

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2024-013

In the Matter of

ALAN G. CORMAN, M.D.

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 Alan G. Corman, 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. 22-525.

Biographical Information

1. The Respondent is a 1965 graduate of Albert Einstein College of Medicine Yeshiva University and is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry. He has practiced medicine in Massachusetts since 1969 under certificate number 31483. He has a private practice in Arlington where he cares for approximately 75 patients.

Factual Allegations

2. The Respondent has treated Patient A since 1992.

3. After a *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)* procedure in 2001 as well a subsequent *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)* surgery failed to alleviate her intractable pain, Patient A received *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)* for pain from her surgeon.

4. Thereafter, Patient A received *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)* from two different PCPs for a total of approximately 16 years.

5. When Patient A's care was transferred to a new PCP, the new provider changed her medication regimen. Patient A was not satisfied with the new regimen, and she complained to the Respondent of severe pain and *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)*.

6. In May 2021, the Respondent consulted Patient A's PCP and agreed to take over *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)* medication care for Patient A.

7. From May 2021 to November 2022, the Respondent prescribed *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)*, a *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)*, to Patient A. The Respondent also issued prescriptions for *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)*, a *G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)*, to her.

8. The Massachusetts Prescription Awareness Tool (MassPAT) is an online database that lists all Schedule II to V as well as gabapentin prescriptions filled by patients at pharmacies. On December 5, 2014, physicians were required to check MassPAT prior to prescribing opioids listed in Schedules II and III. On October 15, 2016, physicians were required to check MassPAT when prescribing a benzodiazepine or DPH-designated Schedule IV-VI drug for the first time.

9. In or about 2020, the Respondent stopped checking MassPAT when he began prescribing medications electronically using a prescription management program which provided information similar to MassPAT.

10. From May 2021 to November 2022, the Respondent failed to check MassPAT prior to issuing ^{G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)} prescriptions to Patient A.

11. On or after May 2021, the Respondent failed to check MassPAT prior to prescribing a ^{G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)} or DPH-designated Schedule IV-VI drug for the first time to Patient A.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §5, eighth par. (b) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)2, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician committed an offense against a provision of the laws of the Commonwealth relating to the practice of medicine, or a rule or regulation adopted thereunder. More specifically:

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,



Booker T. Bush, M.D.
Board Chair

Date: 3/28/2024