earn a minimum of forty (40) hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™/AOA Category 1a continuing medical education credits and shall document this to the Board.”

4. In his 2018 license renewal application, Respondent indicated that he had complied with the above-referenced statutory and regulatory CME requirements. Upon request, however, Respondent provided documentation to the Board of having completed only nine of the minimum 40 hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™/AOA Category 1a CME credits in the preceding two years.

5. In his written response to the Board and at his August 26, 2020 appearance before the Investigative Committee, Respondent acknowledged that he had not obtained the required number of CME credits.

6. Based on the foregoing, the Investigative Committee determined that Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-2.1 and Section 1.5.5 of the Regulations by failing to obtain the required number of CME credits specified therein, and, therefore, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(24), which defines “unprofessional conduct” as including, “[v]iolating any provision or provisions of [R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37] or the rules and regulations of the board or any rules or regulations promulgated by the director or of an action, stipulation, or agreement of the [Board].”

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 to the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") public website.
4. Respondent agrees to pay, within 5 days of the ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$1,100.00 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 submitting the above-referenced payment.
5. Respondent hereby agrees to this reprimand on his physician license.
6. Respondent, at his own expense and in addition to his existing CME obligations under Section 1.5.5 of the Regulations, will complete 40 additional hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™/AOA Category 1a CME, for a total of 80 hours of such CME, by June 1, 2022.

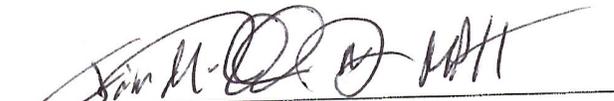
7. If Respondent violates any material term of this Consent Order after it is signed and accepted, the Director of RIDOH ("Director") shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action, including immediate suspension of Respondent's medical license. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request, within 20 days of the suspension and/or further discipline, an administrative hearing. 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.

Signed this 27 day of August, 2020.



Karim Khanbai, MD

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 9th day of September, 2020.



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