VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: ALAN EDWARDS, M.D.
License No.: 0101-026338

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and Alan Edwards, M.D., as evidenced by their signatures affixed below, agree to enter into this Consent Order affecting the license of Dr. Edwards to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board adopts the following findings and conclusions in this matter:

1. Dr. Edwards was issued license number 0101-026338 by the Board to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia on December 6, 1975. Said license is currently active and will expire on April 30, 2016, unless renewed or otherwise restricted.

2. Dr. Edwards violated Section 54.1-2915.A(3) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code") in his care and treatment of Patient A, a 57-year-old female, to whom he provided primary care treatment. Specifically:

   a. Dr. Edwards did not immediately advise Patient A to report to the emergency room when her blood work from June 30, 2015 showed that her hemoglobin was low at 4.6gm/dl. According to Dr. Edwards, his office telephoned Patient A several times regarding her low hemoglobin levels; however, when Patient A did not answer her phone, Dr. Edwards's nurse left a message for her, and Dr. Edwards called in a prescription for iron supplements. Dr. Edwards stated in a follow-up conversation with Patient A, and her husband, she informed him that she had been staying at a hotel and did not receive the messages from his office.
b. On the morning of July 7, 2015, Patient A replied to the previously left messages from Dr. Edwards’s office. Patient A came to the office later that afternoon and Dr. Edwards evaluated her and found her hemodynamically stable. Dr. Edwards sent Patient A to the lab next door to his office to for a type and cross match in order to prepare for a transfusion. The lab report indicated that Patient A’s hemoglobin was critically low at 2.9gm/dl. Upon receiving the results, Dr. Edwards immediately contacted the lab, but was not able to reach the technician. Patient A was advised by lab personnel to report to the emergency department. Patient A was admitted to the hospital for immediate treatment and discharged on July 9, 2015.

c. Dr. Edwards did not immediately refer Patient A to a gastroenterologist despite evidence of significant anemia combined with her history of gastroesophageal reflux disease (“GERD”) and dysphagia.

3. Dr. Edwards stated that should a similar situation arise in the future wherein a patient that is experiencing a medical emergency cannot be reached via telephone, he will contact the Sheriff’s office to have a deputy go to the patient’s home.

CONSENT

I, Alan Edwards, M.D., by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

1. I have been advised specifically to seek the advice of counsel prior to signing this document and am represented by R. Barrow Blackwell, Esquire;

2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me, except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000.A et seq. of the Code of Virginia;
3. I have the following rights, among others:
   a. the right to an informal conference before the Board;
   b. the right to appear in person or by counsel, or other qualified representative
      before the agency; and

4. I waive all rights to an informal conference;

5. I admit the truth of the above Findings of Fact contained herein and agree not to
   contest the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law or any sanction in any future judicial or
   administrative proceedings where the Board is a party; and

6. I consent to the following Order affecting my license to practice medicine and surgery
   in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and with
the consent of the licensee, it is hereby ORDERED that within six (6) months from entry of this
Order, Dr. Edwards shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board verifying that he has completed a
Board-approved continuing medical education ("CME") course in the subject of anemia or chronic
anemia. Such CME shall be approved in advance of registration by the Executive Director of the
Board. Any CME hours obtained in compliance with this term shall not be used toward compliance
with the Board’s continuing education requirements for license renewal.

Upon receipt of evidence that Dr. Edwards has complied with the terms of this Order the
Committee authorizes the Executive Director to close this matter, or refer it to a special conference
committee for review.
Dr. Edwards shall maintain a course of conduct in his practice of medicine commensurate with the requirements of Title 54.1, Chapter 29 of the Code and all laws of the Commonwealth.

Violation of this Order may constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of Dr. Edwards’s license. In the event that Dr. Edwards violates this Order, an administrative proceeding may be convened to determine whether such action is warranted.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine
4/15/16
ENTERED

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Alan Edwards, M.D.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY/CITY OF Franklin, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, at large, this 12 day of April, 2016, by Alan Edwards, M.D.

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My Commission Expires Jun 30, 2018

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