

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2023-032

In the Matter of

Steven A. Gillespie, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 10, Steven A. Gillespie, 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 C.M.R. 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 number 22-521.

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine in 1988. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under license number 71905 since November 15, 1989.
2. Respondent is the Medical Director of the Senior Adult Unit ("SAU") at Addison Gilbert Hospital ("AGH").

Prescriptions

3. Ritalin and Concerta, both stimulants, are brand names for the drug methylphenidate, a Schedule II substance under the Controlled Substances Act.
4. Schedule II drugs have a high potential for abuse.
5. Respondent and Physician A had a pre-existing patient-physician relationship, dating back to at least 2010.
6. In 2012, Physician A began prescribing [REDACTED] to Respondent.
7. Physician A closed his practice in 2018 and Respondent became a patient of another physician at Cape Ann Medical Center.
8. Sometime in or around 2019, Physician A began doing consults for the SAU at AGH. Sometime in or around 2020, Physician A also began working at Cape Ann Medical Center on a part-time basis.
9. Around that time, Physician A agreed to provide Respondent with written prescriptions for [REDACTED].
10. On various dates between [REDACTED], 2021 and [REDACTED], 2022, Physician A signed partially completed written prescriptions from an AGH prescription pad and gave them to Respondent who completed, or caused to be completed, the missing information such as Patient's name, Date of Birth, Prescription Date, Medication Strength, Pill Quantity, and/or Medication Route and Frequency.
11. Using the partially completed written prescriptions in his name, Respondent acquired large quantities of [REDACTED] for himself.
12. Between [REDACTED], 2020 and [REDACTED], 2022, Respondent filled, or caused to be filled, partially completed written prescriptions from Physician A for approximately 3,892 [REDACTED] pills.

Interview Subpoena

13. On June 13, 2023, Respondent's counsel was served a subpoena issued by the Board for Respondent to appear for an interview to be held on June 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. with members of the Board's Enforcement Division.

14. On June 26, 2023, Respondent's counsel informed Enforcement Division staff that, upon advice of counsel, Respondent would not appear for the interview.

15. At no time did the Board withdraw the subpoena, excuse Respondent's absence, or reschedule the interview.

Conclusions of Law

A. In violation of 243 C.M.R. 1.03(5)(a)(10), Respondent has engaged in conduct which has the capacity to deceive or defraud.

B. In violation of 243 C.M.R. 1.03(5)(a)(11), Respondent has violated any rule or regulation of the Board. More specifically, Respondent violated 243 C.M.R. 2.07(19) by prescribing controlled substances in Schedule II for his own use.

C. In violation of 243 C.M.R. 1.03(5)(a)(16), Respondent has failed to respond to a subpoena or to furnish the Board, its investigators or representatives, documents, information or testimony.

D. Respondent engaged in conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession. *See Raymond v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 387 Mass. 708 (1982); *Levy v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 378 Mass. 519 (1979).

Order

The Respondent's medical license is hereby suspended, indefinitely. Said suspension shall be stayed immediately upon Respondent's entry into a five-year Probationary Agreement

with standard substance abuse terms and conditions. This sanction is imposed for each violation of law listed in the Conclusions section and not a combination of any or all of them.

Execution of this Consent Order

Complaint Counsel and the Respondent agree that the approval of this Consent Order is left to the discretion of the Board. The signature of Complaint Counsel the Respondent and the Respondent's counsel are expressly conditioned on the Board accepting this Consent Order. If the Board rejects this Consent Order, in whole or in part, then the entire document shall be null and void; thereafter, neither of the parties nor anyone else may rely on these stipulations in this proceeding.


As to any matter in this Consent Order left to the discretion of the Board, neither the Respondent, nor anyone acting on his behalf, has received any promises or representations regarding the same.

The Respondent waives any right of appeal that he may have resulting from the Board's acceptance of this Consent Order.

The Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Consent Order 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 the Respondent 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 during the pendency of his suspension and any subsequent probation agreement. 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.



Steven A. Gillespie, M.D.
Licensee

09.02.2025
Date



Heidi Oh, Esq.
Counsel for Licensee

9-2-2025
Date



Erik R. Bennett, Esq.
Complaint Counsel

9-8-2025
Date

So ORDERED by the Board of Registration in Medicine this 16th day of September, 2025.



Booker T. Bush, M.D.
Board Chair