

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine
Adjudicatory Case No. 2024-013

In the Matter of

ALAN G. CORMAN, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 10, Alan G. Corman, M.D. (Respondent) and the Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) (hereinafter referred to jointly as the "Parties") agree that the Board may issue this Consent Order to resolve the above-captioned adjudicatory proceeding. The Parties further agree that this Consent Order will have all the force and effect of a Final Decision within the meaning of 801 CMR 1.01(11)(d). The Respondent admits to the findings of fact specified below and agrees that the Board may make the conclusions of law and impose the sanction set forth below in resolution of investigative Docket No. 22-525.

Findings of Fact

1. The Respondent is a 1965 graduate of Albert Einstein College of Medicine Yeshiva University and is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry. He has practiced medicine in Massachusetts since 1969 under certificate number 31483. He has a private practice in Arlington where he cares for approximately 75 patients.
2. The Respondent has treated Patient A since 1992.

3. After a *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)* procedure in 2001 as well a subsequent *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)* surgery failed to alleviate her intractable pain, Patient A received *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)* for pain from her surgeon.

4. Thereafter, Patient A received *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)* from two different PCPs for a total of approximately 16 years.

5. When Patient A's care was transferred to a new PCP, the new provider changed her medication regimen. Patient A was not satisfied with the new regimen, and she complained to the Respondent of severe pain and *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)*

6. In May 2021, the Respondent consulted Patient A's PCP and agreed to take over *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)* medication care for Patient A.

7. From May 2021 to November 2022, the Respondent prescribed *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)*, a *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)*, to Patient A. The Respondent also issued prescriptions for *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)* *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)*, to her.

8. The Massachusetts Prescription Awareness Tool (MassPAT) is an online database that lists all Schedule II to V as well as gabapentin prescriptions filled by patients at pharmacies.

9. On December 5, 2014, physicians were required to check MassPAT prior to prescribing opioids listed in Schedules II and III.

10. On October 15, 2016, physicians were required to check MassPAT when prescribing a benzodiazepine or DPH-designated Schedule IV-VI drug for the first time.

11. In or about 2020, the Respondent stopped checking MassPAT when he began prescribing medications electronically using a prescription management program which displays names of all prescribing providers and allowed him to check his patients' prescription

history, providing information similar to MassPAT.

12. From May 2021 to November 2022, the Respondent failed to check MassPAT prior to issuing ^{G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)} prescriptions to Patient A.

13. On or after May 2021, the Respondent failed to check MassPAT prior to prescribing a *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)* for the first time to Patient A.

14. Since the Board brought this oversight to Dr. Corman's attention in June 2023, he has diligently checked MassPAT as required.

Conclusions of Law

A. The Respondent violated G.L. c. 112, §5, eighth par. (b), and 243 C.M.R.1.03(5)(a) 2 by committing an offense against any provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth relating to the practice of medicine, or any rule or regulation adopted thereunder, to wit:

1. 105 CMR 700.00 as it pertains to mandatory review of the MassPAT system for the issuance of certain prescriptions.

Sanction and Order

The Respondent's license is hereby REPRIMANDED.

Execution of this Consent Order

Complaint Counsel and the Respondent agree that the approval of this Consent Order is left to the discretion of the Board. The signature of Complaint Counsel, the Respondent, and the Respondent's counsels are expressly conditioned on the Board accepting this Consent Order. If the Board rejects this Consent Order in whole or in part, then the entire document shall be null and void; thereafter, neither of the parties nor anyone else may rely on these

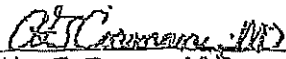
stipulations in this proceeding.

As to any matter in this Consent Order left to the discretion of the Board, neither the Respondent, nor anyone acting on his behalf, has received any promises or representations regarding the same.


The Respondent waives any right of appeal that he may have resulting from the Board's acceptance of this Consent Order.

The Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Consent Order with all exhibits and attachments within ten (10) days by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery to the following designated entities: any in- or out-of-state hospital, nursing home, clinic, other licensed facility, or municipal, state, or federal facility at which the Respondent practices medicine; any in- or out-of-state health maintenance organization with whom the Respondent has privileges or any other kind of association; any state agency, in- or out-of-state, with which the Respondent has a provider contract; any in- or out-of-state medical employer, whether or not the Respondent practices medicine there; the state licensing boards of all states in which the Respondent has any kind of license to practice medicine; the Drug Enforcement Administration Boston Diversion Group; and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Drug Control Program. The Respondent shall also provide this notification to any such designated entities with which the Respondent becomes associated in the year following the date of imposition of this reprimand. The Respondent is further directed to certify to the Board within ten (10) days that the Respondent has complied with this directive.


The Board expressly reserves the authority to independently notify, at any time, any of the entities designated above, or any other affected entity, of any action it has taken.


Alan G. Costanzo, M.D.
Licensee

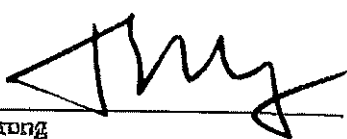
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ORDERED by the Board of Registration in Medicine this 28th day of March 2024.


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Board Chair