STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

IN THE MATTER OF:
JACQUES G. SUSSET, M.D., License Number MD05585
Controlled Substances Registration Number CMD05585

CONSENT ORDER

Jacques G. Susset, 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 Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter the “Board”) found unprofessional conduct based upon the Board learning of a medical malpractice verdict against Respondent. The investigating committee found the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent has been licensed to practice as a physician in Rhode Island since October 17, 1979. His business address is 151 Waterman Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island. He has hospital privileges at Landmark, Miriam, and Roger Williams Hospitals. His primary specialty is urology. He graduated from medical school at the University of Paris in 1953.
2. Respondent was the defendant in a medical malpractice lawsuit that ended with a verdict of $500,000 plus interest, which was upheld by the Rhode Island Supreme Court in the case of Youngsaye v. Susset, M.D., 972 A.2d 146 (R.I. 2009).

3. Respondent was found to have failed to properly diagnose a patient's kidney disease that resulted in her suffering renal failure and ultimately undergoing a kidney transplant.

4. Respondent was unable to produce medical notes corresponding to several urinalyses performed on the patient, and provided conflicting testimony about the urinalysis reports.

5. Respondent is in violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 5-37-5.1(9) and (28) for omitting to record medical reports as required by law and for committing gross malpractice on a particular occasion.

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 the Board’s issuance of a Reprimand for its finding of unprofessional conduct as to Respondent.

5. Respondent agrees to place his Controlled Substances Registration on inactive status due to his wish to retire from the active practice of medicine; although his license to practice as a physician shall remain on active status so long as he shall renew such license when required.

6. Respondent shall be required to arrange for a medical home for any of his patients in need of a controlled substance, and shall be required to transfer such patient’s medical records immediately upon request or when needed.

7. 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 ___ day of September, 2012.

Jacques G. Susset, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the ___ day of September, 2012.

Michael Fine, M.D.
Director of Health