

BEFORE THE COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Composite State Board
of Medical Examiners
STATE OF GEORGIA

MAY 09 2008

IN THE MATTER OF:

BRUCE REX SCHOOLCRAFT, MD,
License No. 41945,
Respondent

DOCKET NUMBER
Docket No. 20060080

PUBLIC ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION


WHEREAS, the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") entered a Public Consent Order in the above-styled matter on **March 3, 2006**, which placed on probation Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia, and

WHEREAS, Respondent has petitioned to have the probation terminated, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Respondent has complied with all the terms and conditions of the probation,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the probation of Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia be **TERMINATED**.

SO ORDERED THIS 9th DAY OF MAY 2008.


EDDIE R. CHEEKS, MD
President

ATTEST:

(BOARD SEAL)


LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

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PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") and Bruce Schoolcraft, D.O. ("Respondent") the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia, and was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein.

2.

On or about September 1, 2005, Respondent was the subject of disciplinary action by the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine. Specifically, Respondent was placed on probation for one year with terms and conditions, fined \$5,000.00, required to pay administration costs of \$483.12, and required to complete continuing education on prescribing and medical ethics, because Respondent altered a patient record to divert one tablet of Lortab 10mg. and one tablet of Valium 10mg. for his wife's use.

3.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact and waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of sanctions on Respondent's authority to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A., T. 43, Chs. 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees to the following:

1.

Beginning on the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for an indefinite period subject to the following terms and conditions:

(a) Meeting With Board Representative. After acceptance by the Board and docketing, a copy of the docketed Consent Order shall be mailed to the Respondent. Within ten (10) days of the Respondent's receipt of such docketed copy of the Consent Order, the Respondent shall contact the Compliance Manager of the Board to arrange a meeting to review the terms of this Consent Order. The Respondent shall be responsible for scheduling such meeting, and failure to comply with such requirement shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order.

(b) Provide Documentation. Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall provide to the Board documentation that he has fully complied with all of the terms and conditions of the Final Order before the State of Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine, docketed 09/01/05, including payment of fine and administrative costs, completion of continuing medical education, and all terms of probation.

(c) Fine. Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Board within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 30th day shall be considered a violation of this Order, and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

(d) Continuing Medical Education. Respondent shall obtain twelve (12) hours of continuing medical education ("CME") in the area of prescribing and medical ethics, four (4) of which shall be in the area of medical ethics. This is in addition to the CME required of all Georgia physicians. Respondent shall complete said twelve (12) hours within one year from the docketing of this order. Prior to obtaining the CME, Respondent shall submit the title of the course(s) Respondent plans to attend and information concerning the course(s) to the Board. Within one year from the docketing of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit proof of completion of said additional twelve (12) hours to the Board.

(e) Supervision. Respondent shall designate a supervising ("workplace") physician approved in writing by the Board who works in the same office as Respondent and who will supervise his work or who works in another location but will meet with Respondent on a monthly basis at Respondent's workplace to observe his practice and review twenty percent of his patient files. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to said supervising physician. Such physician shall sign a statement to be submitted in conjunction with the Consent Order as evidence of having read and understood the Consent Order and having agreed to serve as Respondent's supervising physician. Respondent shall obtain prior Board approval through the Medical Director for any change in the supervising physician.

(f) Record Keeping. Prior to prescribing, administering, ordering or dispensing any controlled substances, Respondent shall detail fully the examination performed and diagnosis reached in the particular patient's file. Respondent shall specifically record all physical data of the patient, and detail the exact nature of Respondent's evaluation of the patient.

(g) Triplicate Prescriptions. Respondent shall utilize a triplicate prescriptions system for all controlled substances prescribed by him. Each prescription for such a controlled substance written by Respondent shall be sequentially numbered and the copies distributed as follows: original to patient, one copy to the Board, and one copy to the patient's chart. Respondent shall not begin renumbering when he reaches 1000, but shall continue to number sequentially. The copies for the Board shall be mailed or delivered to the Board by Respondent once per quarter. A copy of Respondent's dispensing records shall be provided to the Board upon request for all controlled substances dispensed by him or on his order.

(h) Prescription Log. Respondent shall personally maintain for inspection a contemporaneous log (separate from his clinical records or the clinical records of other health care providers) of all controlled substances and dangerous drugs prescribed, administered, dispensed, or ordered by Respondent. The prescription log shall include the date, patient name, drug, strength, quantity, and refill status, on a form approved by the Board. The prescription log shall also include the diagnosis and the reasons for prescribing, administering, dispensing, or ordering each drug. The Board shall be authorized to inspect Respondent's prescription log. If Respondent's prescription log fails to comply with the requirements of this Consent Order, the Board is authorized to summarily suspend Respondent's license, pending a hearing.

(i) Inspections/Interviews. During the probationary period, the Medical Director or another Board representative may periodically review and inspect Respondent's records. The

representative is authorized to review and inspect these records at any reasonable time and as often as the representative deems necessary. The Respondent shall have the right to be present during such inspection of records and the patients' privacy and confidentiality rights shall be maintained. The Respondent shall be available, upon reasonable notice, for personal interviews with the Medical Director or other representative of the Board. Failure of the Respondent to be reasonably available for inspection of his records or for personal interviews with a Board representative shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order.

(j) Abide By Laws, Rules, and Terms. Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating his practice as a physician, the Rules and Regulations of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners and the terms of this Consent Order. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, rules or terms, or if it should appear to the Board that Respondent is otherwise unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients, or should Respondent violate the criminal laws of this state, including any term of probation, if any, Respondent's license shall be subject to further discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof after notice and hearing, and if revoked, the Board in its discretion may determine that the license should be permanently revoked and not subject to reinstatement. Respondent further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order shall be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to order summary suspension of Respondent's license, pending further proceedings, pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-18(c)(1), or any other statute authorizing emergency action, but Respondent understands that Respondent shall be entitled to an expedited hearing to substantiate such violation(s), if the Board exercises such right.

(k) Termination of Probation. Respondent shall not be eligible to petition for termination of probation until Respondent has successfully completed one (1) year of probation, from the effective date of this Consent Order. At such time, Respondent may petition for termination by certifying under oath before a notary public that he has complied with all conditions of probation and by providing documentation supporting discharge from probation, including, but not limited to, a written statement from Respondent's monitoring therapist that said monitoring therapist agrees with the termination of probation. The Board shall review and evaluate the practice of Respondent prior to lifting the probation. At such time, should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining Respondent's license on a probationary status, the Board shall notify Respondent of its intent to deny Respondent's petition to terminate probation, and Respondent may respond to such notification in writing or request an appearance before the Board or its representative as in a non-contested case. If no reasonable cause exists to maintain Respondent's medical license on a probationary status, the Board shall be authorized, but is not required, to terminate probation. If the Board denies the Respondent's petition for termination of probation, Respondent may petition for termination of probation on an annual basis thereafter. In any event, this Consent Order shall remain in effect pending a final determination by the Board and notification that the probationary period has terminated.

2.

Respondent also understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this Order shall be placed on Respondent Physician Profile. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

3.

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that the Respondent has the right to an appearance before the Board in this matter and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Board's consideration of this Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. **Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board.** However, if this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.


[Signatures on next page]

Approved, this 3rd day of March, 2006.

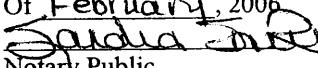
**COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

(BOARD SEAL)

BY: 
M. VINAYAK KAMATH, M.D.
President

ATTEST: 
LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: 
BRUCE SCHOOLCRAFT, D.O.
Respondent

As to the signature of
BRUCE SCHOOLCRAFT, D.O.:
Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 3 day
Of February, 2006

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

Notary Public, Glynn County, Georgia
My Commission Expires Nov. 17, 2008