

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF MEDICINE**

IN RE: :
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RONALD ANDERSON, M.D. :
License No. MD25663 :
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Respondent :

**CONSENT ORDER –
MODIFICATION OF FEBRUARY 22, 2017 CONSENT ORDER**

This matter comes before the District of Columbia Board of Medicine (the “Board” or “D.C. Board”) pursuant to the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA). D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01, *et seq.* (2012 Repl.). The HORA authorizes the Board to regulate the practice of medicine in the District of Columbia and, in doing so, the Board has broad jurisdiction to impose a variety of disciplinary sanctions upon a finding of a violation of the HORA. D.C. Official Code, § 3-1201.03; *Mannan v. District of Columbia Board of Medicine*, 558 A.2d 329, 333 (D.C.1989). The Council of the District of Columbia, in amending the HORA, “intended to strengthen enforcement of its licensing laws.” *Davidson v. District of Columbia Board of Medicine*, 562 A.2d 109, 113 (D.C.1989). And the HORA “was designed to ‘address modern advances and community needs *with the paramount consideration of protecting the public interest.*’” *Joseph v. District of Columbia Board of Medicine*, 587 A.2d 1085, 1088 (D.C.1991) (*quoting* Report of the D.C. Council on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs on Bill 6-317, at 7 (November 26, 1985)) (emphasis added by court).

FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Respondent has been licensed to practice medicine in the District of Columbia since 1968. Respondent entered into a public Consent Order with the Board on February 22, 2017. Per the terms of that Consent Order, Respondent was required to have a practice monitor, who he would meet with on a quarterly basis, who would "...state whether Respondent's practice is consistent with standards of practice and competency in his field during the monitoring period." Respondent's practice monitor was Dr. Sonya Bryant with the Retina Group of Washington.

Dr. Bryant submitted monitoring reports to the Board in September 2017, December 2017, March 2018, June 2018, and two reports in September 2018. At its September 26, 2018 meeting, the Board reviewed Respondent's request to have the monitored practice and reporting requirement of his Consent Order terminated and voted to terminate it, as the final monitoring reports satisfied the requirements of this provision of the Consent Order and were acceptable to the Board.

Per the terms of the February 22, 2017 Consent Order and the fact that the Respondent stopped performing surgeries four (4) years prior to that Order, the Respondent affirms that he has provided a practice exclusively in medical ophthalmology since 2013 and that he will continue to do so.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board is authorized to sanction Respondent under the HORA for his actions, which are related to the practice of medicine. The HORA provides, in pertinent part:

Each board, subject to the right of a hearing as provided by this subchapter, on an affirmative vote of a quorum of its appointed members may take one or more of

the disciplinary actions provided in subsection (c) of this section against any applicant for a license, registration, or certification, an applicant to establish or operate a school of nursing or nursing program, or a person permitted by this subchapter to practice a health occupation regulated by the board in the District.

ORDER

ACCORDINGLY, based upon the foregoing, it is by the District of Columbia Board of Medicine hereby,

ORDERED, that while licensed to practice medicine in the District of Columbia, Respondent agrees that his practice will be a MEDICAL OPHTHALMIC PRACTICE that meets the standard of care of ophthalmologists who do not perform any procedures on any patients, including any surgical procedures. He may continue to practice at any offices in the District under the terms of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that Respondent shall continue to make any and all appropriate and necessary referrals for his patients based on the standard of care; and it is further

ORDERED, that the monitored practice and reporting requirement of the February 22, 2017 Consent Order shall be terminated; and it is further

ORDERED, that any violation of this Order shall result in the re-instatement of the proceedings instituted pursuant to the previously filed Notice of Intent to Take Disciplinary Action (NOI); and it is further

ORDERED, that Respondent shall continue to maintain a course of conduct in his practice of medicine commensurate with the requirements of all laws and regulations of the District of Columbia regarding the practice of medicine.

ORDERED, that this is a public document.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF MEDICINE



11/05/18

Date

By: Andrea Anderson, M.D., FAAFP
Chair

CONSENT OF RESPONDENT

- My signature on the foregoing Consent Order signifies my acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Consent Order and my agreement to be bound by its provisions. MM
(initial)
- I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order, as if made after a hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural due process protections provided by the laws of the District of Columbia and the United States of America. MM (initial)
- I also recognize that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board had this matter gone to a hearing. MM (initial)
- I expressly acknowledge that by signing this Consent Order, I am voluntarily waiving my right to require the Board to charge me through a notice of intent to take disciplinary action with a violation of this agreement and to require the government to prove such violation by a preponderance of the evidence before suspending my license based upon the failure to satisfactorily fulfill the terms of the Consent Order. MM (initial)
- I also expressly acknowledge by signing this Consent Order, I am waiving my right to confront witnesses, give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to other substantive and procedural due process protections provided by the laws of the District of Columbia and the United States of America. MM (initial)
- I further expressly acknowledge that by signing this Consent Order, I am waiving my right to appeal this Consent Order, as well as waiving any and all rights, whatsoever, I would have to challenge or appeal that Board's decision to suspend my license based on the failure to satisfactorily fulfill the terms of the Consent Order. MM (initial)

• I acknowledge that in the event that the Board suspends my license based on the failure to satisfactorily fulfill the terms of the Consent Order, my sole remedy and recourse will be to respond within the time period set forth in this Consent Order with proof of my compliance and that if I fail to do so, my sole remedy and recourse will be to comply with the terms of this Consent Order to the satisfaction of the Board. RM (initial)

• I have had an opportunity to review this document and to consult with my own legal counsel. I choose willingly to sign this Consent Order, and I understand its meaning and effect. ML (initial)

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Date

Ronald Anderson
RONALD ANDERSON, M.D.
License No. MD25663

~~City of Washington)~~
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~~District of Columbia)~~

SIGNED IN MY PRESENCE — AJAY GOHIL

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of OCTOBER, 2018.

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D.C. BOARD
of
MEDICINE
ATTORNEY-
ADVISOR
10/17/18

~~Notary Public AG~~ (SEAL)
~~My Commission Expires:~~

This Consent Order shall be deemed a public document and shall be distributed as appropriate.