

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



IN THE MATTER OF:
Steven Schechter M.D.
License Number MD 07432
Case # C170053

CONSENT ORDER

Steven Schechter, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter the "Board") makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT


1. Respondent is a licensed physician in Rhode Island and was issued his license on November 2, 1988. Respondent's specialty is colorectal surgery. His practice is located at University Surgical Associates, 208 Collyer Street, Suite 301A, Providence, Rhode Island.
2. An investigation by the Board involving a single patient with a complex history treated by Respondent for an extended period of time revealed concern about Respondent's concurrent prescriptions of two controlled substances to treat chronic pain and related documentation justifying the need for and to assess utilization of the medications.
3. Respondent's conduct constitutes a civil violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 5.37.5.1(19).

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent agrees 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 website.
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 \$1,250.00 dollars made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer.
5. Respondent hereby agrees to a reprimand based on the facts described above.

6. Respondent agrees to successfully complete following ratification of this Consent Order, and no later than June 30, 2018, a Board approved course regarding prescribing controlled substances, including, without limitation, such courses offered by Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, University of Florida College of Medicine or the University of California San Diego School of Medicine.

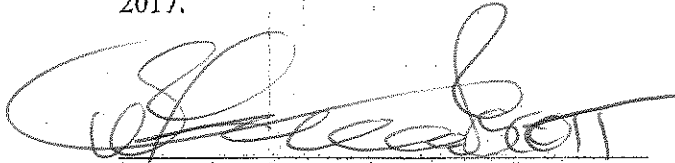
Signed this 3 day of August, 2017.



Steven Schechter, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the

9th day of August
2017.



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