

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

SONEATH L. POND, M.D. License Number MD1010200558

Controlled Substances Registration Number CMD10102

BMLD Case Number C12-820

CONSENT ORDER

Soneath L. Pond, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island and is licensed to prescribe controlled substances under RIGL 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") through its investigating committee voted to find Respondent had committed unprofessional conduct and made the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since July 13, 1999. Respondent's primary specialty is internal medicine, in which he has been board certified since 2003.
2. Respondent wrote a certification for medical marijuana to Patient A, a 16 year old female, and recommended that the child be issued a medical marijuana card. While Respondent did review medical records in the file and communicated with the patient's mother, Respondent failed to perform a full history and assessment of Patient A, and failed to obtain complete information from other treating

- physicians. Had Respondent done so, he would have learned that Patient A was diagnosed with anorexia, and that her team of care providers at Hasbro Children's Hospital believed and had communicated to the patient and her parent that marijuana was contraindicated for her care and interfering with her other treatments. Respondent reported to the Department of Health on Patient A's application for a medical marijuana card that the patient suffered from cachexia. Patient A suffered from anorexia, not cachexia, and therefore did not have a valid reason permitted by law for the issuance of the medical marijuana card.
3. Respondent wrote a certification for medical marijuana to Patient B, a 16 year old female, and recommended that the child be issued a medical marijuana card. While Respondent did review medical records in the file and communicated with the patient's mother, Respondent failed to perform a full history and assessment of Patient B, and failed to obtain complete information from any other treating physicians. Had Respondent done so, he would have learned that Patient B was diagnosed with migraines, ADHD, anxiety and that her team of care providers at Hasbro Children's Hospital believed and had communicated to the patient and her parent that marijuana was contraindicated for her care and interfering with her other treatments.
 4. Respondent is in violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 5-37-5.1(19) for failure to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice and of § 5-37-5.1(28) for malpractice on a particular occasion.

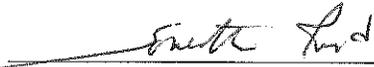
Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

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;
 - 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 this Reprimand by the Board based on the above findings.

This recommendation is made in light of Respondent's cooperation with a related investigation, and the changes he made promptly to his standards of practice after being notified by the Board. Respondent resigned from the facility where he worked reviewing medical marijuana patients due to concerns over that facility's protocols. His resignation

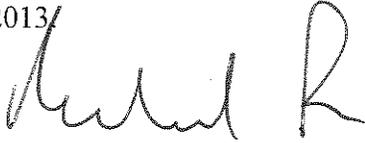
from the facility predated notification of any concerns of the Board.

Signed this 7 day of June, 2013



Soneath L. Pond, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 12 day of June,
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