

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
NURSING ASSISTANT ADVISORY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
GARY P. MENISSIAN, NA  
NA29047**

**Summary Suspension**

The Nursing Assistant Advisory Board (hereinafter the “Board”) has received information concerning the professional activities of Gary P. Menissian, NA, (hereinafter the “Respondent”) a licensed nursing assistant in Rhode Island, pursuant to RIGL § 23-17.9, whose principal place of business is Rhode Island Hospital, 593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903. The Board and the Office of the Director of Health make the following:

**Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**

1. Respondent is a 49-year-old nursing assistant who has been licensed to practice as a nursing assistant in Rhode Island since 2001. He is a 2001 Graduate of the Community College of Rhode Island. He is an orthopedic nursing assistant at Rhode Island Hospital.
2. The Drug Enforcement Administrations (“DEA”) commenced an investigation of a physician colleague (hereinafter “Co-conspirator”) of Respondent concerning his prescription drug use. DEA found that Co-conspirator was filling several prescriptions of Schedule II and Schedule III controlled substances on a Rhode Island prescription pad from another physician and Respondent was participating in distributing the substances.

3. Respondent was also distributing and dispensing dextroamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and hydrocodone, a Schedule III controlled substance, which he was not authorized to do.
4. Respondent worked with a co-conspirator to inform Rhode Island Hospital employees that the co-conspirator would write prescriptions for Vicodin and Adderall. After receiving these prescriptions, employees were instructed to fill both prescriptions, and return the Vicodin or the Adderall pills to Respondent.
5. According to patient profile records received from CVS, the DEA also learned that Respondent was filling prescriptions for Adderall and Vicodin that were issued under the co-conspirator's name and DEA number.
6. Respondent himself received prescriptions for Adderall and Vicodin, written in his name from the co-conspirator which he would fill and then return the Adderall pills to the co-conspirator.

### **ORDER**

After considering the findings of the DEA, as reported to the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board, it has been determined that the continuation of the practice as a nursing assistant by Respondent would constitute an imminent threat to the health, welfare, and safety of the public. Accordingly, the Respondent is suspended from practicing as a nursing assistant until further Order of the Department of Health Nursing Assistant Advisory Board pursuant to RIGL § 42-35-14. The Respondent is entitled to an administrative hearing on this suspension within a reasonable time of this Order, if so requested.

  
Michael Fine, MD, MPH  
Director of Health

8/4/11  
Date

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that a copy of this ORDER was sent certified and regular mail to Gary P. Menissian, NA and by regular and email to his attorney on this 4 day of August at the following address:

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