BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA
CAUSE NUMBER: 2019 MLB 0026

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF: )
VINSON DI SANTO, D.O. )
LICENSE NO: 02001789A )

SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

The State of Indiana ("Petitioner"), by Ryan P. Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General, and Vinson Di Santo, D.O. ("Respondent), signed a Voluntary Summary Suspension Agreement ("Agreement"), regarding the action by Petitioner and the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana ("Board") involving Respondent’s license, and which Agreement has been submitted to the Board for approval.

The Board, after reviewing the Agreement at the July 25, 2019, meeting held in Room W064 of the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, now finds it has been entered into fairly and without fraud, duress, or undue influence, and is fair and equitable between the parties. The Board hereby incorporates the Agreement which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A and approves and adopts in full the Agreement as a Resolution of this matter. The Board approved this Agreement by a vote of 4-0-0.

WHEREFORE, RESPONDENT IS ORDERED to immediately cease and desist all acts constituting the practice of medicine for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this NON-FINAL ORDER.
SO ORDERED, this 26th day of August, 2019; this Order is effective as of the 25th day of July, 2019.

MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA

Maureen Bennett

for
John Strobel, M.D., President
Medical Licensing Board of Indiana

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this “Summary Suspension Order” has been duly served upon:

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF: 

VINSON DI SANTO, D.O. 

LICENSE NO: 02001789A (ACTIVE)

VOLUNTARY SUMMARY SUSPENSION AGREEMENT

The State of Indiana, by counsel, Ryan P. Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General, and Vinson Di Santo, D.O. ("Respondent"), move the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana ("Board") to accept this agreement to summarily suspend the Indiana osteopathic physician license of Respondent for ninety (90) days, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. Respondent is an Osteopathic Physician ("D.O.") in the State of Indiana having been issued license number 02001789A by endorsement on September 26, 1996.

2. Respondent's address on file with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency ("IPLA") is 909 Via Firenze Avenue, Springdale, Arkansas 72762.

3. This Board has jurisdiction to suspend the Respondent's license in accordance with the provisions of Ind. Code ch. 4-21.5-4 and Ind. Code § 25-1-9-10.


5. Since approximately 2011, Respondent's license has been disciplined or restricted in many of these states.

EXHIBIT A
6. On March 19, 2019, the Commonwealth of Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure ("Kentucky Board") issued an Emergency Order of Restriction against Respondent. According to the Findings of Fact:

a. An investigation was launched into Respondent’s telemedicine practices in Kentucky, and a KASPER review disclosed four (4) patients having received controlled substance prescriptions from Respondent in Kentucky.

b. A Board consultant reviewed three (3) patient charts produced by Respondent and opined that Respondent failed to conform to acceptable and prevailing medical practices in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and, in one instance, demonstrated gross negligence by prescribing controlled substances without medical necessity.

c. In or around November 2018, under agreement with the Kentucky Board, Respondent submitted to a clinical skills assessment at Center for Personalized Education for Professionals ("CPEP") in the specialty of family medicine, with a focus on adult hormone deficiency.

d. CPEP found that Respondent’s overall knowledge and judgment in the broad scope of general family medicine was outdated and in need of updating and review and opined that these needs would best be addressed through remediation in a formal educational setting such as residency, fellowship or residency-like setting. According to CPEP, this level of recommendation indicates that it would not be safe for this physician to practice independently while attempting to remediate the noted deficiencies.
e. In regard to Respondent’s medical knowledge, CPEP found that Respondent demonstrated “significant educational needs”.

f. CPEP found that Respondent demonstrated “inadequate” clinical judgment and reasoning.

g. CPEP reviewed patient charts from Respondent’s actual practice, as well as notes written by him at CPEP during simulated patient encounters, and found that his actual patient care documentation was poor and his simulated patient encounter documentation to be inadequate.

7. As a result, the Kentucky Board prohibited Respondent from prescribing, dispensing or professionally utilizing controlled substances until the Complaint against him was fully resolved by the Board.

8. On June 26, 2019, the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners suspended Respondent’s license until the resolution of the administrative complaint filed against Respondent on June 24, 2019. This discipline was based on seventeen (17) instances of discipline in other jurisdictions and Respondent’s inability to practice safely due to lack of basic knowledge or clinical competency.

9. On July 8, 2019, Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Arkansas State Medical Board. Respondent agreed “to not practice medicine in the State of Arkansas until he appears before the Board and [Respondent] agrees to follow any and all orders and decisions of the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.”

10. Due to the above facts, the Respondent represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to continue to practice as an Osteopathic Physician in the State of Indiana.
11. Respondent agrees to the summary suspension of his osteopathic physician license, however, Respondent does not admit nor deny the above allegations. 

WHEREFORE, the parties respectively request this Board accept this agreement and SUMMARILY SUSPEND Respondent’s Indiana osteopathic physician license for ninety (90) days.

[Signature]
Vinson Di Santo, D.O.
Respondent

7/24/19
Date

[Signature]
Ryan P. Eldridge
Deputy Attorney General
Attorney No. 34578-49

7/25/19
Date