

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**Richard Anderson, M.D.**

**License Number MD12555**

**Controlled Substances Registration Number CMD12555**

**CONSENT ORDER**

Richard C. Anderson, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island and is licensed to prescribe controlled substances under Rhode Island General Laws chapter 21-28, having both a state Controlled Substances Registration and a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Registration to prescribe controlled substances. After reviewing the above-referenced matter and new evidence about efforts made by Respondent to ameliorate the conditions cited in the complaint, including information from the Rhode Island Medical Society Physicians Health Committee (PHC) the Board makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent was licensed as a physician in Rhode Island on December 12, 2007, and his primary specialty is Orthopedics. He is a 1993 graduate of the Brown School of Medicine.
2. Respondent voluntarily sought treatment for opiate and cocaine addiction and subsequently discontinued treatment prior to completion.
3. The Board was notified of this by the PHC.

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4. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Respondent agreed to Voluntarily Surrender his License to Practice Medicine.
5. Respondent has subsequently engaged in intensive treatment for issues relating to substance abuse, has worked with physician mentors through the PHC and has received a recommendation from the PHC to return to the practice of medicine.
6. The Respondent's acts constituted a civil violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 5-37-5.1(5).

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

1. Respondent admits to 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;

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- 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.
4. Respondent shall abstain completely from narcotic drugs except those prescribed by his treating physician, and from using alcohol.
  5. Respondent shall complete the remainder of his contract with the Physicians' Health Committee and shall continue to do so until the PHC shall deem appropriate.
  6. Respondent licenses to practice medicine and controlled substance registration are ~~reinstated.~~
  7. Respondent will review the Prescription Monitoring program prior to prescribing a controlled substance to any patient.
  8. The Respondent agrees to this reprimand on his physician license.
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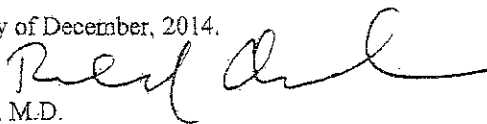
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9. Respondent agrees to pay an administrative fee to the Board for costs associating with investigating this complaint. Respondent shall submit to the Board within sixty (60) days a check made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasury for the amount of \$750.00.

10. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated, after signed and accepted, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to summarily suspend the Respondent's license and/or impose further disciplinary action. If the Director suspends the license and/or imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of the suspension and/or further discipline. The Director of the Department of Health 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 8 day of December, 2014.

Richard C. Anderson, M.D.

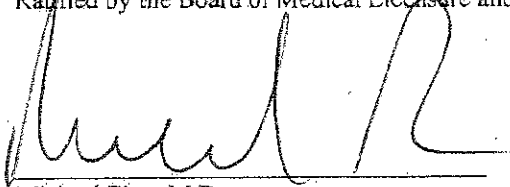


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Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the \_\_\_ day of December, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Fine", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Fine, M.D.  
Director of Health