

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND
DISCIPLINE**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
ANDREW SUCOV, M.D.
License Number MD07984
Complaint Number C12-894**

CONSENT ORDER

Andrew Sucov, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter the "Board") through its investigating committee investigated a complaint filed in regard to the Respondent's verbal conflict with a colleague. After investigation and review of the complaint and the Respondent's reply, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a physician who was formerly licensed in Rhode Island since June 5, 1991, with a primary specialty of emergency medicine. He is currently employed in Massachusetts. He had hospital privileges at Roger Williams Hospital and Landmark Medical Center. He graduated from University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1988.

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2. Respondent on May 30, 2012, was working at the Rhode Island Hospital Emergency Department when he had a verbal dispute with another physician about the care of one of his patients. This interchange was overheard by staff and patients.
3. The dispute was centered around which location was better suited in which to continue an interview with Respondent's patient. Due to the disruptive nature of the dispute, Respondent's hospital privileges were suspended for thirty (30) days.
4. Respondent's suspension subjected him to a civil violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 5-37-5.1(21).

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent has reviewed 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 further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - e. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - 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.
3. Respondent agrees to this Reprimand by the Board based on the findings above.
4. Respondent shall pay within one-hundred-eighty (180) days an administrative fee of \$1,000 to the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasury, for staff time spent reviewing the instant complaint.
5. Respondent shall secure the services of Affiliated Monitors, Inc., within thirty (30) days of ratification of this order and shall arrange for a monitor selected by Affiliated Monitors to interview Respondent, his supervisor and/or his chief medical officer (or Vice President of Medical Affairs) on a quarterly basis for one year. Respondent shall instruct Affiliated Monitors to submit a report within thirty days of each set of quarterly interviews, per its usual custom and practice with the Board. In the event the Board does not receive a report from Affiliated Monitors within 30 days of each such quarterly review, the Board

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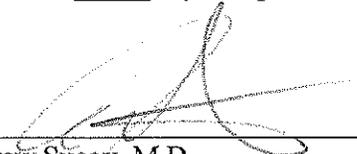
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shall notify Respondent within a reasonable period of time to enable Respondent to have Affiliated Monitors meet its obligation. This requirement shall be completed when the fourth quarterly report is received by the Board.

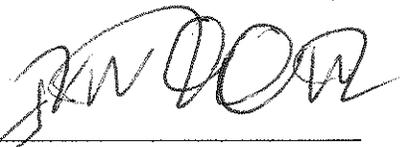
6. In the event that any terms of this Consent Order are violated, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to summarily suspend the Respondent's license. If the Director suspends the license, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of the suspension. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of any violation of this Consent Order, and the Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license for the remainder of Respondent's probationary period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 15 day of April, 2015.



Andrew Sucoy, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 13 day of May, 2015.

Nicole Alexander-Scott, M.D., MPH
Director of Health
Chairperson of the Board of Medical
Licensure and Discipline