

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



IN THE MATTER OF:
Stephen Beaupre M.D.
License Number MD 08158
Case # C18578

CONSENT ORDER

The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter "Board") has reviewed and investigated the above referenced complaint pertaining to Dr. Stephen Beaupre (hereinafter "Respondent") through its Investigative Committee.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since May 6th, 1992. He graduated from Boston University School of Medicine on June 1, 1988. His primary specialty is Internal Medicine. His practice is located at Midland Medical 1312 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island.
2. The Board received a complaint from Blue Cross, a third-party payer, alleging Respondent had self prescribed various medications since 2015.
3. Respondent self-prescribed 56 different medications to himself from 2015 through May of 2018, which medications are used to treat acute and chronic diseases. These medications are typically classified according to their FDA approval as antibiotics, anti-virals, anti-inflammatories, anti-hypertensives, statins, corticosteroids, diabetes medication; antihistamines, NSAIDS, antidepressants, anti-hypertensives, proton pump inhibitors, as well as one Schedule IV controlled substance – phentermine.
4. Respondent maintained copies of lab reports, x-ray reports and consultation records for himself; however, he did not maintain a complete medical record for himself, nor did he conduct the usual examinations on himself that he would normally conduct when treating

one of his patients.

5. Respondent appeared before the Investigative Committee on July 25, 2018 and acknowledged that he did not have a primary care provider during the time period at issue. Respondent established care with a primary care physician in June of 2018.
6. Respondent violated Rhode Island General Laws, specifically, § 5-37-5.1 (19) *Incompetent, negligent, or willful misconduct in the practice of medicine which includes the rendering of medically unnecessary services, and any departure from, or the failure to conform to, the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in his or her area of expertise as is determined by the board. The board does not need to establish actual injury to the patient in order to adjudge a physician or limited registrant guilty of the unacceptable medical practice in this subdivision;*
7. Respondent has also violated the *Rules and Regulations for Licensure and Discipline of Physicians* R5-37-MD/DO 10.4 Physician Self-treatment or Treatment of Immediate Family Members. *A physician is not authorized to prescribe a controlled substance to one self or an immediate family member under any circumstances.*

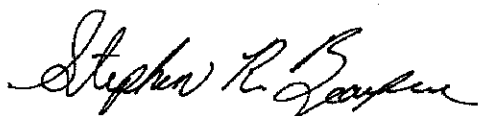
Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

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;
 - 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; and
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review.
 - h. Any objection that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, Federation of State Medical Boards as well as posted on the department's public web site.
4. Respondent agrees to pay within (60) days of the ratification of this Consent Order an administrative fee to the Board with a check for \$850 dollars made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint.
 5. Respondent hereby agrees to this reprimand on his physician license.
 6. Respondent will send to DOH.PRCCompliance@health.ri.gov no later than 10 business days after the first and second anniversary of ratification of this order a signed affidavit with a copy of the previous year's pharmacy records regarding prescriptions filled for Respondent. The affidavit shall include a statement that Respondent has not prescribed any legend or controlled substance to himself or immediate family members.
 7. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order is an agreement of the board as specified in Rhode Island General Law § 5-37-5.1(24), a violation of which constitutes unprofessional conduct.
 8. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated, after it is signed and accepted, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to immediately suspend Respondent's license, and/or impose further disciplinary action. If the Director suspends Respondent's license and/or imposes further disciplinary action pursuant to this paragraph, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request a hearing within twenty (20) days of the immediate 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 Board

may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Respondent's licensing period if the alleged violation of any term of this Consent Order is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 4 day of August, 2018.



Stephen Beaupre M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 5th day of August 2018.



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