

**BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND  
DISCIPLINE**

**No. C03-039**

**In the matter of:  
Anthony V. Rocha, M.D.  
License number: MD 5196**

**Consent Order**

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §5-37-5.2, 1956, as amended, (1999 Reenactment) notifications were received by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline indicating that Anthony V. Rocha, M.D. (hereinafter the "Respondent") may have violated R.I.G.L. 5-37-5.1.

The following are the Board's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

1. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline has reviewed reports from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island and a patient of the Respondent that the Respondent engaged in certain boundary violations. The boundary violations involve flirting and sexualizing the doctor patient relationship in a way that compromised sound medical judgment.
2. The Board finds that it is the sole responsibility of the physician to maintain ethical, moral and appropriate professional boundaries regardless of the conduct of the patient. Any departure from this standard by a physician will constitute "unprofessional conduct" and be grounds for discipline.
3. The Respondent obtained satisfactory evaluation and treatment for this boundary violation while at a facility in Virginia.

4. The Board finds that the Respondent violated R.I.G.L. 5-37-5.1 by failing to maintain appropriate professional boundaries.

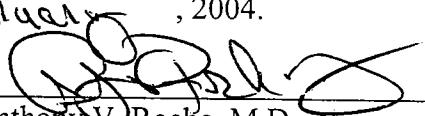
**The parties agree as follows:**

The Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.

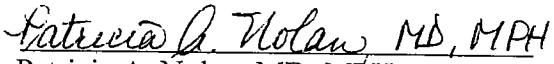
- (1) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
  - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
  - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
  - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
  - e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
  - f. Any and all rights of appeal of 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 this Consent Order;
  - i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order.
- (2) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an admission by the Respondent of the facts set forth herein.
- (3) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and by the Board.

- (4) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
- (5) Respondent is issued a Reprimand for the boundary violation. Respondent shall pay an administrative fee of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars within 60 days of ratification of this order.

Signed this 17 day of February, 2004.

  
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Anthony V. Rocha, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held on March 10th, 2004.

  
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Patricia A. Nolan, MD, MPH  
Director of Health