

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2014-023

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In the Matter of )  
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MANUELA MATEI, M.D. )  
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**STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

The Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) has determined that good cause exists to believe the following acts occurred and constitute a violation for which a licensee may be sanctioned by the Board. The Board therefore alleges that Manuela Matei, M.D. (Respondent) has practiced medicine in violation of law, regulation, and/or good and accepted medical practice, as set forth herein. The investigative docket number associated with this order to show cause is Docket No. 13-245.

**Biographical Information**

1. The Respondent is a 47-year-old physician who has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since December 21, 2005 under license number 226940. The Respondent reports her practice specialty as Internal Medicine. The Respondent reports an affiliation with Lowell General Hospital.

**Factual Allegations**

2. Prior to her affiliation with Lowell General Hospital, the Respondent was affiliated with Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates (HVMA).

3. The Respondent accessed the electronic medical records (EMR) of a HVMA patient with whom she did not have a physician/patient relationship.

4. The Respondent accessed the patient's EMR without a legitimate reason and without written consent.

5. HVMA terminated the Respondent's employment on June 3, 2013.

#### Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §5, ninth par. (c) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)3, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that he engaged in conduct that places into question the physician's competence to practice medicine, including but not limited to gross misconduct in the practice of medicine, or practicing medicine fraudulently, or beyond its authorized scope, or with gross incompetence, or with gross negligence on a particular occasion or negligence on repeated occasions.

B. Pursuant to 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)18, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board that said physician committed misconduct in the practice of medicine.

C. Pursuant to Levy v. Board of Registration in Medicine, 378 Mass. 519 (1979); Raymond v. Board of Registration in Medicine, 387 Mass. 708 (1982), and Sugarman v. Board of Registration in Medicine, 422 Mass. 338 (1996), the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board that said physician lacks good moral character and has engaged in conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession.

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §§ 5, 61 and 62. This adjudicatory proceeding will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.01.

#### Nature of Relief Sought

The Board is authorized and empowered to order appropriate disciplinary action, which may include revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license to practice medicine. The Board may also

order, in addition to or instead of revocation or suspension, one or more of the following: admonishment, censure, reprimand, fine, the performance of uncompensated public service, a course of education or training, or other restrictions upon the Respondent's practice of medicine.

Order

Wherefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Respondent show cause why the Board should not discipline the Respondent for the conduct described herein.

By the Board of Registration in Medicine,

*Candace Lapidus Sloane, MD*

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Candace Lapidus Sloane, M.D.  
Board Chair

Date: June 25, 2014

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