

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING ADMINISTRATION
BOARD OF MEDICINE**

IN RE:

Joel W. Match, M.D.

License No.: MD12475

Respondent

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CONSENT ORDER

Jurisdiction

This matter comes before the District of Columbia Board of Medicine (the “Board”) pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 *ff.* (2009), otherwise known as the Health Occupations Revision Act (the “HORA”). The HORA, at D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.03 (2009), authorizes the Board to regulate the practice of Medicine in the District of Columbia.

Background

Respondent has been licensed to practice medicine in the District of Columbia since October 16, 1980. Respondent voluntarily entered into an Order regarding his Virginia license to practice medicine on October 17, 2012 with the Virginia State Board of Medicine (the “Virginia Board”). The Virginia Order disciplined Respondent for failure to conform to standards of acceptable conduct and prevailing practice within the medical profession, which is prohibited by D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(26) (2001).

On October 31, 2012, the District of Columbia Board of Medicine considered the Virginia Board’s action against Respondent’s Virginia license. The Board determined that

Respondent's performance warranted imposition of a sanction against Respondent's District of Columbia license to practice medicine.

The Board of Medicine voted to take action and to issue a consent order to Respondent in this matter in lieu of formally charging the Respondent with a violation of the District of Columbia laws or regulations.

Conclusions of Law

The District of Columbia Board of Medicine is authorized, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(3)(2001), to take action when a Respondent has been disciplined by a licensing authority of another jurisdiction for conduct that would be grounds for Board action.

D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(3) (2001) states in pertinent part:

- (a) Each board, subject to the right of a hearing as provided by this subchapter, on an affirmative vote of a quorum of its appointed members may take one or more of the disciplinary actions...against any person permitted by this subchapter to practice a health occupation regulated by the board in the District who **is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority...of any jurisdiction for conduct that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section.** (emphasis added)

Respondent's actions with regards to his **failure to conform to standards of acceptable conduct and prevailing practice within a health profession** (emphasis added) would be grounds for a violation of D.C. Official Code §3-1205.14(a)(26).

D.C. Official Code §3-1205.14(a)(26) provides in pertinent part that:

Each board, subject to the right of a hearing as provided by this subchapter, on an affirmative vote of a quorum of its appointed members may take one or more of the disciplinary actions provided in subsection (c) of this section against any applicant for a license, registration, or certification, an applicant to establish or operate a school of nursing or nursing program, or a person permitted by this subchapter to practice a health occupation regulated by the board in the District who **fails to conform to standards of acceptable conduct and prevailing practice within a health profession.** (emphasis added)

Likewise this conduct would also provide a basis under D.C. Official Code §3-

1205.14(a)(28) for disciplinary action.

D.C. Official Code §3-1205.14(a)(28) provides in pertinent part that:

Each board, subject to the right of a hearing as provided by this subchapter, on an affirmative vote of a quorum of its appointed members may take one or more of the disciplinary actions provided in subsection (c) of this section against any applicant for a license, registration, or certification, an applicant to establish or operate a school of nursing or nursing program, or a person permitted by this subchapter to practice a health occupation regulated by the board in the District who **demonstrates a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare, or safety of a patient, regardless of whether the patient sustains actual injury.** (emphasis added)

Accordingly, Respondent's conduct and performance provided the D.C. Board with a basis in law and fact to warrant reciprocal action.

ORDER

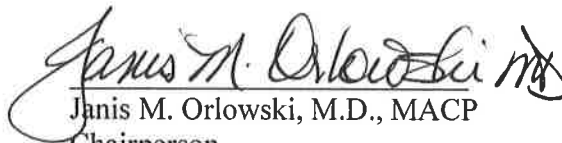
Based on the aforementioned, it is hereby,

ORDERED that, upon the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent's medical license shall be placed on **probation**. After six (6) months of probation, the Respondent may petition the Board to have his probation terminated. The decision to terminate probation shall be within the sole discretion of the Board.

ORDERED that, whatever restrictions currently in effect with Respondent's D.C. Pharmaceutical Controlled Registration shall remain in effect until such time as modified or adjusted by the D.C. Board of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Control. It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent shall be **PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED** from independently assessing, treating, managing, prescribing to, or consulting with patients with chronic pain (i.e., pain persisting beyond the usual course of an acute disease or healing of an injury that causes continuous or intermittent pain for more than 90 days) and he shall be prohibited from supervising the treatment of such patients by other healthcare providers.

ORDERED that, if Respondent violates or fails to satisfactorily fulfill the terms of this order, the Board may then issue a notice to take formal disciplinary action against Respondent's license.

1-10-13
Date


Janis M. Orlowski, M.D., MACP
Chairperson
District of Columbia
Board of Medicine

CONSENT OF RESPONDENT

By signing this Consent Order, I agree to accept and abide by its terms. I acknowledge its validity and acknowledge that I have agreed to this Order in lieu of a hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law. By signing this order, I waive all such rights. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me except pursuant to the District of Columbia Administrative Procedures Act D.C. Official Code § 2-501 et. seq. (2001). I also recognize that, by this Consent, I am waiving my right to appeal this Order. I am also waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board had this matter gone to a hearing. I have had an opportunity to review this document. I choose to sign this order willingly and without reservation and am fully aware of its meaning and effect.

1/4/2013

Date

Joel W. Match

Joel W. Match, M.D.

License No.: MD12475

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 2013.



JOSEPH A. SANTANA
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF FLORIDA
Comm# EE046102
Expires 12/1/2014

Joseph A. Santana
Notary Public

This Consent Order shall be deemed a public document and shall be distributed as appropriate.