

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

**In the matter of:
VINCENT IACONO, M.D.
License Number MD04352
Complaint Number C13-674**

CONSENT ORDER

Vincent Iacono, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. After a review of the complaint, records, and appearance by Respondent before a Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter "Board") investigative committee, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Vincent Iacono, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") has been a licensed physician in Rhode Island since November 3, 1971, and has an active emeritus license. His practice is located at 560 Toll Gate Road, Warwick, Rhode Island. He is a 1968 graduate of the University of Bologna School of Medicine. He is a plastic surgeon.
2. Respondent began prescribing controlled substances for Patient A, *alias*, a female patient. During one examination, Patient A responded "yes" when he asked if she was selling the pills, but she quickly said "no." Respondent asked her to submit to urine toxicology screens to verify she was taking her prescribed medication but she did not submit to it.

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3. Respondent did not utilize the Prescription Monitoring Program, which would have allowed him to determine that Patient A had been refilling her controlled substance prescriptions too early, had gone to seven pharmacies, and had received thirty-three (33) prescriptions for controlled substances from other providers.
4. Respondent did not demonstrate any of the expected safeguards to prevent diversion of controlled substances. Respondent did not have a method to determine if he refilled controlled substances early and did demonstrate a pattern of over prescribing controlled substances to patient A.
5. After another provider prescribed for Respondent an androgenic steroid that is a Schedule III controlled substance, Respondent wrote sixteen (16) consecutive prescriptions of the same drug for himself.
6. Based on the foregoing, the Board has found Respondent is in civil violation of Rhode Island General Laws §5-37-5.1(19).

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;

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- 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 shall not write any prescription medications for himself.
 5. Respondent hereby agrees to a Reprimand based on the facts referenced above.
 6. Respondent agrees to register for and attend the course entitled Prescribing Controlled Drugs, offered by Vanderbilt University or equivalent within 180 days of ratification of this Consent Order.
 7. Respondent agrees to pay an administrative fee to the Board for costs associating with investigating this complaint. Respondent shall submit to the Board within sixty (60) days a check made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasury for the amount of \$600.00.
 8. In the event that any conditions of this Consent Order are violated after it is ratified, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to impose disciplinary action, including summarily suspending the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island. If the Director suspends

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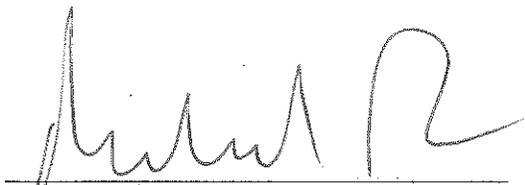
such license, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within ten (10) days of the suspension. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of any violation of this Consent Order.

Signed this 5 day of December, 2013.



Vincent Iacono, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 11 day of December, 2013.



Michael Fine, M.D.
Director of Health
Rhode Island Department of Health