



**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION  
BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

In the Matter of:

**DOUGLAS FOUNTAIN CRANE, M.D.**  
License No.: MMD. 7808,  
Respondent.

Case No.: 2012-397

**FINAL  
ORDER  
(Public)**

This matter came before the Board of Medical Examiners (the Board) for a hearing on February 4, 2013, as a result of the Notice and Complaint served upon the Respondent and filed with the Board. A quorum of Board members was present. The hearing was held pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 40-47-117 to determine whether sanctions should be imposed based upon the Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations agreed upon by the Respondent and the State. Erin Baldwin, Assistant General Counsel, represented the State. The Respondent appeared, and was represented by Richard Rosen, Esquire.

The Respondent was alleged to have violated S.C. Code of Laws Ann. §§ 40-1-110(l) and 40-47-110(B) (13) and (17) (as amended).

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Based upon the preponderance of the evidence on the whole record, the Board finds the facts of the case to be as follows:

1. The Respondent is duly licensed and registered to practice medicine in South Carolina under license number MMD.7808. This license was first issued July 1, 1976, and is currently under suspension.
2. In 2012, the Respondent, practicing at Lowcountry Psychotherapy Associates, located in Charleston, South Carolina, treated J.C., a patient known to the Respondent. The Respondent admits that at all times relevant to the matters herein, the Respondent had an established doctor-patient relationship with J.C. Respondent acknowledges that the prescription history only reflects those prescriptions written between January 1, 2012, and October 10, 2012.
3. On February 15, 2012, the Respondent prescribed J.C. 75 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg.

4. On February 27, 2012, Respondent prescribed J.C. 90 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg, 60 tablets of Carisoprodol 350 mg, and 60 tablets of Alprazolam 1 mg.
5. On March 12, 2012, Respondent prescribed J.C. 90 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg and 90 tablets of Carisoprodol 350 mg (with 1 refill allowed and filled).
6. On March 22, 2012, Respondent prescribed J.C. 90 tablets of Alprazolam 1 mg (with 1 refill allowed and filled).
7. On April 2, 2012, the Respondent prescribed J.C. 145 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg.
8. On April 12, 2012, the Respondent prescribed J.C. 195 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg.
9. On April 25, 2012, the Respondent prescribed J.C. 210 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg.
10. On May 8, 2012, the Respondent prescribed J.C. 210 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg.
11. On May 22, 2012, the Respondent prescribed J.C. 210 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg.
12. On May 23, 2012, Respondent prescribed J.C. 90 tablets of Carisoprodol 350 mg (with 1 refill allowed and filled).
13. On May 30, 2012, Respondent prescribed J.C. 90 tablets of Alprazolam 1 mg (with 2 refills allowed and filled).
14. On June 4, 2012, the Respondent prescribed J.C. 210 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg.
15. On June 15, 2012, the Respondent prescribed J.C. 300 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg.
16. On June 29, 2012, the Respondent prescribed J.C. 600 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg.
17. On July 24, 2012, the Respondent prescribed J.C. 675 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg.
18. On July 25, 2012, Respondent prescribed J.C. 90 tablets of Carisoprodol 350 mg (with 1 refill allowed and filled).
19. On August 23, 2012, the Respondent prescribed J.C. 675 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg and 90 tablets of Alprazolam 1 mg (with 1 refill allowed and filled).
20. On September 13, 2012, the Respondent prescribed J.C. 735 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 30 mg.
21. On September 22, 2012, Respondent prescribed J.C. 90 tablets of Carisoprodol 350 mg.

22. The Respondent admitted that this history of prescriptions for J.C. either endangered her life if she were to take all the medication prescribed for her, or enabled her to sell her medication if she did not take it all. The Respondent further admits that he did not require J.C. to perform urine drug screens. Standard blood testing for patients using controlled substances was also not performed on J.C.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon careful consideration of the facts in this matter, the Board finds and concludes as a matter of law that:

1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter and, upon finding that a licensee has violated any of the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 40-47-200, *supra*, has the authority to order the revocation or suspension of a license to practice medicine or osteopathy, publicly or privately reprimand the holder of a license, or take this reasonable action short of revocation or suspension, such as requiring the licensee to undertake additional professional training subject to the direction and supervision of the Board, or imposing restraint upon the medical or osteopathic practice of the licensee as circumstances warrant until the licensee demonstrates to the Board adequate professional competence. Additionally, the Board may require the licensee to pay a fine of up to twenty-five thousand dollars and the costs of disciplinary action.
2. The Respondent has violated S.C. Code Ann. § 40-1-110(l) and 40-47-110(B) (13) and (17) (1976, as amended).

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:**

1. The Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations is **ACCEPTED** by the Board.
2. Respondent shall be publicly reprimanded.
3. Respondent's license shall remain under suspension.
4. Respondent shall surrender his controlled substance prescribing privileges.
5. Prior to a future request to lift the suspension, the Respondent must be recertified in psychiatry, take a board approved recordkeeping course, continue psychiatric treatment with a board approved psychiatrist who must submit semi-annual reports to the Board, and must appear before the Board prior to reinstatement.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

BY: *Louis E. Costa II DMD, MD*

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President of the Board**

March 7, 2013