

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

In the Matter of
the Medical License of
Pastor Colon, M.D.
Year of Birth: 1939
License Number: 22830

**STIPULATION AND ORDER
FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Pastor Colon, M.D. (“Respondent”), and the Complaint Review Committee (“Committee”) of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice (“Board”), as follows:

1. During all times herein, Respondent has been and now is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board from which he holds a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota.

2. Respondent has been advised by Board representatives that he may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Respondent elected to be represented by John B. Casserly and Mark W. Hardy, Geraghty, O’Loughlin & Kenney, P.A., 55 East Fifth Street, Suite 1100, Saint Paul, MN 55101, (651) 291-1177. The Committee was represented by Daniel S. Schueppert, Assistant Attorney General, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, (651) 757-1205.

FACTS

3. For the purpose of this Stipulation only, the Board may consider the following facts as true:

a. Respondent was licensed by the Board to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota on August 20, 1976. Respondent is board certified in psychiatry.

b. In August 2017, the Board received a complaint stating that Respondent overprescribed benzodiazepines to Patient #1 who had a history of addiction to benzodiazepines and alcohol.

c. In January 2018, the Board received a complaint alleging Respondent was overprescribing medications for Patient #2's mental health condition.

d. In late January 2018, the Committee met with Respondent to discuss the allegations in the August 2017 complaint and the Committee decided to continue the matter pending further investigation of the January 2018 complaint.

e. In February 2019, the Board received a complaint alleging Respondent inappropriately hugged and kissed Patient #3.

f. Based on the allegations, the Board initiated an investigation into Respondent's conduct. The investigation revealed that: Respondent treated Patient #1 with benzodiazepines; Respondent was aware of Patient #1's history of benzodiazepine addiction; Respondent prescribed Patient #2 eight different psychiatric medications; and, Respondent kissed and hugged Patient #3 during an appointment and Respondent asked Patient #3 to retract a complaint concerning Patient #3.

g. On December 11, 2020, Respondent met with the Committee and discussed the allegations. Respondent acknowledged that he should not have hugged and kissed Patient #3.

STATUTES

4. The Committee views Respondent's practices as inappropriate in such a way as to require Board action under Minn. Stat. § 147.091, subd. 1 (g) (engaged in unethical and improper conduct), (k) (engaged in conduct that failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable medical practice), (s) (inappropriate prescribing) and (t) (engaged in sexual conduct with a patient)

(2020). Respondent agrees that the conduct cited above constitutes a reasonable basis in law and fact to justify the disciplinary action under these statutes.

REMEDY

5. Upon this Stipulation and all of the files, records, and proceedings herein, and without any further notice or hearing herein, the Board may make and enter an order disciplining Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota as follows:

a. Respondent shall **VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER** his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota.

b. Upon Respondent's surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery in Minnesota, the Board agrees to close its files in this matter.

c. Should Respondent seek re-licensure in Minnesota, the Board may reopen its investigation.

6. Respondent is aware that this Stipulation and Order is public data and will be disseminated. The Board may share its investigative data with other states pursuant to a statutory process.

7. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this settlement, this Stipulation is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto except that Respondent agrees that should the Board reject this Stipulation and if this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this Stipulation or of any records relating hereto.

8. Respondent waives any further hearings on this matter before the Board to which Respondent may be entitled by Minnesota or United States constitutions, statutes, or rules and agrees that the order to be entered pursuant to the Stipulation shall be the final order herein.

9. Respondent hereby acknowledges that he has read and understands this Stipulation and has voluntarily entered into the Stipulation without threat or promise by the Board or any of its members, employees, or agents. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this Stipulation.

Dated: 3-10-21

Dated: 5/7/21

Pastor Colon
PASTOR COLON, M.D.
Respondent

[Signature]
FOR THE COMMITTEE

ORDER

Upon consideration of this Stipulation and all the files, records, and proceedings herein,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the terms of this Stipulation are adopted and implemented
by the Board this 8th day of May, 2021.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF
MEDICAL PRACTICE

By: [Signature]