

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

AMENDED 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. Based on investigative information received, the Board has probable cause to believe that the Respondent prescribed drugs after his license was suspended. Specifically, the Respondent, after his license had been suspended, authorized refills of pharmacy prescriptions for at least three

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.

patients.² Authorizing additional refills of a prescription for which the number of refills originally ordered had been exhausted, is generating a new prescription and is thereby practicing medicine.

6. the Respondent's practice of medicine after his license was summarily suspended by the Board violates the terms of the summary suspension imposed by the Board that is still in effect; and it 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 and the Board's finding that it has probable cause to believe that the Respondent has practiced medicine while his license was suspended, and based upon the Board's authority pursuant to Md. Health Occupations Code Ann. § 14-206(e), it is this 22nd day of February, 2012, hereby:

ORDERED that the previous Cease and Desist Order issued on January 25, 2012, is hereby superseded and amended; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent **CEASE AND DESIST** from providing any and all services that constitute the practice of medicine.

² Dr. Geier is aware of the names of these three patients. The names of the drugs and identifying prescription information is known to him and is also available to him upon request. The investigation continues, and final fact-finding may not be limited to these three patients.

2/22/12
Date


John T. Papavasiliou
Deputy Director
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.