BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: OHSANG RO, M.D.
License Number: 0101-244392
Case Number: 160511

CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and Ohsang Ro, M.D., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Dr. Ro’s license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

NOTICE

By letter dated June 13, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Dr. Ro notifying him that an informal conference would be held on August 17, 2016. The Notice was sent by UPS overnight to the legal address of record on file with the Board at the time of the mailing.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Ohsang Ro, M.D., was issued License Number 0101-244392 to practice medicine on September 11, 2008, which is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2018.

2. Dr. Ro violated Virginia Code § 54.1-2915.A(3) and (18) and 18 VAC 85-20-26.C of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine with respect to his care and treatment of geriatric patients whom he saw during 2014 and 2015 at his once-a-month visits to an adult day health care center. Specifically:

   a. Dr. Ro routinely administered (or ordered the administration of) vitamin B-12 injections to many of these patients, including Patients A-D, at his monthly visits to this facility, although he failed to diagnose (or document any diagnosis of) a vitamin B-12 deficiency for any of these patients.
Instead, Dr. Ro provided these injections based on patients’ reports of tiredness, fatigue, or lack of energy, insufficient bases to warrant such injections. Moreover, Dr. Ro failed to document these injections in the patients’ medical records.

b. Dr. Ro diagnosed Patients B, D, E, and F with osteoporosis and administered or ordered the administration of Prolia (C-VI) injections to Patient B (on or about October 1, 2014), Patient D (on or about October 22, 2014), and Patient F (on or about October 22, 2014); however, Dr. Ro failed to order or perform (or document ordering or performing) a bone or DEXA scan for any of these patients before diagnosing them with osteoporosis.

c. Dr. Ro prescribed Namenda (C-VI) to Patient A (on or about July 10 and 17, 2014) and Patient D (on or about September 24, 2014 and October 15 and 20, 2014) based on his diagnoses of dementia/alzheimer’s for these patients; however, Dr. Ro failed to perform (or document performing) any cognitive testing or a mental examination/evaluation before making such diagnoses for these patients.

3. Dr. Ro reports that he no longer makes monthly medical visits to the adult day healthcare facility at issue.

CONSENT

Ohsang Ro, M.D., by affixing his signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document and am represented by Michael Goodman, Esq., and Eileen Talamante, Esq.;

2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 et seq.;

3. I acknowledge that I have the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Board and the right to representation by counsel;
4. I waive all right to an informal conference;

5. I neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein but waive my right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any sanction imposed hereunder in any future judicial or administrative proceeding in which the Board is a party;

6. I consent to the entry of the following Order affecting my right to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Medicine hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Ohsang Ro, M.D., is REPRIMANDED.

2. Within six (6) months from the date of entry of this Consent Order, Ohsang Ro, M.D., shall provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of Board-approved courses of at least six (6) credit hours in the subject of geriatric care and three (3) credit hours in the subject of medical recordkeeping. The course(s) shall be approved in advance of registration by the Executive Director of the Board. Requests for approval must be received within 15 business days prior to the course date. All continuing education hours/courses shall be completed through face-to-face, interactive sessions (i.e., no home study, journal, or Internet courses). Continuing education obtained through compliance with this term shall not be used toward licensure renewal.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Consent 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

[Signature]
Jennifer Deschenes
Deputy Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 8/17/16

SEEN AND AGREED TO: