

STATE OF MAINE  
BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

In re: ) CONSENT AGREEMENT  
ANTHONY PERRONE, M.D. )  
Complaint No. CR17-168 )  
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This document is a Consent Agreement, effective when signed by all parties, regarding disciplinary action against the license to practice medicine in the State of Maine held by Anthony Perrone, M.D. The parties to the Consent Agreement are: Anthony Perrone, M.D. (“Dr. Perrone”), the State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine (“the Board”), and the State of Maine Department of 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. Dr. Perrone has held a license to practice medicine in the State of Maine since December 31, 2013 (license number MD19910). Dr. Perrone specializes in hand surgery and plastic surgery.

2. On August 29, 2017, the Board initiated a complaint following a report from Maine General Medical Center (“MGMC”) that Dr. Perrone had been terminated effective June 27, 2017, for having given “false information” during the course of his employment, including statements made in connection with an investigation and defense of a civil suit filed against MGMC. Allegations in the civil suit included that while Dr. Perrone was employed at MGMC as a surgeon, he had a “brief romantic relationship” with a co-worker in about April 2015. In its complaint, the Board noted that Dr. Perrone had participated in a

“Maintaining Proper Boundaries Course” in June 2014, and that on April 14, 2015, the Board issued him a letter of guidance to “[r]emain vigilant about professional boundaries at all times, especially when using electronic communications and social media with current and former patients.” The Board docketed the complaint as CR17-168, and sent it to Dr. Perrone for a response.

3. By letter dated October 20, 2017, Dr. Perrone responded to the complaint. In his response, Dr. Perrone denied lying or giving false information to any person at MGMC. Dr. Perrone told the Board that he was not terminated for having a brief consensual romantic relationship with a co-worker and did not believe that his relationship violated any policy or ethical standard. Dr. Perrone explained his relationship with the co-worker and provided a detailed description of the communications he asserts took place with three MGMC personnel.

4. On March 13-15, 2018, Dr. Perrone underwent a comprehensive assessment with the Vanderbilt Comprehensive Assessment Program (“VCAP”) as requested by the Board. A VCAP assessment report issued on May 30, 2018, provided diagnoses, found him fit to practice medicine, and made training and treatment recommendations regarding Dr. Perrone.

5. On June 4, 2018, the Board investigator conducted interviews of three MGMC personnel referred to in Dr. Perrone’s response to the complaint. The MGMC personnel’s description of their communications with Dr. Perrone

conflicted in part with the description of those communications by Dr. Perrone in his response to the complaint.

6. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A(2)(F), the Board may impose discipline for unprofessional conduct. A licensee is considered to have engaged in unprofessional conduct if the licensee violates a standard of professional behavior, including engaging in disruptive behavior, that has been established for the practice of medicine. For purposes of this paragraph, “disruptive behavior” means aberrant behavior that interferes with or is likely to interfere with the delivery of care.

7. On July 10, 2018, the Board reviewed complaint CR17-168, and voted to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing. In addition, the Board voted to offer Dr. Perrone this Consent Agreement to resolve the matter without further proceedings. Absent Dr. Perrone’s acceptance of this Consent Agreement by signing and dating it in front of a notary and mailing it to Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine, 137 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0137 on or before June 24, 2019, the matter will be scheduled for an adjudicatory hearing.

#### COVENANTS

8. Dr. Perrone admits the facts stated above and agrees that his brief relationship with a co-worker constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A(2)(F) for engaging in unprofessional conduct.

9. As discipline for the foregoing conduct, Dr. Perrone agrees to accept, and the Board imposes:

a) A WARNING for unprofessional conduct;

b) Dr. Perrone agrees that he shall not commit boundary violations with co-workers, employees, patients, or key third parties of patients, which includes immediate family members and others who would be reasonably expected to play a significant role in the health care decisions of a patient of a physician or physician assistant and includes, but is not limited to, the spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, guardian, or surrogate;

c) Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Dr. Perrone shall enroll in an in-person continuing medical education course for Professional Boundary Training for Medical Professionals at Acumen Institute, Professional Renewal Center, or similar course pre-approved by the Board, Board Chair, Board Secretary, or Board designee. Dr. Perrone shall provide documentary evidence of his successful completion of the continuing medical education course required by this subparagraph within thirty (30) days after completion of the continuing medical education course, which successful completion shall occur within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement; and

d) Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Dr. Perrone shall submit for approval by the Board Chair, Board Secretary or Board designee the name of a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist with whom he shall engage in weekly therapy sessions addressing interpersonal issues for a period of at least one year. Dr. Perrone shall provide a copy of the May 30, 2018 Vanderbilt Comprehensive Assessment Program

Evaluation Report to the treating psychiatrist or psychologist immediately upon approval, if not previously provided. Following approval, the treating psychiatrist or psychologist shall submit written reports to the Board every two (2) months. The reports shall confirm ongoing treatment and shall identify any issues or concerns regarding Dr. Perrone's professionalism or issues that may impact Dr. Perrone's ability to competently and safely practice medicine. After receipt by the Board of no less than six (6) reports, the treating psychiatrist or psychologist may in his or her report request that the Board modify the reporting or ongoing treatment requirement contained in this subparagraph. Upon receipt of such request, the Board may grant or deny the request in its sole discretion.

10. Dr. Perrone acknowledges that while this Consent Agreement together with any amendments is in effect he must directly communicate with the Board or Board staff and has the obligation to respond to any request for information or documentation within the timeframe specified or requested. If providing notice or supplying information to the Board is required by any provision of this Consent Agreement, Dr. Perrone shall provide such notice in writing to Julie Best, Complaint Coordinator, or her successor. Failure to comply with or respond to any request shall be considered unprofessional conduct and a violation of this Consent Agreement.

11. Any conduct of Dr. Perrone described herein may be considered in future Board action(s) as evidence of a pattern of misconduct.

12. Violation by Dr. Perrone of any of the terms or conditions of this Consent Agreement shall constitute grounds for discipline, including but not limited to modification, suspension, or revocation of licensure or the denial of re-licensure.

13. This Consent Agreement is not appealable and is effective until modified or rescinded in writing by the parties hereto.

14. The Board and the Department of the Attorney General may communicate and cooperate regarding Dr. Perrone or any other matter relating to this Consent Agreement.

15. 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-A.

16. This Consent Agreement constitutes discipline and is an adverse licensing action that is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), and other licensing jurisdictions.

17. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto. If any clause of this Consent Agreement is deemed illegal or invalid, then that clause shall be deemed severed from this Consent Agreement.

18. Dr. Perrone 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.

19. Dr. Perrone has been represented by Jon R. Doyle, Esq., who has participated in the negotiation of the terms of this Consent Agreement.

20. For the purposes of this Consent Agreement, the term "execution" means the date on which the final signature is affixed to this Consent Agreement.

I, ANTHONY PERRONE, 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: 6/25/19


  
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ANTHONY PERRONE, M.D.

STATE OF Maine

Kennebec County, S.S.

Personally appeared before me the above-named Anthony Perrone, 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.

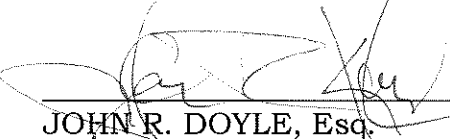
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NOTARY PUBLIC/ATTORNEY

**ANITA L. SQUIERS**  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF MAINE  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 25, 2023

MY COMMISSION ENDS: May 25, 2023

DATED: 6/25/19

  
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JOHN R. DOYLE, Esq.  
Counsel for Anthony Perrone, M.D.



STATE OF MAINE BOARD  
OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

DATED: 7-9-19



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MARY LOUISA BARNHART, M.D.,  
Chair

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT  
OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: July 9, 2019



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MICHAEL MILLER  
Assistant Attorney General

Effective Date: July 9, 2019