

**BOARD OF LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANTS**

No. C11-920

**IN THE MATTER OF
Ian Krouson
License Number: PA00398**

Consent Order

This matter was before the Rhode Island Department of Health, Board of Licensure of Physician Assistants (hereinafter "Board") upon allegations that Ian Krouson, PA (hereinafter "Respondent") engaged in unprofessional conduct by failing to treat a patient with the minimum standard of care. This Consent Order constitutes a final disposition of this matter forming the basis for this Order and obviated the necessity of an administrative hearing. The followings are findings of facts and conclusions of law:

FINDING OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Respondent is a physician assistant born in 1971 and has been licensed as a physician assistant in Rhode Island since 2006. He is a 1998 graduate of Albany Medical College, in Albany NY. Respondent was employed as a physician assistant at Westerly Urgent Care, located at 77 Franklin St, Westerly RI, 02891.
2. Respondent was on duty on October 2, 2010 when patient C.B. came into the clinic with a laceration to her right index finger. Patient C.B. had a deep laceration to her finger resulting from a knife that had slipped while she was cutting a piece of decaying fish off a fishing tackle that had been left out for over a week.
3. Respondent treated the patient by injecting local anesthetic to the area and suturing the wound with 5 sutures. He then administered the patient a tetanus shot and instructed her if she had any arising complications to see her primary care physician. The Respondent discharged the patient with the instructions that she would need to have her sutures

removed in 7 to 10 days. Respondent then informed the patient that her husband could remove the sutures when he discovered her husband was a dentist.

4. Respondent discharged the patient with no antibiotics or pain medication, and informed her that antibiotics were not necessary. He informed the patient that over-the-counter Tylenol or Ibuprofen would be sufficient to deal with pain.
5. Patients C.B. later had to be admitted to the hospital and undergo emergency surgery to treat a serious infection that had spread through her finger and hand due to bacteria from the laceration not being treated with antibiotics.
6. The Board has determined that the Respondent's failure to treat the patient with antibiotics and evaluate the finger that was lacerated with a fishing knife. The finger ultimately became badly infected which ultimately led to a lengthy hospitalization and IV antibiotic therapy.
7. The Board has determined the Respondent's actions violate the RIGL §5-54-2(11) by failing to meet the minimal standards of acceptable practice as a physician assistant

The Parties agree as follows:

Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board:

(1) Respondent hereby acknowledged and waives:

- a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
- b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in 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 specifically contained herein;
- f. Any and all rights of appeal of the terms of this Consent Order;

- g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
 - h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately the Consent Order;
- (2) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an admission by the Respondent that the findings of fact were made by the Board.
- (3) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.
- (4) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
- (5) Respondent is hereby issued a Reprimand by the Board. Additionally, the Respondent is ordered to obtain 6 continuing education hours within the next 12 six month relating to wound care. There CEU must be approved in writing by the Board in advance of obtaining them.

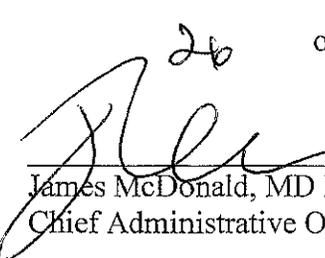
Signed this 21st day of June, 2012



Ian Krouson, PA

Ratified by the Board of Licensure of Physician Assistants at a meeting held

26 on Jun, 2012



James McDonald, MD MPH
Chief Administrative Office