

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:
YOGESH B. PANCHOLI, M.D.
License Number MD10616
BMLD Case Number C11-310**

CONSENT ORDER

Yogesh B. Pancholi, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. His Rhode Island physician license was suspended on April 13, 2011. Due to his various courses of corrective action, he seeks to vacate the suspension order. Accordingly, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since June 13, 2001. His primary specialty is Internal Medicine, in which he is board certified. He is a 1997 graduate of the New York Medical College.
2. Respondent's Rhode Island physician license was summarily suspended on April 13, 2011, based on the findings of the Director of the Department of Health that Respondent had bought substances via the internet that were designed to provide "false negative" readings for substance monitoring by the Rhode Island Physicians Health Committee (with which Respondent had a monitoring contract); that Respondent was performing evaluations for medical marijuana patients and teaching people how to grow marijuana;

and that Respondent had abandoned medical records at his former medical office in violation of federal and state law.

3. Respondent has cooperated fully with the Rhode Island Medical Society's Physician Health Committee since the summary suspension of his Rhode Island physician license. Respondent has moved to Louisiana and has cooperated fully with the Physicians' Health Foundation of Louisiana. He has been endorsed for return to medical practice by both organizations.
4. Respondent at the time was in civil violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 5-37-5.1(5) for dependence on a controlled substance, and § 5-37-5.1(19) for failing to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice.

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;

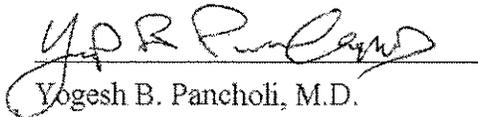
- d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order; and
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review.
3. Respondent agrees to this Reprimand by the Board based on the findings above.
 4. Respondent shall pay an administrative fee to the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline for staff time spent investigating and reviewing the instant complaint, and shall submit to the Board a check for \$1000.00 made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasury within sixty days of the ratification of this Consent Order.
 5. Respondent shall cooperate with the recommendations of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners while he retains his Rhode Island physician license. Respondent shall work with the Physicians' Health Foundation of Louisiana for five years from the time of ratification of this Consent Order, and that organization shall submit to the Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline's Chief Administrative Officer a report about Respondent's performance every six months, and Respondent shall ensure that such reports are forwarded in a timely manner. Respondent's Rhode Island physician license shall not be on probation.

YOGESH B. PANCHOLI

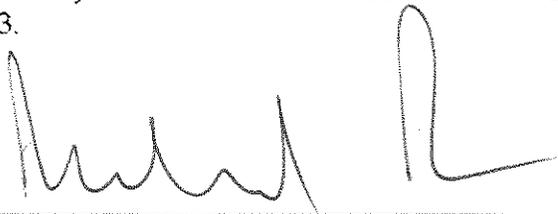
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6. In the event that any terms of this Consent Order are violated, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to summarily suspend the Respondent's license. If the Director suspends the license, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) 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, and the Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 11th day of September, 2013.


Yogesh B. Pancholi, M.D.

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



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