

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
V.K. SURESH RAJAN, M.D.	*	STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN
RESPONDENT	*	QUALITY ASSURANCE
LICENSE NUMBER: D23312	*	CASE NUMBER: 91-0128
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TERMINATION OF PROBATION

On July 22, 1992, V.K. Suresh Rajan, M.D. (The "Respondent"), entered into a Consent Order¹ with the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance (the "Board"). Pursuant to the terms of the Consent Order, the Respondent's medical license was suspended effective August 22, 1992. The Order further provided that the Respondent could petition the Board for a stay of suspension of his medical license no earlier than six (6) months from the date of the suspension.

On November 17, 1993, the Board granted the Respondent's Petition for Stay of Suspension and executed a new Consent Order², reinstating the Respondent's license and placing him on probation for three (3) years, subject to numerous conditions. Specifically, the Respondent was permitted to practice in a Board approved practice setting, which included weekly supervision by a Board approved supervisor. Furthermore, the Respondent was required to attend psychotherapy.

¹The Consent Order, dated July 22, 1992, is incorporated by reference in this Order and available upon request.

²The Consent Order, dated November 17, 1993, is incorporated by reference in this Order and available upon request.

On June 2, 1994, the Board issued a Modified Consent Order³, expanding the Respondent's practice setting and no longer requiring his attendance psychotherapy.

On August 1, 1995, the Board issued a Modified Consent Order-Second Modification⁴, allowing the Respondent to practice medicine in a private practice limited to medication monitoring. The Respondent was still required to meet with a supervisor on a monthly basis and was to be subjected to two additional peer reviews.

On December 4, 1996, the Respondent appeared before the Board's Case Resolution Conference ("CRC") with a request for termination of probation. On December 18, 1996, at its monthly Board meeting, the Board reviewed the Respondent's petition.

On January 8, 1997, the Respondent, reappeared before the CRC to address his request for termination of probation.

Subsequently, on January 29, 1997, the Board issued a Modified Consent Order-Third Modification⁵, extending the probationary period for one year, allowing the Respondent expand his practice to include psychotherapy, with an additional requirement that the Respondent enroll in a Board approved

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⁴The Modified Consent Order-Second Modification, dated August 1, 1995, is incorporated by reference in this Order and available upon request.

⁵The Modified Consent Order-Third Modification, dated January 29, 1997, is incorporated by reference in this Order and available upon request.

medical ethics course.

On November 12, 1997, the Respondent appeared before the CRC with a request for termination of probation.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland was suspended on August 22, 1992.

2. On November 17, 1993, the suspension of the Respondent's license was stayed and he was placed on a three (3) year probationary period, subject to certain terms and conditions.

3. Subsequent to this Order, the Board issued three modified Consent Orders, which required the Respondent to comply with certain conditions of probation, including the Respondent's participation in two (2) additional peer reviews.

4. On May 11, 1995, the Board received the peer review report, which indicated that the Respondent had complied with the conditions of the Order and the charts revealed no evidence of substandard care.

5. On October 2, 1996, the Board received the second peer review report, whereby the reviewers raised some concerns in very specific areas, and recommended extending the probationary period.

6. The Respondent's supervisor submitted a letter to the Board, dated November 6, 1996, stating that he believes the Respondent has complied fully with the letter and the spirit of

the Consent Order and has earned the privilege to pursue his profession with no restrictions. Furthermore, on October 23, 1996, the Board received a psychiatric evaluation by Dr. William Wimmer, who concluded that the Respondent is not a danger to patients and does not require restrictions to his medical license.

7. On December 4, 1996, the Respondent appeared before the Board's CRC with a request for termination of probation. On December 18, 1996, at its monthly Board meeting, the Board reviewed the Respondent's petition and voted to deny the Respondent's request for termination of probation. The Board requested that the Respondent appear before the CRC to discuss further modifications to the existing Order.

8. On January 8, 1997, the Respondent, with his attorney, appeared before the CRC. As a result of the CRC discussions, on January 29, 1997, the Board issued a Modified Consent Order-Third Modification.

9. The Respondent has demonstrated successful compliance with the terms of the Modified Consent Order-Third Modification dated January 29, 1997.

10. On November 12, 1997, the Respondent appeared before the CRC with a request for termination of probation. The CRC authorized the termination of the Consent Order based upon Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Modified Consent Order-Third Modification dated January 29, 1997.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that as a matter of law the Respondent has complied with the conditions and terms under the probationary period imposed.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law, it is this 17th day of November, 1997;

ORDERED that the probation imposed by the Modified Consent Order-Third Modification dated January 29, 1997, is hereby TERMINATED and is of no further force of effect; and it is further

ORDERED that this Termination of Probation is a PUBLIC document pursuant to Maryland State Gov't Code Ann. §10-611 et. Seq.

Date 11/17/97

Suresh C. Gupta
Suresh C. Gupta, M.D.
Chair