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

IN THE MATTER OF:  
BARTEL R. CRISAFI JR., M.D.  
License Number MD10663  
Controlled Substances Registration Number CMD10663  
BMLD Case Number C12-852  

CONSENT ORDER  

Bartel R. Crisafi Jr., 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. The investigating committee found the following:  

FINDINGS OF FACT  

1. Respondent was licensed as a physician in Rhode Island on August 8, 2001, and his primary specialty is family practice. His office is located at 116 Granite Street, Westerly, Rhode Island. He was born in 1966, and he is a 1993 graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and he has hospital privileges at Westerly Hospital.  

2. Respondent has been treating Patient A, a 52 year old male, with Vicodin and Percocet for pain. Respondent prescribed that this patient should take a limited number of narcotics over an 860 day period, but Respondent authorized an amount that would be an equivalent of 1006 days of narcotics at that daily dosage. Respondent’s medical records did not sufficiently document narcotic controls.
3. The Respondent's acts constituted a civil violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 5-37-5.1(26) for civil violation of state laws concerning standards of practice and prescribing of controlled substances.

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;
   g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review.

4. Respondent agrees to attend an extensive Board-approved training program the next time it is offered. Specifically, Respondent will register for and attend the narcotics course at
either Vanderbilt University, Case Western University or the PACE program at the University of California, San Diego.

5. Respondent may continue to prescribe controlled substances but shall immediately institute pain-management agreements with each patient for whom he prescribes a controlled substance for more than a thirty day period; shall document and specify which diagnosis or diagnoses that support each controlled substance prescription; shall maintain a narcotics log for each such patient; shall refer to the web-based PNP before refilling any narcotic prescriptions; shall perform toxicology screening of any patient who exhibits "drug-seeking" behavior or repeated early pharmacy requests for controlled substances; and shall require any patient who has a controlled substance prescription to have it filled at a Rhode Island pharmacy only.

6. Respondent shall for a period of twelve (12) months retain and cooperate with Affiliated Monitors, or another licensed professional approved by the Board, for the purpose of monitoring narcotic prescribing practices and documentation.

7. The Respondent agrees to this reprimand on his physician license.

8. Respondent will remain on probation for one year following ratification of this order by the Board.

9. 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 13th day of March, 2013.

\[Signature\]

Bartel R. Crisafi Jr., M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 21st day of March, 2013.

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Michael Fine, M.D.
Director of Health