

August 29, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Robert D. Degnan, M.D.
REDACTED

Re: License No. 087470

Dear Dr. Degnan:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 13-280. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect September 5, 2013.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, 90 Church Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10007-2919, telephone # 212-417-4445.

Sincerely,

REDACTED
Katherine A. Hawkins, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

IN THE MATTER
OF
ROBERT DWIGHT DEGNAN, M.D.
CO-12-07-3688-A

CONSENT
ORDER

Upon the application of **ROBERT DWIGHT DEGNAN, M.D.**, (Respondent), in the attached Consent Agreement, that is made a part of this Consent Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Consent Agreement, and its terms, are adopted and it is further

ORDERED, that this Consent Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of this Consent Order, either by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, or upon facsimile or email transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 8/28/2013

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ARTHUR S. HENGERER, M.D.
Chair
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

OF

AGREEMENT

ROBERT DWIGHT DEGNAN, M.D.
CO-12-07-3688-A

ROBERT DWIGHT DEGNAN, M.D., (Respondent), representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about April 9, 1962, I was licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York and issued license number 087470 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is REDACTED and I will advise the Director (Director) of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) of any change of my address within thirty (30) days, thereof.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Board) has charged me with one or more specifications of professional misconduct, as set forth in a Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit "A", attached to and part of this Consent Agreement.

I, ROBERT DWIGHT DEGNAN, M.D., do not contest the Specifications, and, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, agree to the following:

To never practice medicine in New York State as a physician, activate my registration to practice medicine as a physician in New York state or seek to reapply for a license to practice medicine as a physician in New York state.

[Limitation on registration or issuance of any further license pursuant to Public Health Law Section 230-a(6)].

I stipulate that my failure to comply with any conditions of the Consent Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York Education Law § 6530(29).

I agree that, if I am charged with professional misconduct in future, this Consent Agreement and the Consent Order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand that if the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this Consent Agreement shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence; and the Board's denial shall be without prejudice to the pending disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination pursuant to New York Public Health Law.

I agree that, if the Board adopts this Consent Agreement, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Consent Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that the Consent Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Consent Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Consent Agreement, or to my attorney by certified mail, or upon facsimile or email transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The Consent Order, this Consent Agreement, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patient identities, if any, redacted. As public documents, they may be posted on the Department of Health website.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and Consent Order are authorized by New York Public Health Law §§ 230 and 230-a, and that the Board and OPMC have the requisite powers to carry out all included terms. I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Consent Order for which I apply, administratively and/or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Consent Order, and I ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director, OPMC, and the Chair of the Board each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed Consent Agreement and Consent Order, based upon my application, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

AFFIRMED:

DATED:

8/18/13

REDACTED

ROBERT DWIGHT DEGNAN, M.D.
Respondent, 1 - Ad 11

REDACTED

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

DATE: August 22, 2013

REDACTED

DAVID W. QUIST
Associate Attorney
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 8/27/13

REDACTED

KEITH W. SERVIS
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT A

STATE OF NEW YORK **EXHIBIT "A"**
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

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| IN THE MATTER | STATEMENT |
| OF | OF |
| ROBERT DWIGHT DEGNAN, M.D. | CHARGES |
| CO-12-07-3688A | |

ROBERT DWIGHT DEGNAN, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on April 9, 1962, by the issuance of license number 087470 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about June 16, 2012, the Idaho State Board of Medicine, (hereinafter "Idaho Medical Board"), by a STIPULATION AND ORDER (hereinafter "Idaho Medical Board Order"), ORDERED that Respondent, for an indefinite period: (i) not place any wholesale orders for any medications, (ii) not prescribe, order or dispense any controlled substances or addictive medications for his own use or for use by members of his family, (iii) not prescribe controlled substances for any male patients except when working in the emergency room of a hospital, and (iv) reimburse the Idaho Board, within 90 days of the Idaho Medical Board Order, \$500 for its investigative costs and attorney's fees. In sections IV and V of the Idaho Medical Board Order, the Idaho Medical Board and Respondent agreed to the Idaho Medical Board Order, and Respondent waived his rights of hearing and other rights with regard to the Idaho Medical Board Order. The charges recited in the Idaho Medical Board Order alleged, *inter alia*, that Respondent: (i) ordered significant quantities of controlled substances from wholesale distributors, (ii) may have prescribed and dispensed controlled substances to himself, (iii) dispensed medications to various patients without maintaining medical records and (iv) although an OB/GYN, prescribed controlled substances to men.

B. The conduct resulting in the Idaho Medical Board disciplinary action against Respondent, particularly with regard to the Idaho Medical Board's finding that Respondent dispensed medications to various patients without maintaining medical records, would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State, pursuant to the following sections of New York State law:

1. New York Education Law Sec. 6530(3) (negligence on more than one occasion);
and/or
2. New York Education Law Sec. 6530(32) (failure to maintain a record).

SPECIFICATIONS

FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the finding was based would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A and B.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in Paragraphs A and B.

DATED: July 18, 2013
Albany, New York

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Michael A. Hiser
Acting Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct