

AGENDA
CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 1:30 PM

Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

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- B. DPH Updates

III. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLAINE

- A. Desiree A. Clarke, MD – Partition No. 2020-292
Presentation of Consent Order – Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH
- B. Helen Ede, M.D. - Petition No. 2020-103
Presentation of Consent Order – Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
- C. Adarsh A. Jha, M.D. Petition No. 2019-1332
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**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
CONSENT ORDER COVER SHEET**

In re: Desiree A. Clarke, M.D.

Petition No. 2020-292

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Medical School: New York University School of Medicine, NYC
Year of Graduation: 1994

Residency: SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn

1994	-	1998	<i>Clinical Assistant Instructor</i>	SUNY/ HSC Brooklyn Affiliated Hospitals
07/01/1998	-	07/01/2010	<i>Associate Attending Physician</i>	St. Luke's / Roosevelt Hospital
07/01/2010	-	03/01/2020	<i>Physician/Phlebologist</i>	Vein clinics of America
09/01/2021	-	Present	<i>Physician</i>	United Vein and Vascular Centers

Current employment: United Vein and Vascular Centers
Connecticut License: 049003 Issued: July 20, 2010
Type of Practice: Venous and lymphatic medicine
Board Certification: Venous and lymphatic medicine
Malpractice History: None
History with DPH: None

Investigation for Petition 2020-292 commenced: March 3, 2020

THIS CONSENT ORDER CONTAINS:

- Civil Penalty of \$7,500
- Reprimand
- 1 year probation that provides for a practice monitor and will terminate early if license lapses, is revoked, or is surrendered.
- Tolling language

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY OF THE CASE:

- This petition originated with a complaint from a patient. (Patient #1)
- At various times from in or about July 2018 to in or about March 2019, respondent provided care to Patient #1, a then 78-year old female with multiple mental and physical impairments.
- During the course of treatment, respondent made examinations, took duplex ultrasound images, and performed radiofrequency, laser, and chemical ablation
- Respondent's care for Patient #1 failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. She misclassified the severity of Patient#1's venous disease;
 - b. She relied upon a single measurement to initially assess insufficiency of the left posterior and/or right anterior accessory great saphenous vein;
 - c. She created a treatment plan that did not reflect the severity of Patient #1's disease
 - d. She performed an excessive amount of thermal and/or chemical ablations;
 - e. She failed to adequately document the size and/or visual location of the chemically ablated veins;
 - f. She failed to sufficiently employ objective assessment tools for the longitudinal surveillance of Patient #1's symptomatic response to treatment; and/or
 - g. She failed to adjust the initial treatment plan despite a worsening of Patient #1's symptoms

WILL THIS RESULT IN A REPORT TO THE N.P.D.B.?

- Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

- Consent Order
- Investigative report

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH**

In re: Desiree A. Clarke, M.D.

Petition No. 2020-292

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Desiree A. Clarke of West Palm Beach, Florida (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 049003 to practice as a physician and surgeon by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, Department alleges that:

1. At various times from in or about July 2018 to in or about March 2019, respondent provided care to Patient #1, a then 78-year old female with multiple mental and physical impairments. During the course of treatment, respondent made examinations, took duplex ultrasound images, and performed radiofrequency, laser, and chemical ablation.
2. Respondent's care for Patient #1 failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. She misclassified the severity of Patient#1's venous disease;
 - b. She relied upon a single measurement to initially assess insufficiency of the left posterior and/or right anterior accessory great saphenous vein;
 - c. She created a treatment plan that did not reflect the severity of Patient #1's disease
 - d. She performed an excessive amount of thermal and/or chemical ablations;
 - e. She failed to adequately document the size and/or visual location of the chemically ablated veins;

- f. She failed to sufficiently employ objective assessment tools for the longitudinal surveillance of Patient #1's symptomatic response to treatment; and/or
 - g. She failed to adjust the initial treatment plan despite a worsening of Patient #1's symptoms.
3. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-13c(4)

WHEREAS, respondent admits that her documentation was insufficient to document the bases for her clinical judgment and treatment plan.

WHEREAS, respondent has completed coursework in venous evaluation for venous insufficiency, intermediate venous ultrasound, advanced venous ultrasound, and vascular sonography.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (hereinafter "the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives respondent's right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall

reference the Petition Number on the face of the check and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.

3. Respondent's license number 049003 to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded for respondent's admission that her documentation was insufficient to document the bases for her clinical judgment and treatment plan.
4. Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for a period of one year under the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Probation will terminate if license number 049003 lapses, is revoked, or is surrendered.
 - b. Respondent shall obtain at respondent's own expense, the services of a physician and surgeon, pre-approved by the Department (hereinafter "supervisor"), to conduct a quarterly random review of twenty percent (20%) or twenty (20) of respondent's patient records, whichever is the larger number. In the event respondent has twenty (20) or fewer patients, the supervisor shall review all of respondent's patient records.
 - (1) Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to respondent's practice supervisor. Respondent's supervisor shall furnish written confirmation to the Department of the supervisor's engagement in that capacity and receipt of a copy of this Consent Order within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this Consent Order.
 - (2) Respondent's supervisor shall conduct such review and meet with respondent not less than once every three months for the probationary period.
 - (3) The supervisor shall have the right to monitor respondent's practice by any other reasonable means which the supervisor deems appropriate. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the supervisor in providing such monitoring.

(4) Respondent shall be responsible for providing written supervisor reports directly to the Department once every three months for the probationary period. Such supervisor's reports shall include documentation of dates and duration of meetings with respondent, number and a general description of the patient records and patient medication orders and prescriptions reviewed, additional monitoring techniques utilized, and statement as to whether respondent is practicing with reasonable skill and safety. A supervisor report indicating that respondent is not practicing with reasonable skill and safety shall be deemed to be a violation of this Consent Order.

5. All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:

Attn: Compliance Officer
Practitioner Compliance and Monitoring Unit
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

6. All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.

7. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to respondent's licensure.

8. Respondent shall pay all of her costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.

9. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:

a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.

- b. Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
 - c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 9a above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that respondent has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that respondent has cured the violation in question.
 - d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation within the fifteen (15) days specified in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, respondent shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.
 - e. Evidence presented to the Board by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.
10. In the event respondent does not practice as a physician and surgeon for periods of thirty (30) consecutive days or longer, respondent shall notify the Department in writing. Such periods of times shall not be counted in reducing the probationary period covered by this Consent Order and such terms shall be held in abeyance. During such time period, respondent shall not be responsible for complying with the terms of probation of this Consent Order. In the event respondent resumes the practice as a physician and surgeon, respondent shall provide the Department with thirty (30) days prior written notice. Respondent shall not return to the practice as a physician and surgeon without written pre-approval from the Department. Respondent agrees that the Department, in its complete discretion, may require additional documentation from respondent and/or require respondent to satisfy other conditions or terms as a condition precedent to respondent's return to practice. Respondent agrees that any return to the practice as a physician and

surgeon without pre-approval from the Department shall constitute a violation of this Consent Order and may subject the respondent to further disciplinary action.

11. If, during the period of probation, respondent practices as a physician and surgeon outside Connecticut, respondent shall provide written notice to the Department concerning such practice. During such time period, respondent shall not be responsible for complying with the terms of probation of this Consent Order, and such time period shall not be counted in reducing the probationary period covered by this Consent Order. Respondent may comply with the terms of probation while practicing outside Connecticut if pre-approved by the Department. In the event respondent intends to return to the practice as a physician and surgeon in Connecticut, respondent shall provide the Department with thirty (30) days prior written notice and agrees to comply with all terms and conditions contained in paragraph 4 above.
12. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license before the Board.
13. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch of the Department.
14. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.
15. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document and the above admitted violations shall be deemed true in any proceeding before the Board in which respondent's compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health

and Human Services, and that all disciplinary actions will appear on respondent's physician profile pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 20-13j.

16. In the event respondent violates a term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a physician and surgeon, upon request by the Department, with notice to the Board, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation, and to submit to and complete a medical, psychiatric or psychological evaluation, if requested to do so by the Department; and, that the results of the evaluation shall be submitted directly to the Department. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45 day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall be considered by the Board and shall, as a matter of law, constitute a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c). The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether a summary suspension is ordered.
17. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards and respondent waives any right to seek reconsideration or modification of this Consent Order pursuant to §4-181a of the General Statutes of Connecticut without the express consent and agreement of the Department. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the

execution of this document. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

18. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
19. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted. Respondent hereby waives any claim of error that could be raised that is related to or arises during the course of the Board's discussions regarding whether to approve or reject this Consent Order and/or a Board member's participation during this process, through the Board member's review or comments, including but not limited to bias or reliance on evidence outside the administrative record if this matter proceeds to a hearing on a statement of charges resulting in a proposed decision by the Board and/or a panel of the Board and a final decision by the Board.
20. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
21. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the State's Attorney's Office where the allegation occurred or Bureau Chief of the applicable unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only, and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.

22. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

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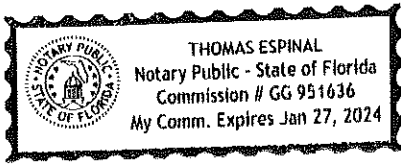
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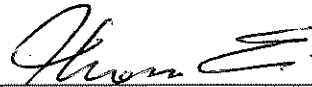
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I, Desiree A. Clarke, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.


Desiree A. Clarke, M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of November 2022.




Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 3rd day of January 202~~2~~ it is hereby accepted.

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Christian D. Andresen, MPH, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the Connecticut Medical Examining Board on the _____ day of _____ 2022, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Connecticut Medical Examining Board

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
CONSENT ORDER COVER SHEET**

Respondent: Helen Ede, M.D.

Petition No. 2020-103

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada

Year of Graduation: 2001

06/25/2001-06/25/2004	Family Medicine	<i>Resident</i>	Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, CT
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Current employment: PACT Primary Care

License: 042191 Issued: 3/4/2004

Type of Practice: Internal Medicine

Board Certification: American Board of Family Medicine

Malpractice History: None

Past History with DPH: None

Investigation Commenced: 1/27/2020

THIS CONSENT ORDER DISCIPLINE:

- Reprimand
- \$5,000 Civil Penalty
- One-year probationary period to include course work in documentation and a practice supervisor to conduct a monthly written review of respondent's patient records for whom respondent prescribes controlled substances.

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY OF THE CASE:

The Department's Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section opened this petition after receiving a complaint from the spouse of one of respondent's patients.

From approximately August 2014 until on or about March 17, 2020, respondent provided treatment to patient #1 that failed to meet the standard of care in that respondent, without limitation: failed to appropriately assess, manage, and/or treat chronic pain, anxiety or addiction issues; failed to regularly review patient #1's records in the electronic prescription drug monitoring program; inappropriately prescribed and/or continued to prescribe controlled substances; failed to explore alternative pain management therapies; and/or failed to maintain adequate medical records.

Respondent has completed coursework in prescribing controlled substances.

WILL THIS RESULT IN A REPORT TO THE N.P.D.B. BANK? Yes

Respondent has not signed a Consent Order Review Agreement to permit the Connecticut Medical Examining Board to review the Investigative Report.

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH**

In re: Helen Ede, M.D.

Petition No. 2020-103

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Helen Ede of Madison, CT (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 042191 to practice as a physician and surgeon by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges:

1. From approximately August 2014 until on or about March 17, 2020, respondent provided treatment to patient #1 that failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that respondent:
 - a. failed to appropriately assess, manage, and/or treat chronic pain, anxiety and/or addiction issues;
 - b. failed to regularly or appropriately access and/or utilize Connecticut's electronic prescription records for controlled substances dispensed by pharmacies, prior to prescribing controlled substances;
 - c. failed to maintain appropriate documentation for the prescription of controlled substance(s);
 - d. inappropriately prescribed and/or continued to prescribe controlled substance(s);
 - e. failed to appropriately explore alternative pain management therapies and/or non-addictive medical interventions to decrease anxiety;
 - f. failed to appropriately taper and/or attempt tapering of doses for controlled substance(s); and/or
 - g. failed to maintain adequate treatment records.

2. The above-described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-13c including, but not limited to §20-13c(4):

WHEREAS, respondent has successfully completed coursework in prescribing controlled substances.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (hereinafter "the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number 042191 to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
4. Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for a period of one (1) year under the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Within the first six (6) months of the probationary period, respondent shall attend and successfully complete a course in documentation standards, pre-approved by the

Department. Within fifteen (15) days of the completion of such coursework, respondent shall provide the Department with proof, to the Department's satisfaction, of the successful completion of such coursework.

- b. Respondent shall obtain at her own expense, the services of a Connecticut licensed physician, board certified in family or internal medicine and pre-approved by the Department (hereinafter "supervisor"), to conduct a random review of twenty percent (20%) or twenty (20) of respondent's current patient records to whom respondent prescribes controlled substances, whichever is the larger number. In the event respondent has twenty (20) or fewer patients, the supervisor shall review all of respondent's patient records.
 - 1) Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to her supervisor. Respondent's supervisor shall furnish written confirmation to the Department of his or her engagement in that capacity and receipt of a copy of this Consent Order within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this Consent Order.
 - 2) Respondent's supervisor shall conduct such review and meet with her not less than once every month for the duration of the probationary period.
 - 3) The supervisor shall have the right to monitor respondent's practice by any other reasonable means which he or she deems appropriate. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the supervisor in providing such monitoring.
 - 4) Respondent shall be responsible for providing written supervisor reports directly to the Department quarterly for the duration of the probationary period. Such supervisor's reports shall include documentation of dates and duration of meetings with respondent, number and a general description of the

patient records and patient medication orders and prescriptions reviewed, additional monitoring techniques utilized, and a statement as to whether respondent is practicing with reasonable skill and safety. A supervisor report indicating that respondent is not practicing with reasonable skill and safety shall be deemed to be a violation of this Consent Order.

5. All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:

Lavita Sookram, R.N., Nurse Consultant
Practitioner Compliance and Monitoring Unit
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

6. All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.
7. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to her licensure.
8. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
9. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:
- a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
 - b. Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
 - c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 9a above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the

Department that she has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that she has cured the violation in question.

- d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation within the fifteen (15) days specified in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, she shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.
 - e. Evidence presented to the Board by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.
10. In the event respondent does not practice medicine for periods of thirty (30) consecutive days or longer, respondent shall notify the Department in writing. Such periods of times shall not be counted in reducing the probationary period covered by this Consent Order and such terms shall be held in abeyance. During such time period, respondent shall not be responsible for complying with the terms of probation of this Consent Order. In the event respondent resumes the practice of medicine, respondent shall provide the Department with thirty (30) days prior written notice. Respondent shall not return to the practice of medicine without written pre-approval from the Department. Respondent agrees that the Department, in its complete discretion, may require additional documentation from respondent and/or require respondent to satisfy other conditions or terms as a condition precedent to respondent's return to practice. Respondent agrees that any return to the practice of medicine without pre-approval from the Department shall constitute a violation of this Consent Order and may subject the respondent to further disciplinary action.

11. If, during the period of probation, respondent practices medicine outside Connecticut, she shall provide written notice to the Department concerning such practice. During such time period, respondent shall not be responsible for complying with the terms of probation of this Consent Order, and such time period shall not be counted in reducing the probationary period covered by this Consent Order. Respondent may comply with the terms of probation while practicing outside Connecticut if pre-approved by the Department. In the event respondent intends to return to the practice of medicine in Connecticut, respondent shall provide the Department with thirty (30) days prior written notice and agrees to comply with all terms and conditions contained in this Consent Order.
12. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of her license before the Board.
13. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch of the Department.
14. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.
15. Respondent understands that this Consent Order is a public document. Respondent understands and agrees that the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Board in which her compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank

maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and that all disciplinary actions will appear on her physician profile pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §20-13j.

16. In the event respondent violates a term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing medicine, upon request by the Department, with notice to the Board, for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation, and to submit to and complete a medical, psychiatric or psychological evaluation, if requested to do so by the Department; and, that the results of the evaluation shall be submitted directly to the Department. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said forty-five (45) day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall be considered by the Board and shall, as a matter of law, constitute a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§4-182(c) and 19a-17(c). The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether a summary suspension is ordered.
17. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from taking action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
18. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms

contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards and respondent waives any right to seek reconsideration or modification of this Consent Order pursuant to §4-181a of the General Statutes of Connecticut without the express consent and agreement of the Department. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this document. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

19. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
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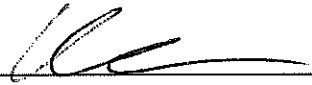
21. Respondent understands and agrees that she is responsible for satisfying all of the terms of this Consent Order during vacations and other periods in which she is away from her residence.
22. Respondent has consulted with her attorney prior to signing this document.
23. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the State's Attorney's Office where the allegation occurred or Bureau Chief of the applicable unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
24. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

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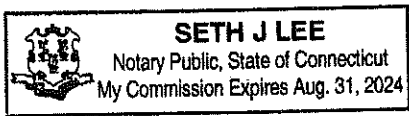
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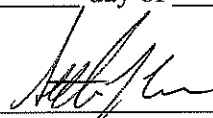
I, Helen Ede, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.



Helen Ede, M.D.

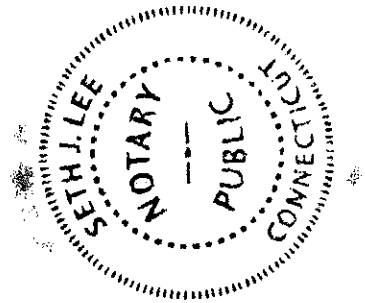
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of December, 2022.





Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the
Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 4th day of
January 2023 ~~2022~~ is hereby accepted.



Christian Andresen

Christian D. Andresen, MPH, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the Connecticut Medical Examining Board
on the _____ day of _____ 2022, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Connecticut Medical Examining Board

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
CONSENT ORDER COVER SHEET**

Respondent: Adarsh A. Jha, M.D.

Petition No. 2019-1332

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Medical School: Darbhanga Medical College, Bihar University

Year of Graduation: 1999

07/2004-07/2007

Internal
Medicine

Resident

Texas Tech University Health
Sciences Center, Odessa, TX

Current employment: Prime Health Care, P.C.

License: 044978

Issued: 12/14/2006

Type of Practice: Internal Medicine; Subspecialty: Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism

Board Certification: American Board of Internal Medicine

Malpractice History: None

Past History with DPH: None

Investigation Commenced: 11/25/2019

THIS CONSENT ORDER DISCIPLINE:

- \$5,000 Civil Penalty
- Permanent Restriction – respondent is permanently required to have a female employee present (“chaperone”) during any examination of a female patient. For each such examination, respondent shall maintain as part of the patient’s medical record the name of the chaperone. Respondent shall permit the Department to conduct random, unannounced reviews of female patient records, as well as patient logs of appointments, to ensure compliance with the permanent restriction on his license.

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY OF THE CASE:

The Department’s Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section opened this petition after receiving a complaint from a former patient.

At all relevant times, respondent practiced endocrinology at Prime HealthCare P.C. in East Hartford, Connecticut where patient #1 came under his care for endocrinology issues. On or about November 18, 2019, respondent’s care or treatment for patient #1 failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that respondent performed a breast examination of patient #1 that was inappropriate and/or medically unnecessary and which examination he did not include in patient #1’s medical records.

Respondent has completed coursework in medical chaperone training and in avoiding ethical boundary violations.

WILL THIS RESULT IN A REPORT TO THE N.P.D.B. BANK? Yes

Respondent has not signed a Consent Order Review Agreement to permit the Connecticut Medical Examining Board to review the Investigative Report.

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH**

In re: Adarsh A. Jha, M.D.

Petition No. 2019-1332

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Adarsh A. Jha, M.D. of South Windsor, Connecticut ("respondent") has been issued license number 044978 to practice as a physician and surgeon by the Department of Public Health ("the Department") pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges , and respondent denies, that:

1. At all relevant times, respondent practiced endocrinology at Prime HealthCare P.C. in East Hartford, Connecticut where patient #1 came under his care for endocrinology issues.
2. On or about November 18, 2019, respondent's care or treatment for patient #1 failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that respondent performed a breast examination of patient #1 that was inappropriate and/or medically unnecessary and which examination he did not include in patient #1's medical records.
3. The above-described facts, if proven, constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-13c, including, but not limited to §20-13c(4).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board

("the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

WHEREAS, respondent has successfully completed coursework in medical chaperone training and in avoiding ethical boundary violations.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
3. Respondent's license 044978 to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of Connecticut is hereby restricted in that respondent is permanently required to have a female employee present ("chaperone") during any examination of a female patient. For each such examination, respondent shall maintain as part of the patient's medical record the name of the chaperone. Respondent shall permit the Department to conduct random, unannounced reviews of female patient records, as well as patient logs of appointments, to ensure compliance with the permanent restriction on his license.
4. All correspondence is to be addressed to:

Practitioner Compliance and Monitoring Unit
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

5. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to respondent's licensure.
6. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
7. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:
 - a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
 - b. Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
 - c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 7a above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that respondent has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that respondent has cured the violation in question.
 - d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation within the fifteen (15) days specified in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, respondent shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.
 - e. Evidence presented to the Board by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.
8. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license before the Board.

9. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch of the Department.
10. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.
11. Respondent understands that this Consent Order is a public document.
12. Respondent understands and agrees that the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Board in which respondent's compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and that all disciplinary actions will appear on respondent's physician profile pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §20-13j.
13. In the event respondent violates a term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a physician and surgeon, upon request by the Department, for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said forty-five (45) day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall be considered by the Board and shall, as a matter of law, constitute a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, §§4-182(c) and 19a-17(c). The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether a summary suspension is ordered.

14. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from acting at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
15. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards and respondent waives any right to seek reconsideration or modification of this Consent Order pursuant to §4-181a of the General Statutes of Connecticut without the express consent and agreement of the Department. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this document. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
16. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
17. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted. Respondent hereby waives any claim of error that could be raised that is related to or arises during the course of the Board's discussions regarding whether to approve or reject this Consent Order and/or a Board member's participation during this process, through the Board member's review or comments, including but not limited to

bias or reliance on evidence outside the administrative record if this matter proceeds to a hearing on a statement of charges resulting in a proposed decision by the Board and/or a panel of the Board and a final decision by the Board.

18. Respondent has consulted with his attorney prior to signing this Consent Order.
19. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the State's Attorney's Office where the allegation occurred or Bureau Chief of the applicable unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
21. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

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I, Adarsh A. Jha, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Adarsh A. Jha

Adarsh A. Jha, M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November 2022.

MICHELLE E. RENO
Notary Public, State of Connecticut
My Commission Expires Aug. 31, 2026

Michelle Reno

Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the
Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 3rd day of
January 202~~2~~, it is hereby accepted.

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Christian D. Andresen

Christian D. Andresen, MPH, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the Connecticut Medical Examining Board
on the _____ day of _____ 2022, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Connecticut Medical Examining Board