

STATE OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

Petitioner,

vs.

DOH CASE NO.: 2003-16941
LICENSE NO.: ME0054328

ALEXANDER C. JUNGREIS, M.D.,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the BOARD OF MEDICINE (Board) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, on April 4, 2008, in West Palm Beach, Florida, for the purpose of considering a Settlement Agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit A) entered into between the parties in this cause. Upon consideration of the Settlement Agreement, the documents submitted in support thereof, the arguments of the parties, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Settlement Agreement as submitted be and is hereby approved and adopted in toto and incorporated herein by reference with the following clarification:


The costs set forth in Paragraph 3 of the Stipulated Disposition shall be set at \$9,963.91.

Accordingly, the parties shall adhere to and abide by all the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement as clarified above.

This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the Department of Health.

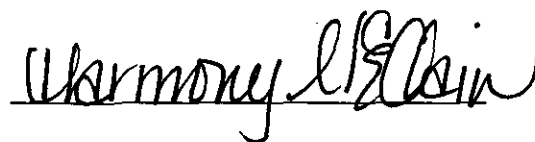
DONE AND ORDERED this 16 day of APRIL,
2008.

BOARD OF MEDICINE


Larry McPherson, Jr., Executive Director
For Robert Cline, M.D., Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been provided by U.S. Mail to Alexander C. Jungreis, M.D., 951 Broken Sound Parkway, Suite 225, Boca Raton, Florida 33487; to Allen R. Grossman, Esquire, Metzger, Grossman, Furlow & Bayo, LLC, 1408 N. Piedmont Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32308; and by interoffice delivery to Ephraim Livingston, Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C-65, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253 this 18 day of April, 2008.



Deputy Agency Clerk

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RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Department of Health, by and through its undersigned counsel, and files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Medicine against the Respondent, Alexander C. Jungreis, M.D., and in support thereof alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state department charged with regulating the practice of medicine pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this Complaint, Respondent was a licensed physician within the State of Florida, having been issued license number ME 54328.

3. Respondent's address of record is The Orlando Pain Institute, 1800 Lee Road, Suite 115, Winter Park, Florida, 32789.

4. On or about August 30, 2001, Patient L.C., a 55 year-old female, presented to Respondent for a select nerve root injection procedure (the procedure).

5. Patient L.C. had been previously evaluated by two (2) other physicians, receiving treatment in the form of physical therapy and medications for work-related injury to her back.

6. Diagnostic work-up had been performed which identified some degenerative changes, as a spondylosis (immobility and fusion of vertebral joints) and facet arthropathy (abnormality of the small, smooth, flat area of the bone in a vertebrae) prior to Respondent performing the procedure.

7. Patient L.C. left Respondent's office within a period of five minutes after Respondent performed the procedure on August 30, 2001, without having spent any time in observation or recovery.

8. On August 30, 2001, approximately ten minutes after Respondent performed the procedure, Patient L.C. collapsed and was taken to the emergency department at Florida Hospital south by ambulance.

9. An injection of 4 ccs of lidocaine (used as a local anesthetic) into the cervical nerve root would lead to paralysis and loss of consciousness.

10. There are two (2) consent forms signed by Patient L.C. one indicating approval for select nerve block/medial branch nerve block (SNB/MBNB) procedure another for an MBNB only; the fluoroscopy image taken during the procedure performed by Respondent is labeled MBNB.

11. There were two (2) Operative Reports submitted and contained in Patient L.C.'s medical records for the procedure performed by Respondent on August 30, 2001.

12. One Operative Report states Respondent injected 1 cc of lidocaine into each cervical nerve root, for a total of 2 ccs.

13. The other Operative Report states Respondent injected 2 ccs of lidocaine into each cervical nerve root, for a total of 4 ccs.

14. Florida Hospital South emergency department notes state Patient L.C. was injected with a total of 4 ccs of lidocaine into the nerve root, while in-hospital medical records state a total of 2 ccs were injected.

15. Respondent did not document any reason for the two (2) differing Operative Reports or the notes stating differing amounts of

lidocaine injected (4 ccs and 2 ccs) during the procedure he performed on Patient L.C. on August 30, 2001.

16. Respondent did not document the reason for stating different procedures on the Patient consent forms signed by Patient L.C.

17. Respondent did not document the reason for stating a different procedure on the fluoroscopy image taken during the procedure Respondent performed on Patient L.C. on August 30, 2001.

18. Respondent did not document the reason for not having Patient L.C. remain in recovery after he performed the procedure on August 30, 2001.

19. Patient L.C. has remained in a persistent state of coma since the procedure performed by Respondent on August 30, 2001.

COUNT ONE

20. Petitioner realleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through nineteen (19) as if fully set forth herein.

21. Section 458.331(1)(t), Florida Statutes (2001), sets forth grounds for disciplinary action by the Board of Medicine for gross or repeated malpractice or the failure to practice medicine with that level of care, skill and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent

similar physician as being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances.

22. Respondent failed to practice medicine with that level of care, skill, and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent similar physician as being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances by one or more of the following:

- a. Failing to keep Patient L.C. in recovery after performing the nerve root injection procedure in his office; and or
- b. injecting 4 ccs of lidocaine into Patient L.C.'s nerve root;

23. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 458.331(1)(t), Florida Statutes (2001), by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill, and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent similar physician as being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances.

COUNT TWO

24. Petitioner realleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through nineteen (19) as if fully set forth herein.

25. Section 458.331(1)(m), Florida Statutes (2001), sets forth ground for disciplinary action by the Board of Medicine for failing to keep legible medical records that justify the course of treatment of the patient,

COUNT THREE

28. Petitioner realleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through nineteen (19) as if fully set forth herein.

29. Section 458.331(1)(k), Florida Statutes (2001), provides that the Board of Medicine may impose discipline for making deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in or related to the practice of medicine or employing a trick or scheme in the practice of medicine.

30. Respondent made deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in or related to the practice of medicine in one or more of the following ways:

- a. By submitting two (2) differing Operative Reports for the procedure he performed on August 30, 2001, one indicating he had injected a total of 2 ccs of lidocaine, while the other Operative report indicates he injected a total of 4 ccs of lidocaine into Patient L.C.'s nerve root; and or
- b. by having two (2) separate consent forms with different procedures state for Patient L.C.

31. Section 458.331(1)(nn), Florida Statutes (2001) provides that the Board of Medicine may impose discipline for violating any provisions of this chapter or chapter 456, or any rules adopted pursuant thereto.

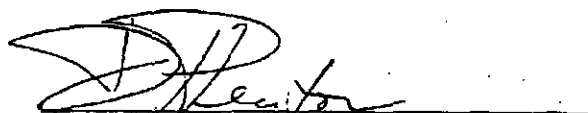
32. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 458.331(1)(nn), Florida Statutes (2001), by violating one or more of the

Sections set forth above or Sections 458.331 (k), (m), and or (t), Florida Statutes (2001).

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board of Medicine enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: permanent revocation or suspension of Respondent's license, restriction of practice, imposition of an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of the Respondent on probation, corrective action, refund of fees billed or collected, remedial education and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this 12th day of June, 2007.

Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H.
Secretary, Department of Health



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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with Section 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoena and subpoena duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested.

NOTICE REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

Respondent is placed on notice that Petitioner has incurred costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Pursuant to Section 456.072(4), Florida Statutes, the Board shall assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of a disciplinary matter, which may include attorney hours and costs, on the Respondent in addition any other discipline imposed.

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Respondent,

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Alexander C. Jungreis, M.D., referred to as the "Respondent," and the Department of Health, referred to as "Department" stipulate and agree to the following Agreement and to the entry of a Final Order of the Board of Medicine, referred to as "Board," incorporating the Stipulated Facts and Stipulated Disposition in this matter.

Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of medicine pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 456, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

STIPULATED FACTS

1. At all times material hereto, Respondent was a licensed physician in the State of Florida having been issued license number ME-54328.
2. The Department charged Respondent with an Administrative Complaint that was filed and properly served upon Respondent with violations of

Chapter 458, Florida Statutes, and the rules adopted pursuant thereto. A true and correct copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

3. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations of fact contained in the Administrative Complaint for purposes of these proceedings only.

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent admits that, in his capacity as a licensed physician, he is subject to the provisions of Chapters 456 and 458, Florida Statutes, and the jurisdiction of the Department and the Board;

2. Respondent admits that the facts alleged in the Administrative Complaint, if proven, would constitute violations of Chapter 458, Florida Statutes, as alleged in the Administrative Complaint.

3. Respondent agrees that the Stipulated Disposition in this case is fair, appropriate and acceptable to Respondent.

STIPULATED DISPOSITION

1. **Letter Of Concern** - Respondent shall receive a Letter of Concern from the Board of Medicine.

2. **Fine** - The Board of Medicine shall impose an administrative fine of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000.00**) against the license of Respondent, to be paid by Respondent to the Department of Health, HMQAMS/Client Services, Post Office Box 6320, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-6320, Attention: Board of Medicine Compliance Officer, within thirty-days (30) from the date of filing of the Final Order

accepting this Agreement. All fines shall be paid by check or money order. The Board office does not have the authority to change the terms of payment of any fine imposed by the Board.

RESPONDENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE TIMELY PAYMENT OF THE FINE IS HIS LEGAL OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPONDENT AGREES TO CEASE PRACTICING IF THE FINE IS NOT PAID AS AGREED TO IN THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, SPECIFICALLY: IF WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FILING OF THE FINAL ORDER, RESPONDENT HAS NOT RECEIVED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THAT THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE FINE HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OFFICE, RESPONDENT AGREES TO CEASE PRACTICE UNTIL SUCH WRITTEN CONFIRMATION IS RECEIVED BY RESPONDENT FROM THE BOARD.

3. **Reimbursement Of Costs** - Pursuant to Section 456.072, Florida Statutes, Respondent agrees to pay the Department for any administrative costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case. Such costs exclude the costs of obtaining supervision or monitoring of the practice, the cost of quality assurance reviews, and the Board's administrative cost directly associated with Respondent's probation, if any. The agreed upon amount of Department costs to be paid in this case is currently nine thousand ninety-three dollars and seventy-five cents (**\$9,093.75**), but shall not exceed ten thousand dollars (**\$10,000.00**). Respondent will pay costs to the Department of Health, HMQAMS/Client Services, P.O. Box 6320, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-6320, Attention: Board of Medicine

Compliance Officer within thirty-days (30) from the date of filing of the Final Order in this cause. Any post-Board costs, such as the costs associated with probation, are not included in this agreement.

RESPONDENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE TIMELY PAYMENT OF THE COSTS IS HIS LEGAL OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPONDENT AGREES TO CEASE PRACTICING IF THE COSTS ARE NOT PAID AS AGREED TO IN THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, SPECIFICALLY: IF WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FILING OF THE FINAL ORDER, RESPONDENT HAS NOT RECEIVED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THAT THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE COSTS NOTED ABOVE HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OFFICE, RESPONDENT AGREES TO CEASE PRACTICE UNTIL SUCH WRITTEN CONFIRMATION IS RECEIVED BY RESPONDENT FROM THE BOARD.

4: **Community Service** – Respondent shall perform fifty (50) hours of community service, within one (1) year of the date of filing of the Final Order. Community Service shall be defined as the delivery of medical services directly to patients, or the delivery of other volunteer services in the community, without fee or cost to the patient or the entity, for the good of the people of the State of Florida. Community service shall be performed outside the physician's regular practice setting. Respondent shall submit a written plan for performance and completion of the community service to the Probation Committee for approval prior to performance of said community service. Affidavits detailing the completion of

community service requirements shall be filed with the Board as required by the Probation Committee.

5. **Records Course** - Respondent shall complete the course, "Quality Medical Record Keeping for Health Care Professionals," sponsored by the Florida Medical Association, or a Board-approved equivalent, within one year of the date of filing of the Final Order.

STANDARD PROVISIONS

6. **Appearance**: Respondent is required to appear before the Board at the meeting of the Board where this Agreement is considered.

7. **No force or effect until final order** - It is expressly understood that this Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and the Department. In this regard, the foregoing paragraphs (and only the foregoing paragraphs) shall have no force and effect unless the Board enters a Final Order incorporating the terms of this Agreement.

8. **Addresses** - Respondent must keep current residence and practice addresses on file with the Board. Respondent shall notify the Board within ten (10) days of any changes of said addresses.

9. **Future Conduct** - In the future, Respondent shall not violate Chapter 456, 458 or 893, Florida Statutes, or the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, or any other state or federal law, rule, or regulation relating to the practice or the ability to practice medicine. Prior to signing this agreement, the Respondent shall read

Chapters 456, 458 and 893 and the Rules of the Board of Medicine, at Chapter 64B8, Florida Administrative Code.

10. **Violation of terms considered** - It is expressly understood that a violation of the terms of this Agreement shall be considered a violation of a Final Order of the Board, for which disciplinary action may be initiated pursuant to Chapters 456 and 458, Florida Statutes.

11. **Purpose of Agreement** - Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, executes this Agreement. In this regard, Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent prior to or in conjunction with consideration of the Agreement. Respondent agrees to support this Agreement at the time it is presented to the Board and shall offer no evidence, testimony or argument that disputes or contravenes any stipulated fact or conclusion of law. Furthermore, should this Agreement not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Agreement and other documents and matters by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation, consideration or resolution of these proceedings.

12. **No preclusion of additional proceedings** - Respondent and the Department fully understand that this Agreement and subsequent Final Order incorporating same will in no way preclude additional proceedings by the Board

and/or the Department against Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically set forth in the Administrative Complaint attached as Exhibit A.

13. **Waiver of attorney's fees and costs** - Upon the Board's adoption of this Agreement, the parties hereby agree that with the exception of costs noted above, the parties will bear their own attorney's fees and costs resulting from prosecution or defense of this matter. Respondent waives the right to seek any attorney's fees or costs from the Department and the Board in connection with this matter.

14. **Waiver of further procedural steps** - Upon the Board's adoption of this Agreement, Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of the Agreement and the Final Order of the Board incorporating said Agreement.

SIGNED this 27 day of FEB., 2008.



Alexander C. Jungreis, M.D.

Before me, personally appeared ALEXANDER C. JUNGREIS, M.D., whose identity is known to me by Personal acquaintance (type of identification) and who, under oath, acknowledges that his/her signature appears above.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of February, 2008.


NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
John P. Manning
Commission # DD544688
Expires: APR. 24, 2010
Bonded Through Advance Bonding Co., Inc.


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My Commission Expires:

APPROVED this 27 day of February, 2008.

Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H.
State Surgeon General


Elana J. Jones
Assistant General Counsel
Department of Health