

State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health  
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Alice M. Cardoso (C08-450)

**ORDER**

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. (2001 Reenactment) Section 23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health (hereinafter "Department"), after review and consultation with the Advisory Board for Nursing Assistants, has investigated a complaint charging Alice M. Cardoso (NA02043) (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of Section 23-17.9-8 of the General Laws.

After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That all pertinent times, Respondent was employed by Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, Pawtucket, RI.
3. That is, on or about November 6, 2007, Respondent failed to adhere to facility's policy and procedures for a patient on constant observation, who was unsupervised in the bathroom, resulting in the patient requiring surgical removal of a plastic spoon, which was taken from the trash and swallowed by the patient.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Section 23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

Based on the foregoing, the Rhode Island Department of Health hereby enters the following:

1. That this Order shall be come part of the public record of this proceeding.
2. That should Respondent fail to compl y with the terms of this Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.
3. That Respondent is issued the sanction of a Rep rimand.

Ordered this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009

  
Pamela L. McCue, RN, MS  
Director, Health Professions Regulation