

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

In re:)	CONSENT
Robert P. Doyle, M.D.)	AGREEMENT
Complaint No. CR08-005)	

This document is a Consent Agreement, effective when signed by all parties, regarding disciplinary action against and conditions imposed upon the license to practice as a physician in the State of Maine held by Robert P. Doyle, M.D. The parties to the Consent Agreement are: Robert P. Doyle, M.D. ("Dr. Doyle"), the State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine ("the Board"), and the State of Maine Office of the Attorney General ("the Attorney General"). This Consent Agreement is entered into pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(B) and 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. At all times relevant to the complaint, Dr. Doyle was licensed as a physician in the State of Maine. The Board first granted a medical license to Dr. Doyle on July 3, 1973. Dr. Doyle practices general medicine.

2. On or about December 21, 2007, the Board received information from Bridgton Hospital that it had issued Dr. Doyle a formal warning after a medical student complained that Dr. Doyle, while in the hospital and in the presence of a third party, made offensive and unwelcome comments and behaved inappropriately towards her and another female hospital employee. The offensive and unwelcome comments included "Take off your shirt," "You can come to the ER as long as you are naked," and "You can come over for dinner as long as you are naked." The offensive and unwelcome behavior

included pushing the female medical student into the hospital CEO. On January 8, 2008, the Board reviewed the information from Bridgton Hospital and voted to initiate a complaint against Dr. Doyle's Maine medical license pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A. The Board docketed the complaint as CR08-005. In addition, the Board directed that, pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 3286, Dr. Doyle undergo a neuropsychiatric evaluation by Jonathan Siegel, Ph.D.

3. On February 4, 2008, the Board received a response from Dr. Doyle to complaint CR08-005. In his response, Dr. Doyle admitted that he often says "dumb things" to students and nurses to "goof off" due to the terrible experiences he had in medicine, such as terminal patients. Dr. Doyle admitted that he has "goofed off" in this manner for over thirty years, expressed remorse for his conduct towards the female medical student, but did not "understand why she was so offended."

4. On February 17, 2009, the Board received a report from Jonathan Siegel, Ph.D. regarding the psychological evaluation that Dr. Doyle completed on November 20, 2008. According to that report, Dr. Doyle did not dispute the allegations made by the female medical student regarding inappropriate statements Dr. Doyle made to her at Bridgton Hospital. In addition, the psychological evaluation revealed no personality disorder or substance abuse issues that would have precipitated Dr. Doyle's inappropriate comments.

5. On March 10, 2009, the Board reviewed this matter, including Dr. Siegel's evaluation report of Dr. Doyle. Following its review, the Board voted to schedule the matter for an adjudicatory hearing. In addition, the Board

authorized its legal counsel to offer Dr. Doyle this Consent Agreement to resolve complaint CR08-005 without an adjudicatory hearing.

6. Absent Dr. Doyle's acceptance of this Consent Agreement by signing it, dating it, having it notarized, and returning it to Maureen Lathrop, Investigative Secretary, Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine, 137 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0137 on or before April 6, 2009, the Board will resolve this matter by scheduling an adjudicatory hearing.

COVENANTS

In lieu of proceeding to an adjudicatory hearing in this matter, Dr. Doyle agrees to the following:

7. Dr. Doyle admits that with regard to complaint CR08-005 he made offensive and unwelcome statements to a female medical student, and that such conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct and grounds for discipline pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A(2)(F).

8. As discipline for complaint CR08-005, Dr. Doyle agrees to accept a REPRIMAND from the Board. Dr. Doyle agrees that henceforth he shall refrain completely from making these types of offensive and unwelcome statements to medical students, medical colleagues, medical staff, nursing or hospital staff, or patients.

9. Dr. Doyle acknowledges that, pursuant to Title 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(B), his failure to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this Consent Agreement shall constitute grounds for additional disciplinary action

against his Maine medical license, including but not limited to an order, after hearing, modifying, suspending, or revoking his license.

10. Dr. Doyle waives his right to a hearing before the Board or any court regarding all findings, terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement. Dr. Doyle agrees that this Consent Agreement and Order is a final order resolving complaint CR08-005. This Consent Agreement is not appealable and is effective until or unless modified or rescinded in writing by the parties hereto. This Consent Agreement cannot be amended orally. It can only be amended by a writing signed by the parties hereto and approved by the Office of Attorney General.

11. The Board and the Office of the Attorney General may communicate and cooperate regarding Dr. Doyle or any other matter relating to this Consent Agreement.

12. This Consent Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S. § 402 and will be available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 408.

13. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto.

14. The Board and Dr. Doyle agree that no further agency or legal action will be initiated against him by the Board based upon complaint CR08-005.

15. This Consent Agreement constitutes disciplinary action and is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank, the Healthcare Integrity Protection Data Bank, and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

16. Dr. Doyle acknowledges by his signature hereto that he has read this Consent Agreement, that he has had an opportunity to consult with an attorney before executing this Consent Agreement, that he executed this Consent Agreement of his own free will and that he agrees to abide by all terms and conditions set forth herein.

I, ROBERT P. DOYLE, M.D., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT AND AGREE WITH ITS CONTENTS AND TERMS. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD. I SIGN THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY THREAT OR PROMISE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

DATED: 1 April 2009 Robert P. Doyle M.D.
STATE OF Maine ROBERT P. DOYLE, M.D.
Androscoggin, S.S.

Personally appeared before me the above-named Robert P. Doyle, M.D., and swore to the truth of the foregoing based upon his own personal knowledge, or upon information and belief, and so far as upon information and belief, he believes it to be true.

DATED: April 1, 2009 Donna Chamberland
NOTARY PUBLIC/ATTORNEY

MY COMMISSION ENDS: April 11, 2011
Notary Public, Maine
My Commission Expires August 11, 2011

DATED:

1 April 09




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OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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DENNIS E. SMITH
Assistant Attorney General

Effective Date: