COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

In the Matter of Harita Patel

PHA-2012-0226

Pharmacist Registration No. PH26555 Expiration Date: December 31, 2008

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR REPRIMAND

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy (Board) and Harita Patel (Registrant), a pharmacist licensed by the Board, Registration No. PH26555, do hereby stipulate and agree that the following information shall be entered into and become a permanent part of the Registrant's record maintained by the Board:

- 1. The Registrant acknowledges that a complaint has been filed with the Board against her Massachusetts Pharmacist registration (registration¹) related to the conduct set forth in paragraph 2, identified as Docket No. PHA-2012-0226 (the Complaint).
- 2. The Registrant admits that on February 7, 2012, she accepted and consented to a Consent Order of Discipline issued by the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy. She further admits that the North Carolina Consent Order was based on the Respondent having improperly prepared a prescription of Morphine for an acutely ill patient such that the dosage was ten times the prescribed amount and in excess of normal therapeutic dosages, and that the patient subsequently died. The Registrant acknowledges that the foregoing facts warrant disciplinary action by the Board under Mass. General Laws., ch. 42A and 61, and under 247 CMR 10.03(1)(a), (k), (t), (u) and (v).
- 3. The Registrant agrees that the Board shall impose a REPRIMAND on her registration based on the facts admitted in Paragraph 2, effective as of the date on which the Board signs this Agreement (Effective Date).
- 4. The Board agrees that in return for the Registrant's execution and successful compliance with all the requirements of this Agreement, the Board will not prosecute the Complaint.
- 5. The Registrant understands that she has a right to formal adjudicatory hearing concerning the Complaint and that during said adjudication she would possess the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, to call witnesses, to present evidence, to testify on her own behalf, to contest the allegations, to present oral argument, to appeal to the courts, and all other rights as set forth in the Massachusetts Administrative Procedures Act, G. L. c. 30A, and the Standard Adjudicatory Rules of Practice and Procedure, 801 CMR 1.01 et seq. The Registrant further understands that by executing this Agreement she is knowingly and voluntarily waiving her right to a formal adjudication of the Complaint.

¹ The term "registration" applies to both a current registration and the right to renew an expired registration.

- 6. The Registrant acknowledges that she has been at all times free to seek and use legal counsel in connection with the Complaint and this Agreement.
- 7. The Registrant acknowledges that after the Effective Date, the Agreement constitutes a public record of disciplinary action by the Board subject to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Public Records Law, G.L. ch. 4, §7. The Board may forward a copy of this Agreement to other licensing boards, law enforcement entities, and other individuals or entities as required or permitted by law.
- 8. The Registrant certifies that she has read this Agreement. The Registrant understands and agrees that entering into this Agreement is a voluntary and final act and not subject to reconsideration, appeal or judicial review.

Witness (sign and date)	Harita Patel (sign and date)
February 7, 2014	Dar Sen Paul
Effective Date of Reprimand Agreement	David Sencabaugh Executive Director Board of Registration in Pharmacy
Fully Signed Agreement Sent to Registrant on	February 7, 8019 by Certified Mail