

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
MARIA M. O'TOOLE, M.D. (MD06049)**

CONSENT ORDER

The Department of Health, Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter "Board") has investigated a complaint charging Maria M. O'Toole, MD (hereinafter "Respondent") with a civil violation of R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-5.1.

After consideration by the Department and the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, the following constitute the Findings of Fact with regard to the complaint as to the Respondent.

1. Respondent is a physician licensed to practice obstetrics and gynecology in the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent was licensed as a physician in Rhode Island in 1982 after graduating from Saint Louis University School of Medicine in 1979.
3. The Investigative Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline has reviewed a complaint that in May 2013 Doctor O'Toole failed to close her office practice appropriately and abandoned her patients.

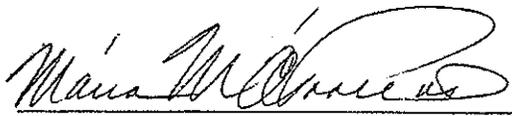
Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

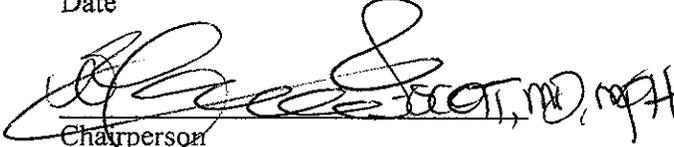
1. Respondent is a licensed physician and is able to perform her professional duties without restriction pursuant to the laws of the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent agrees that in May 2013 she maintained an office practice located at 1524 Atwood Avenue, Suite SLL6, Johnston, Rhode Island.
4. Respondent further agrees that in May 2013 she closed her office practice due to an economic emergency and staffing matters and failed to comply with all of the Rules and

Regulations of the Board of Medical Licensures and Discipline for a four (4) day period of time.

5. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to the final approval by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
6. The Board shall waive any and all administrative fees.
7. Respondent thereby 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 in 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;
  - h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;
  - i) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Board.
8. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once all parties accept it.
9. Acceptance by the Respondent and approvals by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
10. Respondent hereby agrees to a Formal Reprimand with respect to her medical license.
11. That should Respondent violate the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.

4/6/2015  
Date

  
Maria M. O'Toole, MD

  
Chairperson  
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline  
Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH

Ratified as an Order of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.