

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: RITA ABISLAIMAN, M.D.  
License No.: 0101-240711

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and Rita Abislaiman, M.D., as evidenced by their signatures affixed below, agree to enter into this Consent Order affecting the license of Dr. Abislaiman to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board adopts the following findings and conclusions in this matter:

1. Rita Abislaiman, M.D., was issued license number 0101-240711 by the Board to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia on September 27, 2006. Said license is currently active and will expire on November 30, 2012, unless renewed or otherwise restricted.

2. Dr. Abislaiman violated Section 54.1-2915.A(5) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), in that by Final Order dated October 12, 2010, the Florida Board of Medicine ("Florida Board") approved and adopted a Settlement Agreement entered into on August 4, 2010, between Dr. Abislaiman and the Florida Department of Health that included a Letter of Concern and subjected Dr. Abislaiman's medical license to certain terms and conditions, to include payment of an administrative fine and costs; completion of five (5) hours of continuing medical education in the assessment and treatment of psychiatric patients; and completion of courses in prescribing controlled drugs and medical record keeping. Further, Dr. Abislaiman is restricted from treating private

patients unless or until she has documented successful completion of all three courses. This action was based on findings that she failed to sufficiently address patients' complaints/symptoms; failed to make referrals and/or document such; failed to justify the treatment plan in the record; failed to comment on the patients' overall condition from the physical, psychological, social or occupational perspective; and failed to justify the medication choices/changes.

3. By letter dated November 24, 2010, Dr. Abislaiman's counsel stated she is currently the Chief Psychiatric Physician for a correctional institute in Miami, Florida, and does not see private patients in either the inpatient or outpatient settings.

4. By letter dated December 1, 2010, Dr. Martha Brown of the University of Florida, submitted evidence to the Virginia Board that Dr. Abislaiman completed a CME course entitled, "Prescribing Controlled Drugs: Critical Issues and Common Pitfalls of Misprescribing," on November 19, 2010.

5. By letter dated February 1, 2011, Dr. Abislaiman's counsel submitted evidence to the Virginia Board that Dr. Abislaiman completed a CME course entitled, "Quality Medical Record Keeping for Health Care Professionals," on July 10, 2010, and a CME course entitled, "Geriatric Psychiatry for the Primary Care Provider 2010," on August 1, 2010.

#### CONSENT

I, Rita Abislaiman, M.D., by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

1. I have been advised specifically to seek the advice of counsel prior to signing this document, and am represented by Philip E. Goss, Jr., Esquire;

2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me, except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000.A et seq. of the Code of Virginia;

3. I have the following rights, among others:

- a. the right to an informal conference before the Board;
- b. the right to appear in person or by counsel, or other qualified representative before the agency; and

4. I waive all rights to an informal conference;

5. I admit the truth of the Findings of Fact contained herein and agree not to contest the Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board; and

6. I consent to the following Order affecting my license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### ORDER

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and with the consent of the licensee, it is hereby ORDERED that Rita Abislaiman, M.D., be and hereby is, issued a REPRIMAND.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Consent Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

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FOR THE BOARD:

*William L. Harp*

for

William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 3/21/2011

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

*R. Abislaiman*

Rita Abislaiman, M.D.

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY/CITY OF Miami, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the State of Florida, at large, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, by Rita Abislaiman, M.D.

*Mayda A. Perez*  
Notary Public

Registration Number: DD955811

My commission expires: 3/19/2014



MAYDA A. PEREZ  
MY COMMISSION # DD 9558  
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