



## II. Biographical Information

The Respondent was born on October 24, 1956. She graduated from Medical College, Nagpur University in India in 1980. The Respondent did her post-graduate training at UMass Medical Center and has been on staff at Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester (St. Vincent's) since 1992. Her practice is divided between anesthesiology and critical care. The Respondent has had a full license to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 75958 since February 3, 1983. The Respondent is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology and has a subspecialty in critical care.

## III. Board's Allegations

The Board has reason to believe that the Respondent has engaged in the following course of conduct:

The Respondent was on duty in the Intensive Care Unit at St. Vincent's on several occasions in 2003 and 2004 with J.P., a Cardiac Care Fellow. One day at work, Dr. J.P. stated he was not feeling well, and was congested due to sinusitis. Dr. J.P. told the Respondent that since his recent move from California, he had not found a primary care physician. Dr. J.P. requested that the Respondent write him a prescription for prescription medications that had worked for him in the past. The Respondent wrote prescriptions for Dr. J.P. without documenting her physical assessment findings of J.P. or the medications she prescribed in a medical chart.

Based upon the above alleged conduct, the Board has reason to believe that the Respondent has violated the following statutes, regulations and standards of good and accepted medical practice:

A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 112 §5(b) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)(2), the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board that said physician has committed an offense against the laws of the Commonwealth relating to the practice of medicine. Specifically, the Respondent has violated G.L. c. 94C.

B. Pursuant to 243 CMR 2.07(13)(a), a physician must maintain a medical record for each patient that is adequate to enable the physician to provide proper diagnosis and treatment.

C. Pursuant to G.L. c. 112 § 5(h) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)11, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board that said physician has violated a rule or regulation of the Board. Specifically, pursuant to G.L. c. 243 CMR 2.07(5), a physician who violates a provision G.L. c.94C also violates the regulations of the Board.

#### IV. Stipulations

The Respondent neither admits nor denies the Board's allegations set forth above. However, in the interests of achieving a fair and expeditious resolution to this matter, the Respondent hereby assures the Board that she will not engage in prescribing medications without performing a proper and adequate physical examination and will maintain adequate documentation of same, along with documentation of her history and physical assessment, pursuant to the statutes and regulations and Prescribing Practices Policy and Guidelines promulgated by the Board as amended December 12, 2001.

The Board and the Respondent hereby stipulate as follows:

1. The Respondent agrees to comply with all statutes or regulations regarding the prescription and dispensing of controlled substances.
2. The Respondent agrees to be admonished by the Board.

The Respondent further stipulates and agrees that:

A. Violation of the terms of this Assurance of Discontinuance shall be prima facie evidence of violations of the applicable statutes, regulations, or standards of good and accepted medical practice as set forth above and the Board may revive this proceeding in the event of such violation.

B. Pursuant to G.L. c.112, §2, the Board must report this Assurance of Discontinuance to any national data reporting system that provides information on individual physicians.

C. In the event that any statute or regulation governing the facts that are the subject of this Assurance of Discontinuance is amended, revised, or repealed, this Assurance of Discontinuance shall be deemed modified in accordance with such amendment, revision, or repeal.

D. This Assurance of Discontinuance in no way impairs the right of private action that any consumer may have against the Respondent.

E. This Assurance of Discontinuance in no way impairs the right of any other state agency to investigate, prosecute, penalize or punish the Respondent regarding the facts that are the subject of this Assurance of Discontinuance.

F. The Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Assurance of Discontinuance, with all exhibits and attachments within ten (10) days, by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery to the following designated entities: any in- or out-of-state hospital, nursing home, clinic, other licensed facility, or municipal, state, or federal facility at which she practices medicine; any in- or out-of-state health maintenance

organization with whom she has privileges or any other kind of association; any state agency, in- or out-of-state, with which she has a provider contract; any in- or out-of-state medical employer, whether or not she practices medicine there; the state licensing boards of all states in which she has any kind of license to practice medicine; the Drug Enforcement Administration Boston Diversion Group, and the Department of Public Health Drug Control Unit. The Respondent shall also provide this notification to any such designated entities with which she becomes associated in the year following the date the Board accepts this Assurance of Discontinuance. The Respondent is further directed to certify to the Board within ten (10) days that she has complied with this directive.

The Board expressly reserves the authority to independently notify, at any time, any of the entities designated above, or any other affected entity, of any action it has taken.

Bhagya Satishchandra  
Respondent

1-3-06.7  
Date

Paula H. Snell  
Attorney for the Respondent

1/5/07  
Date

[Signature]  
Complaint Counsel

1-9-07  
Date

Approved and accepted by the Board of Registration in Medicine on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2007.

[Signature]  
Martin Crane, M.D.  
Chairman

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