

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: SWARNA BANDI REDDY, M.D.
License Number: 0101-236578
Case Number: 176129

CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Swarna Bandi Reddy, M.D., was issued License Number 0101-236578 to practice medicine and surgery on May 25, 2004, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2018.
2. Dr. Reddy violated Virginia Code § 54.1-2915(A)(13) in that she did not monitor Patient A's Lithium blood serum levels. Specifically, although Dr. Reddy increased and decreased Patient A's Lithium dosage based on Patient A's symptoms, Dr. Reddy never tested Patient A's Lithium blood serum level. On August 28, 2015, Patient A was admitted to INOVA Fairfax Hospital with Lithium toxicity.
3. Dr. Reddy stated that Lithium blood serum levels for long-term lithium patients should be tested at least annually, but also at any time a patient complains of adverse side-effects from his or her current dose. Dr. Reddy admits her failure to test Patient A's Lithium levels "...was an inadvertent oversight for which [she] is remorseful."
4. Dr. Reddy reported that following Patient A's hospitalization for Lithium toxicity, she reviewed all the charts for her other Lithium patients and determined all other patients' Lithium blood serum levels were tested as needed.

5. Dr. Reddy provided evidence that in October and November 2015, she completed 99 credit hours of CME in psychiatric medical subjects, and in May and June 2017, she completed 58 credit hours of CME in psychiatry. Further, she provided a spreadsheet that she created for use in monitoring her Lithium patients.

CONSENT

Swarna Bandi Reddy, M.D., by affixing her signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

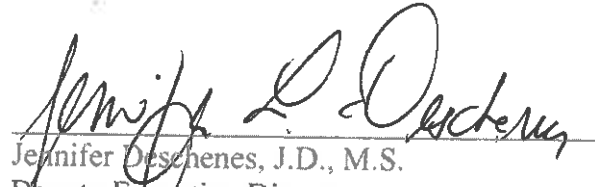
1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document and am represented by Camille E. Shora, Esq.;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 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 my 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 licensure to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Medicine hereby ORDERS that Dr. Swarna Brandi Reddy is hereby REPRIMANDED.


Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, 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


Jennifer Deschenes, J.D., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 10/30/2017

SEEN AND AGREED TO:


Swarna Bandi Reddy, M.D.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large,
on this 24th day of October, 2017.

Notary
For Swarna Bandi
Reddy


Notary Public Felisse G. Hickman

My commission expires:

04/30/2019

Registration No.:

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