

IN THE MATTER OF
MARK R. GEIER, M.D.

Respondent

License Number: D24250

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* BEFORE THE
* MARYLAND STATE
* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

Case Number: 2012-0223

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Maryland State Board of Physicians ("Board") under Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. ("H.O.") § 14-206(e)(2011 Repl. Vol.), the Board hereby orders Mark R. Geier, M.D. (the "Respondent") to immediately **Cease and Desist** from practicing medicine in Maryland while his license is suspended.

Based on investigatory information received by, made known to, and available to the Board, the Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:

1. On April 27, 2011, the Board issued to the Respondent an Order for Summary Suspension of License to Practice Medicine, concluding as a matter of law that public health, safety or welfare imperatively required emergency action. The Board determined that the Respondent's practice of treating children with autism with hormonal therapy and chelation endangered the children and exploited their parents because that treatment protocol has a known substantial risk of serious harm and which is neither consistent with evidence-based medicine nor generally accepted

in the relevant scientific community.¹

2. On May 11, 2011, the Respondent appeared with counsel before the Board to show cause why the suspension should not be continued. After considering the investigative file and the presentations at the show cause hearing, the Board ordered the continuation of the Respondent's suspension. The Respondent was advised of his appeal rights.
3. The Respondent availed himself of his right to an evidentiary hearing. As of the date of this Cease and Desist Order, the Respondent's license remains suspended.
4. The Maryland Medical Practice Act, H.O. § 14-101(l)(2), defines the practice of medicine in pertinent part as follows;

"Practice medicine" includes doing, undertaking, professing to do, and attempting any of the following:

- (i) Diagnosing, healing, treating, preventing, *prescribing for*, or removing any physical, mental, or emotional ailment or supposed ailment of an individual:

...

2. By appliance, test, *drug*, operation, or treatment[.]

(emphasis added)

5. The Board has received information that the Respondent prescribed drugs to himself, his son and his wife after his license was suspended. Specifically, the Respondent authorized refills of prescriptions he had written prior to his suspension after the refills he had initially ordered were exhausted.

¹ On May 16, 2011, the Board issued to the Respondent Charges Under the Maryland Medical Practice Act ("Act"), in which the Respondent was charged with violating the Act for conduct including that which was alleged in the Order of Summary Suspension.

6. When the Respondent authorized additional refills of a prescription for which the number of refills he had originally ordered had been exhausted, he generated a new prescription.
7. The drugs for which the Respondent authorized refills after his license was suspended include: finasteride² (for the Respondent); levocarnitine³ (for the Respondent, his son and wife); Viagra (for the Respondent and his son), medroxyprogesterone⁴ (for his wife) and EEMT⁵ (for his wife).
8. The Respondent's conduct constitutes not only the practice of medicine which violates the term of suspension imposed under the Board's Final Order, but also constitutes the unauthorized practice of medicine in violation of Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §§ 14-601 and 14-602.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing investigative findings that the Respondent has practiced medicine while his license was suspended and the Board's authority pursuant to Md. Health Occupations Code Ann. § 14-206(e), it is this 25th day of January, 2012, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent **CEASE AND DESIST** from providing any and all services that constitute the practice of medicine, and it is further

² Indicated for the treatment of benign prostatic hypertrophy.


³ A diet supplement to treat and prevent low levels of blood carnitine.

⁴ A progestin indicated for irregular vaginal bleeding or abnormal menstruation.

⁵ The abbreviation for esterified estrogens and methyltestosterone, used to treat symptoms of menopause.

ORDERED that this is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**.

25 JANUARY 2012
Date


Paul T. Elder, M.D.
Chairman
Maryland State Board of Physicians

NOTICE

This Order is effective when issued. If the Respondent either challenges this Order or violates it, the matter is adjudicated according to the procedures in the Board's regulations at COMAR 10.32.02.03. See COMAR 10.32.02.09.