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

IN THE MATTER OF)	
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ROSSANE LEONIDAS)	CONSENT ORDER
LICENSE NO.)	OF LIMITED LICENSURE
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LICENSED TO PRACTICE)	
RESPIRATORY CARE IN THE)	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY)	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care (Board) upon receipt of information from Liberty Health, Jersey City Medical Center, 355 Grand St., Jersey City, New Jersey, that Rossane Leonidas (Respondent) was discharged from employment on March 31, 2009, as she was not able to complete the agreed upon hospital remediation action plan. Respondent was initially placed on a remediation action plan by Jersey City Medical Center, after she made an error in identifying a patient in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and then administered incorrect ventilation changes to the misidentified patient. Respondent appeared before the Board for an investigative inquiry on June 2,

2009, to discuss the reasons she was terminated from Jersey City Medical Center. As a result of Respondent's testimony at the investigative inquiry and a review of documents submitted to the Board, the Board found that Respondent violated N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d), since she engaged in repeated acts of negligence by erroneously identifying a patient in the (ICU) and then administering incorrect ventilation changes to the patient. As a result of Respondent's testimony and a review of documents submitted to the Board, the Board has found that Respondent has the ability to continue to safely practice respiratory care, provided Respondent complies with certain conditions which are set forth herein. Respondent has represented to the Board that she is willing to comply with the conditions set forth in this Order.

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter, and the Board finding that the within Consent Order is adequately protective of the public interest;

IT IS ON THIS *10th* DAY OF *December*, 2009,

HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent is reprimanded for violating N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d), since she engaged in repeated acts of negligence by erroneously identifying a patient in the (ICU) and then administering incorrect ventilation changes to the patient.
2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from

practicing respiratory care in any type of critical care unit; including any type of ICU such as a neonatal ICU and/or surgical ICU, cardiac care unit, emergency room, trauma unit, progressive intensive care and/or cardiac care step down unit. Respondent shall only practice respiratory care in a non-acute/non-critical care unit until further order of the Board, after application by Respondent and a demonstration of fitness and competency to practice respiratory care in acute and critical care units.

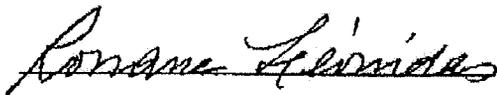
3. This Order is effective upon its filing with the Board of Respiratory Care.

STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

By:


Kenneth Capek, President

I have read and understood the above Consent Order and I agree to abide by its terms. I understand that this Consent Order has serious legal consequences and have decided to enter into this agreement with the Board without counsel. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.



Rossane Leonidas