

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**  
**DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

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PROFESSIONAL REGULATION	)	
of the State of Illinois,	Complainant, )	
v.	)	No. 2020-03116
Patrick G. O'Donnell, M.D.,	)	
License No. 036-108929,	)	
CS License No. [REDACTED]	Respondent. )	

**ORDER**

This matter having come before the Acting Director of the Division of Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois, on a Petition filed by the Chief of Medical Prosecutions of the Division, which requested Temporary Suspension of the Illinois Physician and Surgeon License and Illinois Controlled Substance License of Respondent, and the Acting Director, having examined the Petition, finds that the public interest, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action to prevent the continued practice of Patrick G. O'Donnell, M.D., Respondent, in that Respondent's actions constitute an immediate danger to the public.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, CECILIA ABUNDIS, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of the State of Illinois, hereby ORDER that the Illinois Physician and Surgeon License No. 036-108929 and Illinois Controlled Substance License No. [REDACTED] of Respondent, Patrick G. O'Donnell M.D. to practice medicine as a Physician and Surgeon in the State of Illinois be **SUSPENDED**, pending proceedings before an Administrative Law Judge at the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and the Medical Disciplinary Board of the State of Illinois.

I FURTHER ORDER that Respondent shall immediately surrender all indicia of licensure to the Department.

DATED THIS 4th DAY OF December, 2020

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND  
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of  
the State of Illinois, Deborah Hagan, Secretary  
Division of Professional Regulations**

  
Cecilia Abundis  
Acting Director

Ref: IDFPR Case No. 2020-03116  
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**PETITION FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

NOW COMES the Complainant, by its Chief of Medical Prosecutions, Frank Lamas, and Petitions Cecilia Abundis, Acting Director of the Division of Professional Regulation of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (Department), pursuant to 225 ILCS 60/37 to issue an Order for Temporary Suspension of the Illinois Physician and Surgeon License and the Illinois Controlled Substance License of Patrick G. O'Donnell, M.D., Respondent. In support of said Petition, Petitioner alleges as follows:

1. Respondent is presently the holder of a Certificate of Registration as a Physician and Surgeon in the State of Illinois, License No. 036-108929, and Controlled Substance License No. [REDACTED] issued by the Department. Said licenses are presently in active status.
2. Information has come to the Department's attention that Respondent inappropriately prescribed multiple Controlled Substances to patients of his practice. The Department and the Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Springfield Field Office received information that Respondent authorized controlled substances to patients without acceptable therapeutic purpose.

3. In September 2019, Respondent was notified that his prescriptions for Schedule II through V Controlled Substances will not be filled at Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies after reviewing prescribing pattern of Respondent as a part the pharmacy effort to combat prescription drug abuse and diversion.
4. A review of the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program (IPMP) data between March 2018 and March 2020 revealed that Respondent authorized over 3400 prescriptions for various controlled substances, including Adderall, Hydrocodone-based opiates, Oxycodone-based opiates various Benzodiazepines (Xanax, Ativan and Clonazepam) to patients of his psychiatric practice. All of these controlled substances have high addiction potency, high diversion risk and resale value.
5. In 2020, the DEA Springfield Field Office received a complaint from the Memorial Medical Center Emergency Room regarding Respondent's prescribing of controlled substances to patient H.H.
6. In addition, the DEA Springfield Field Office also received a separate complaint in 2020 from a local pharmacy concerning Respondent's prescribing of controlled substances to patient H.H. During the investigation, the Department received Springfield Police Department police reports revealing that patient H.H. was suspected of three suspected drug-related overdoses in 2017, 2018 and 2019.
7. A review of the aforementioned IPMP revealed that Respondent authorized approximately 117 prescriptions for various controlled substances between March of 2018 and March of 2020 to patient H.H., including Xanax, Amphetamine Salts, Klonopin, Valium, Hydrocodone, Phentermine, Ativan, Oxycodone, Tramadol, Ambien.

8. Similarly, a review of the aforementioned IPMP revealed that Respondent authorized multiple controlled substances to patient M.W., including Oxycodone and Xanax in 2018 (last Oxycodone prescription was authorized by Respondent on 7/21/2018 for Oxycodone 10 mg in the amount of 180 tablets and last Xanax prescription was authorized by Respondent on 7/26/2018 for Xanax 1 mg in the amount of 60 tablets). On August 4, 2018, patient M.W. died as a result of the combined toxic effects of Methadone, Oxycodone and Xanax.
9. As a part of the investigation, in May 2020, the Illinois Medical Disciplinary Board (MDB) issued a subpoena to Respondent for the medical records of four specific patients that were identified as receiving multiple opiates from Respondent between March of 2018 and March of 2020, including patients H.H. and M.W. Respondent had an initial deadline of June 15, 2020 to produce the records.
10. Subsequently, the Department repeatedly requested that Respondent produce the four subpoenaed medical charts.
11. On July 13, 2020, Chief Administrative Law Judge Seasock issued an Order requiring Respondent to comply with the Department Subpoena by August 17, 2020. See July 13, 2020 Chief ALJ Order, attached hereto and made a part of this Petition.
12. To date, Respondent has failed to produce the records that were subpoenaed by the MDB.
13. On September 16, 2020, Respondent met with DEA Diversion Investigator Chad Scheuler and Tactical Field Officer John Osmer.
14. On September 16, 2020, Respondent voluntarily surrendered his DEA controlled substances privileges “[i]n view of [his] alleged failure to comply with the Federal

requirements pertaining to controlled substances or list 1 Chemicals, and as an indication of my good faith in desiring to remedy any incorrect or unlawful practices on my part, I hereby surrender for cause my Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Certificate of Registration.” See Department Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part of this Petition.

15. In addition, Respondent has a history of prior disciplinary actions by the Department, including the following:

- a. On October 26, 2012, Respondent’s Illinois Physician and Surgeon License was Reprimanded and fined in the amount of \$500 after Respondent received unused medications from patients of his practice and gave those medications to other patients of his practice who required said medication(s) to manage their mental health. See Department Exhibit C, attached hereto and made a part of this Petition;
- b. On January 27, 2017, Respondent’s Illinois Physician and Surgeon License was Reprimanded for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine on behalf of “I think I can Learn, Inc.” and his failure to respond to a ten-day letter sent by the Deputy Medical Coordinator. See Department Exhibit D, attached hereto and made a part of this Petition.

16. Presently, Respondent is the subject of the Department’s Amended Formal Complaint (Case No. 2018-06699) arising out of (i) Respondent’s conduct at a Springfield pharmacy where Respondent was seeing patients in the pharmacy’s waiting area, (ii) Respondent’s failure to produce medical records requested by the Department, and (iii) Respondent’s provision of patient care to a minor patient on

non-renewed Illinois Physician and Surgeon License in October 2017. See Department Exhibit E, attached hereto and made a part of this Petition.

17. Respondent has continued to practice although he has shown professional incompetence as evidenced by Respondent's surrender of his DEA Registration in September 2020 and a pattern of engaging in unprofessional conduct including but not limited to his failure to cooperate with the MDB's 2020 subpoena for medical records while under investigation for inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances and the prior disciplinary actions by the Department.

18. John Zander, M.D., Deputy Chief Medical Coordinator of the Department has been consulted in this matter and believes that the continued practice of medicine by Respondent presents an immediate danger to the safety of the public in the State of Illinois. See Department's Exhibit F, attached hereto and made a part of this Petition.

Petitioner further alleges that the public interest, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action in that Respondent's continued practice of medicine constitutes an immediate danger to the public.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Illinois Physician and Surgeon License and the Illinois Controlled Substance License of Patrick G. O'Donnell, M.D., be Temporarily Suspended pending proceedings before the Medical Disciplinary Board of the State of Illinois.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND  
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Illinois, Division of Professional Regulation**

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**COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES the DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, of the State of Illinois, by its Chief of Medical Prosecutions, Frank Lamas, and as its COMPLAINT against Patrick G. O'Donnell, M.D., Respondent, complains as follows:

**COUNT I**

1. Respondent is presently the holder of a Certificate of Registration as a Physician and Surgeon in the State of Illinois, License No. 036-108929, and Controlled Substance License No. [REDACTED] issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois. Said licenses are presently in Active status.
2. That the Department has jurisdiction to investigate complaints and to bring this action pursuant to 225 ILCS 60/36.
3. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent was practicing medicine in Illinois.
4. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent was authorizing and/or prescribing various controlled substances to patients of his private practice.

5. Information has come to the Department's attention that Respondent inappropriately prescribed multiple Controlled Substances to patients of his practice.
6. In September 2019, Respondent was notified that his prescriptions for Schedule II through V Controlled Substances will not be filled at Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies after reviewing prescribing pattern of Respondent as a part the pharmacy effort to combat prescription drug abuse and diversion.
7. Between March 2018 and March 2020, according to Respondent's Illinois Prescription Monitoring Profile, Respondent authorized over 3400 prescriptions for various controlled substances to patients of his private practice, including but not limited to:
  - a. Adderall;
  - b. Hydrocodone-based opiates;
  - c. Oxycodone-based opiates;
  - d. Benzodiazepines (Xanax, Ativan and Clonazepam).
8. All of these controlled substances have the following characteristics:
  - a. High addiction potency;
  - b. High diversion risk;
  - c. High resale value.
9. Chronic use of Controlled Substances, including combination of Schedule II-IV Controlled Substances, is associated with the development of physical dependence and severe withdrawal symptoms.

10. Chronic use of Controlled Substances, including combination of Schedule II-IV Controlled Substances, is associated with the development of substance abuse disorder and/or addiction.
11. Patients who are prescribed a combination of Schedule II-IV Controlled Substance, should be carefully monitored for development of the following:
  - a. Physical dependence;
  - b. Severe withdrawal symptoms;
  - c. Substance abuse disorder and/or addiction; and
  - d. Signs and symptoms that are associated with drug abuse, diversion, and/or misuse.
12. In 2020, the DEA Springfield Field Office received a complaint from the Memorial Medical Center Emergency Room regarding Respondent's prescribing of controlled substances to patient H.H.
13. In 2020, the DEA Springfield Field Office also received a complaint from a local pharmacy concerning Respondent's prescribing of controlled substances to patient H.H.
14. Between March 2018 and March 2020, according to Respondent's IPMP, revealed Respondent authorized approximately 117 prescriptions for various controlled substances to patient H.H., including but not limited to:
  - a. Xanax;
  - b. Amphetamine Salts;
  - c. Klonopin;
  - d. Valium;

- e. Hydrocodone;
- f. Phentermine;
- g. Ativan;
- h. Oxycodone;
- i. Tramadol,
- j. Ambien.

15. In April 2017, patient H.H. attempted to harm herself by overdose.

16. In April 2017, Respondent knew and/or should have known that patient H.H. attempted to harm herself by overdose.

17. In November 2018, patient H.H. overdosed.

18. In September 2019, patient H.H. overdosed.

19. In 2018, Respondent authorized multiple controlled substances to patient M.W., including Oxycodone and Xanax, including by not limited to the following:

- a. 03/09/2018 ALPRAZOLAM 1 MG -60 tablets;
- b. 04/09/2018 ALPRAZOLAM 2 MG - 90 tablets with 1 refill;
- c. 04/10/2018 ALPRAZOLAM 1 MG - 60 tablets with 1 refill;
- d. 06/08/2018 ALPRAZOLAM 2 MG -90 tablets with 1 refill;
- e. 06/08/2018 ALPRAZOLAM 1 MG -60 tablets;
- f. 07/25/2018 ALPRAZOLAM 1 MG -60 tablets;
- g. 03/20/2018 OXYCODONE HCL-ACETAMINOPHEN 325/10 MG  
180 tablets;
- h. 04/05/2018 OXYCODONE HCL-ACETAMINOPHEN 325/10 MG  
180 tablets;

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k. 07/21/2018 OXYCODONE HCL-ACETAMINOPHEN 325/10 MG

180 tablets;

l. 2/28/2018 ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE 10 MG -15 tablets with 2 refills.

20. On August 4, 2018, patient M.W. died as a result of the combined toxic efforts of Methadone, Oxycodone and Xanax.

21. On or about May 20, 2020, the Illinois Medical Disciplinary Board (MDB) issued a subpoena to Respondent for the medical records of four specific patients that were identified as receiving multiple opiates from Respondent between March of 2018 and March of 2020, including patients H.H. and M.W.

22. Aforementioned MDB Subpoena was served on Respondent's attorney of record.

23. Respondent had until June 15, 2020 to produce the requested medical records to the Department.

24. On or about May 27, 2020, Respondent's attorney filed a Motion to Withdraw, which was granted.

25. On or about June 16, 2020, the Department emailed a copy of the aforementioned May 2020 MDB Subpoena directly to Respondent.

26. Subsequently, the Department repeatedly requested that Respondent produce the four subpoenaed medical charts.

27. On July 13, 2020, Chief Administrative Law Judge Seasock issued an Order requiring Respondent to comply with the Department Subpoena by August 17, 2020.

See Chief ALJ Order, attached hereto and made a part of this Complaint.

28. To date, Respondent has failed to produce the records that were subpoenaed by the MDB.

29. On September 16, 2020, Respondent met with DEA Diversion Investigator Chad Scheuler and Tactical Field Officer John Osmer.

30. On September 16, 2020, Respondent voluntarily surrendered his DEA controlled substances privileges “[i]n view of [his] alleged failure to comply with the Federal requirements pertaining to controlled substances or list 1 Chemicals, and as an indication of my good faith in desiring to remedy any incorrect or unlawful practices on my part, I hereby surrender for cause my Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Certificate of Registration.” See Department Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part of this Complaint.

31. The foregoing acts and/or omissions are grounds for revocation or suspension of a Certificate of Registration pursuant to 225 ILCS 60/22(A)(5) relying on 68 Ill. Admin. Code 1285.240, 225 ILCS 60/22(A)(17), (33) and (38) and 20 ILCS 2105/2105-130.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing allegations, the DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, of the State of Illinois, by Frank Lamas, its Chief of Medical Prosecutions, prays that the Illinois Physician and Surgeon License and Illinois

Controlled Substance License of Patrick G. O'Donnell, M.D., be suspended, revoked, or otherwise disciplined.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND  
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Illinois, Division of Professional Regulation**

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**December 4, 2020**

**NOTICE OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

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To: Patrick O'Donnell, MD  
Springfield, IL  
Email: [REDACTED]

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois signed the attached ORDER which provides that your Illinois Physician and Surgeon License No. 036-108929, and Illinois Controlled Substance License No. [REDACTED] are **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**. Copies of the ORDER, Petition, Complaint, Exhibits and Affidavit on which it is based, are attached.

FURTHERMORE, on **DECEMBER 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. CST** the Medical Disciplinary Board of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois will hold a hearing at 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 9-300, Chicago, Illinois 60601, to determine the truth of the charges set forth in the attached Complaint. You are directed to appear via Webex video before an Administrative Law Judge of the Division of Professional Regulation of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("Department") located at the James R. Thompson Center at 100 West Randolph Street, 9th Floor, Suite 9-300, Chicago, Illinois 60601. The directions on how to appear via Webex video will be emailed to you in the separate email. At the hearing you will be given an opportunity to present such statements, testimony, evidence and argument as may be pertinent to or in defense to the charges.



It is required that you appear at the hearing unless the matter is continued in advance. Failure to attend the formal hearing on December 15, 2020 may result in a decision being made, in your absence, to continue the suspension of your license. You have the right to retain counsel to represent you in this matter and, in the opinion of this Department; it is advisable to be represented by a lawyer. It is required that you file a VERIFIED ANSWER to the attached Complaint with the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation by the date of the hearing.

No CONTINUANCE of a hearing will be granted except at the discretion of the Committee or Board. A written motion for continuance must be served on the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation at least three (3) business days before the date set for the Hearing and must set forth the reasons why holding the hearing on the date indicated will cause undue hardship.

Your ANSWER, your lawyer's APPEARANCE, and all MOTIONS or papers should be filed with Zareen Khan, the Clerk of the Court of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, via email at [Zareen.Khan@illinois.gov](mailto:Zareen.Khan@illinois.gov) and Donald W. Seasock, the Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, via email at [Donald.Seasock@illinois.gov](mailto:Donald.Seasock@illinois.gov)

RULES OF PRACTICE IN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION BEFORE COMMITTEES OR BOARDS OF SAID DEPARTMENT are accessible at <http://www.idfpr.com/PROFS/Info/Physicians.asp> or available upon request.

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