

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2012-003

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 In the Matter of )  
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 Jeremiah O'Regan, M.D. )  
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**CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §10, Jeremiah O'Regan, M.D. (Respondent) and the Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) (hereinafter referred to jointly as the "Parties") agree that the Board may issue this Consent Order to resolve the above-captioned adjudicatory proceeding. The Parties further agree that this Consent Order will have all the force and effect of a Final Decision within the meaning of 801 CMR 1.01(11)(d). The Respondent admits to the findings of fact specified below and agrees that the Board may make the conclusions of law and impose the sanction set forth below in resolution of investigative Docket No. 11-012.

**Findings of Fact**

1. The Respondent was born on June 26, 1967. He graduated from Yale University School of Medicine. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 213471 since June 2002.
2. On April 1, 2011, the Board's Chair accepted the Respondent's Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine (VANP). The VANP was ratified by the full Board on April 6, 2011.
3. In 2003, the Respondent began using methamphetamine.

4. In April 2005, the Respondent spent 75 days at the Betty Ford Clinic.
5. In the mid to late summer of 2010, the Respondent's father was diagnosed with cancer.
6. After learning of his father's diagnosis in the mid to late summer of 2010, the Respondent began using methamphetamine on weekends.
7. In late October 2010, for a period of approximately a month, the Respondent was taking methamphetamine every day before work.
8. In late October 2010, for a period of approximately a month, the Respondent was periodically taking methamphetamine at work.
9. On or about November 30, 2010, the Respondent authored a relatively small number of radiographic reports that contained multiple errors.

#### Conclusion of Law

- A. The Respondent has violated G.L. c. 112, §5 ninth par. (d) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)4 by practicing medicine while his ability to do so was impaired.
- B. The Respondent has violated G.L. c. 112, § 5, ninth par. (c) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)3 by engaging in conduct that places into question the Respondent's competence to practice medicine.

#### Sanction and Order

The Respondent's license is hereby indefinitely suspended. The suspension may be stayed upon documentation of eighteen (18) months of continuous sobriety and documentation from the Respondent's treating psychiatrist that he is fit to practice medicine. Any stay of suspension will be at the Board's discretion and will be contingent upon the Respondent entering into a (5) five-year probation agreement under the terms and conditions that the Board deems

appropriate at the time including compliance with a Physician Health Services (“PHS”) Substance Use Monitoring contract that includes urine toxicology screens, participation in individual and group therapy to address addiction issues, a Board-approved practice plan with weekly monitoring by a Board approved monitor, and any other terms the Board deems appropriate. The calculation of the eighteen-month term of sobriety shall commence on the date that the Respondent entered into his PHS contract. Unless otherwise recommended by the Respondent’s psychiatrist or PHS, the practice plan shall include a gradual return to work as follows: the Respondent will initially work 25% of a full-time schedule, followed by 2 months of working 50% of a full-time schedule with a return to work full time in the fifth month of employment.

#### Execution of this Consent Order

The Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Consent Order, with all exhibits and attachments within ten (10) days by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery to the following designated entities: any in- or out-of-state hospital, nursing home, clinic, other licensed facility, or municipal, state, or federal facility at which s/he practices medicine; any in- or out-of-state health maintenance organization with whom the Respondent has privileges or any other kind of association; any state agency, in- or out-of-state, with which the Respondent has a provider contract; any in- or out-of-state medical employer, whether or not the Respondent practices medicine there; the state licensing boards of all states in which the Respondent has any kind of license to practice medicine; the Drug Enforcement Administration Boston Diversion Group; and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Drug Control Program. The Respondent shall also provide this notification to any such designated entities with which the Respondent becomes associated for the duration of this suspension and probation.

The Respondent is further directed to certify to the Board within ten (10) days that the Respondent has complied with this directive.

The Board expressly reserves the authority to independently notify, at any time, any of the entities designated above, or any other affected entity, of any action it has taken.

<u>Signed by Jeremiah O'Regan, M.D.</u> Jeremiah O'Regan, M.D. Licensee	<u>12/21/11</u> Date
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<u>Signed by Robert W. Stewart</u> Robert Stewart, Esq. Attorney for the Licensee	<u>12/27/11</u> Date
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<u>Signed by James Paikos</u> James Paikos, Esq. Complaint Counsel	<u>12/29/11</u> Date
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So ORDERED by the Board of Registration in Medicine this 18th day of January, 2012.

Signed by Peter Paige  
Peter Paige, M.D.  
Chairman