

PETER VERNIERO
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY
Division of Law - 5th Floor
124 Halsey Street
Newark, New Jersey 07101

By: Sandra Y. Dick,
Deputy Attorney General
Tel. (973) 648-4738

FILED WITH THE BOARD OF
RESPIRATORY CARE
ON June 8, 1999
Sandra Y. Dick

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

IN THE MATTER OF: _____ :
: Administrative Action
MICHAEL PRUS :
LIC #ZA00293 :
: CONSENT ORDER
: _____ :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care upon the review of information submitted which alleged that Michael Prus, Administrative Director of Respiratory Care at St. Joseph's Hospital and ^{Medical Center} aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of respiratory care by Ms. Johanna Soto and Ms. Kereen Tomlinson in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:44F-9.2, thus providing grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h). Mr. Prus in his capacity as administrative director has responsibility for implementing policies and procedures in the respiratory care department. Although the oral policy of the department was to require a current valid license in order to perform respiratory care duties, Ms. Soto and Ms. Tomlinson, who held only temporary licenses which expired in June of 1998, were nonetheless ~~FILED~~ permitted to continue to practice respiratory care

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

JUN 08 1999

until February of 1999, when a routine license check revealed that neither therapist held a license.

The Board having considered the aforesaid information, and the parties being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings, Mr. Prus having waived any right to a hearing in this matter, and the Board finding that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare and that good cause exists for its entry:

IT IS ON THIS *May 26* DAY OF *May*, 1999,

ORDERED:

1. Michael Prus, RRT is hereby reprimanded for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of respiratory care,

2. Michael Prus, RRT shall cease and desist from aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of respiratory care, and

3. Michael Prus, RRT is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 which he shall pay within 30 days of his tendering of a signed copy of this Order, by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey.

4. Michael Prus, RRT shall submit to the Board office within 30 days of the date of entry of this Order, a written policy and procedure which will ensure that all persons practicing respiratory care at St. Joseph's Hospital hold current licenses to so practice in New Jersey, or are otherwise exempt from licensure.

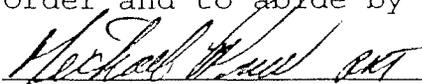
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

FILED
BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

JUN 08 1999

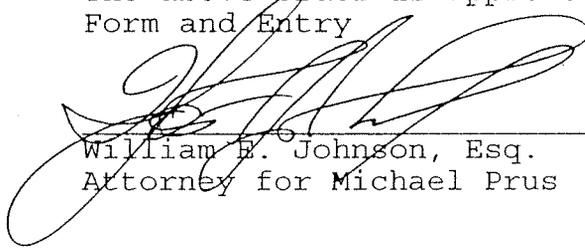
By: *Caryn Peters, RRT*
Caryn Peters, RRT, President

I have read and understand the above Order. I agree to the entry of the Order and to abide by its terms.



Michael Prus, RRT

The above Order is approved as to Form and Entry



William E. Johnson, Esq.
Attorney for Michael Prus

FILED
BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

JUN 08 1999