

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	BEFORE THE TENNESSEE BOARD
)	OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
EARL Q. PARROTT, M.D.)	
RESPONDENT)	CASE NO: 2017038731
)	
COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE)	
TENNESSEE LICENSE NO.: 10018)	

CONSENT ORDER

Come now the Division of Health Related Boards of the Tennessee Department of Health (hereinafter the "Division"), by and through the Office of General Counsel, and Earl Q. Parrott, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent"), who would respectfully move the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter the "Board") for approval of this Consent Order affecting Respondent's medical license in the State of Tennessee.

The Board is responsible for the regulation and supervision of medical doctors licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee. See Tennessee Medical Practice Act, Tennessee Code Annotated Section (hereinafter "TENN. CODE ANN. §") 63-6-101, *et seq.* It is the policy of the Board to require strict compliance with the laws of this State, and to apply the laws so as to preserve the quality of medical care provided in Tennessee. It is the duty and responsibility of the Board to enforce the Tennessee Medical Practice Act in such a manner as to promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare in every practicable way, including disciplining medical doctors who violate the provisions of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-101, *et seq.* or the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board and recorded in the Official Compilation Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (hereinafter "TENN. COMP. R. & REGS.").

Respondent, by his signature to this Consent Order, waives the right to a contested case hearing and any and all rights to judicial review in this matter. All matters, admissions and statements disclosed or exchanged during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions.

I. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a medical doctor in the State of Tennessee, having been granted Tennessee medical license number 10018 by the Board on September 6, 1976, which expires on November 30, 2019.
2. From January 14, 2016 to February 2, 2017, the Respondent wrote three (3) prescriptions for Sarapin, a topical cream that contains a controlled substance, for his wife.
3. The Sarapin prescriptions for Respondent's wife were not written pursuant to an emergency situation and Respondent did not maintain a medical record for his wife that included a physical examination and medical history.

II. GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE

The facts stipulated to in the Stipulations of Fact are sufficient to establish that grounds for discipline of Respondent's medical license exist. Specifically, Respondent has violated the following statutes or rules which are part of the Tennessee Medical Practice Act, (TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-101, *et seq.*) for which disciplinary action before and by the Board is authorized:

4. The facts stipulated in paragraphs 2 and 3, *supra*, constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(b)(12):

Dispensing, prescribing or otherwise distributing any controlled substance or any other drug not in the course of professional practice, or not in good faith to relieve pain and suffering, or not to cure an ailment, physical infirmity or disease, or in amounts and/or for durations not medically necessary, advisable or justifiable for a diagnosed condition.

5. The facts stipulated in paragraph 2 and 3, *supra*, constitute a violation of Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners policy on prescribing for oneself and one's family:

The Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners adopts the following guidelines as policy for self-prescribing and for one's immediate family. For purposes of this policy, "immediate family" means a spouse, parent, child, sibling or other individual in relation to whom a physician's personal or emotional involvement may render that physician unable to exercise detached professional judgment in reaching diagnostic or therapeutic decisions. Records shall be maintained of all treatment.

2) No scheduled drugs should be dispensed or prescribed except in emergency situations

6. The facts stipulated in paragraph 3 *supra*, constitute a violation of TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 0880-02-.14 (7) (a):

Except as provided in subparagraph (b), it shall be a prima facie violation of T.C.A. § 63-6-214 (b) (1), (4), and (12) for a physician to prescribe or dispense any drug to any individual, whether in person or by electronic means or over the Internet or over telephone lines, unless the physician, or his/her licensed supervisee pursuant to appropriate protocols or medical orders, has first done and appropriately documented, for the person to whom a prescription is to be issued or drugs dispensed, all of the following:

1. Performed an appropriate history and physical examination; and
2. Made a diagnosis based upon the examinations and all diagnostic and laboratory tests consistent with good medical care; and
3. Formulated a therapeutic plan, and discussed it, along with the basis for it and the risks and benefits of various treatments options, a part of which might be the prescription or dispensed drug, with the patient; and
4. Insured availability of the physician or coverage for the patient for appropriate follow-up care.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

The Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners takes this action in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Tennessee and ensure that the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession is preserved. }

IV. ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following:

7. The Tennessee medical license of Earl Q. Parrott, M.D., license number 10018, is hereby **VOLUNTARILY RETIRED** effective August 15, 2018.
8. Respondent understands that this is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (N.P.D.B.) and/or similar agency.

This **CONSENT ORDER** was approved by a majority of a quorum of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners at a public meeting of the Board and signed this 18 day of August, 2018.




Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:


Earl Q. Parrott, M.D.
Respondent

25 May 2018
DATE


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of this document has been served on J. Eric Miles, attorney for Earl Q. Parrott, M.D., via U.S. Mail and E-Mail at following addresses:

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This 6th day of August, 2018.


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