

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2025-021

In the Matter of

ROBERT J. GRANT M. D.

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 10, Robert J. Grant, 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. 23-557.

Findings of Fact

1. The Respondent graduated from Tufts School of Medicine in 1993. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under license number 290509 since 2021. He is certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties in Emergency Medicine. He is currently affiliated with Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Needham, Inc. (BIDH-Needham) and Northeastern Vermont Regional Medical Center. He also works as the Medical Director for an ambulance company in Vermont.

2. On August 25, 2023, the Board received a complaint that Dr. Grant breached a patient’s confidentiality by revealing the name of a patient, a well-known professional athlete, and

the fact that he treated the individual in the emergency department during his overnight shift, to his then domestic partner. Other than the patient's name and the fact that he had "taken care of" the patient, Dr. Grant did not share any protected health information about the patient with the complainant including any information about the medical condition or complaint that led the patient to seek treatment in the emergency department or the nature of any medical care or treatment rendered to the patient.

3. The complaint also asserts that Dr. Grant previously shared photographs of two other patients that Dr. Grant treated throughout the years, though he had not shared their names.

- a. One was a photograph of Dr. Grant using a stethoscope to listen to a pediatric patient's chest which was sent to Dr. Grant by the mother of the pediatric patient in appreciation of Dr. Grant's kindness in treating the child. Although the photograph was taken by the mother of the patient and sent to Dr. Grant, the mother did not give express, written permission for Dr. Grant to share the photo with others.
- b. The other was a photograph of stitches or sutures on a patient's head, but there are no identifiable facial features in the image or any other writings or markings on the photograph that would allow a third party to identify the patient.

4. In mitigation, Dr. Grant was open, and forthcoming during the investigation. He answered questions thoroughly and without hesitation even when the responses were not necessarily favorable to him, and he provided information which could not be obtained from other sources. In the course of the Board's investigation Dr. Grant also shared information that was intimate and personal in order to give context to the relationship with the complainant. The complainant is a **G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)** and filed complaints with both the Board and his place of employment. Since these events, Dr. Grant has engaged in a

Continuing Medical Education Course on patient privacy and HIPAA Compliance offered by the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Conclusions of Law

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

Sanction and Order

The Respondent's license is hereby REPRIMANDED.

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 and the Respondent 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.

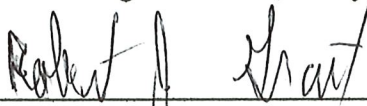
As to any matter in this Consent Order left to the discretion of the Board, neither the Respondent, nor anyone acting on his behalf, has received any promises or representations regarding the same.

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. If the Respondent chooses to utilize electronic mail to notify any of the aforementioned designated entities, the Respondent shall obtain written confirmation of their receipt of a complete copy of this Consent Order from those designated entities. The Respondent shall also provide this notification to any such designated entities with which the Respondent becomes associated in the year following the date of imposition of this reprimand. 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.



Robert J. Grant
Licensee

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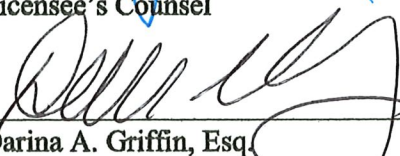
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Richard J. Riley
Licensee's Counsel

3-25-25

Date



Darina A. Griffin, Esq.
Complaint Counsel

3/27/25

Date

So ORDERED by the Board of Registration in Medicine this 9th day of May,
2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Booker T. Bush', written over a horizontal line.

Booker T. Bush, M.D.
Board Chair