

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No.2021-043

In the Matter of)
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RONALD ABRAMSON, 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 RONALD ABRAMSON, M.D. (Respondent) has practiced medicine in violation of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practice as set forth herein. The investigative docket number associated with this order to show cause is Docket No. 17-403.

Biographical Information

1. The Respondent is a 1967 graduate of the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in psychiatry. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 30745 since 1967. He has a solo practice in Wayland, Massachusetts.

Factual Allegations

2. The Massachusetts Prescription Awareness Tool (MassPAT) is an online database that lists all Schedule II to V prescriptions as well as gabapentin prescriptions filled by patients at pharmacies.

3. Beginning in October 2016, physicians were mandated to check MassPAT prior to prescribing narcotics listed in Schedules II and III.

4. Beginning in June 2019, physicians were mandated to check MassPAT prior to prescribing benzodiazepines.

5. A review of the Respondent's MassPAT inquiries from March 2018 to November 2020 shows that the Respondent failed to check MassPAT prior to prescribing Schedule II and Schedule III narcotics to the following patients:

a. Patient A.

b. Patient B.

6. A review of the Respondent's MassPAT inquiries from June 13, 2019 to November 2020 shows that the Respondent failed to check MassPAT prior prescribing benzodiazepines to the following patients:

c. Patient C.

d. Patient D.

7. All four patients were or have been Respondent's long-term psychotherapy patients.

8. There is currently no evidence that the four patients were inappropriately obtaining controlled substances from more than one provider.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §5, eighth par. (b), and 243 C.M.R. 1.03(5)(a)11, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board that said physician has committed an offense against any provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth relating to the practice of medicine, or any rule or regulation adopted thereunder, to wit:

1. 105 CMR 700.00 as it pertains to mandatory review of the MassPAT system for the issuance of certain prescriptions.

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.

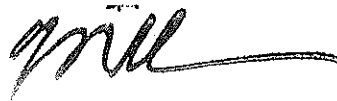
Nature of Relief Sought

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,



Julian Robinson, M.D.
Board Chair

Date: November 4, 2021