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OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION  
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

**GINTARE GECYS, D.O.**  
**LICENSE NO. 25MB055495**

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

**FINAL CONSENT ORDER**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("the Board") by John J. Hoffman, Acting Attorney General of New Jersey on September 12, 2014, by the filing of a Verified Complaint and Order to Show Cause with the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") seeking the temporary suspension of the license of Gintare Gecys, D.O. ("Respondent") to practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey and other relief. The Complaint alleged multiple counts of indiscriminate prescribing of Controlled Dangerous Substances ("CDS") and that Respondent's continuing prescribing of CDS presented an imminent danger to the public health, safety and welfare pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22. Respondent has cooperated with the Board's investigation of these allegations.

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A hearing on the Acting Attorney General's application was scheduled for September 22, 2014. Respondent sought an adjournment of the return date of the Order to Show Cause until a scheduled date either before the full Board or a Committee in October or November 2014. On September 18, 2014, Respondent entered into an Interim Consent Order whereby she voluntarily agreed to cease and desist from the practice of medicine and surgery effective September 22, 2014. Respondent once again entered into an Interim Consent Order on November 24, 2014, agreeing to voluntarily cease and desist from the practice of medicine and surgery until the disposition of the Return on the Order to Show Cause.

Since that time, Respondent has voluntarily enrolled in the Professional Assistance Program ("PAP") according to the PAP's rule-out protocol and has represented that she will continue to utilize its resources until she is discharged from the PAP.

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of a hearing before the Board and the Respondent, while not admitting or denying the specific allegations set forth in the complaint, but acknowledging the concerns raised and fully understanding the terms and their meaning and effect and consenting to be bound by same, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare; and it appearing that good cause exists for entry of the Within Order;

**IT IS**, therefore, on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Feb 2015

**ORDERED** that:

1. Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey is hereby suspended for three years (3), all to be served as an active suspension. Respondent's active suspension shall be deemed to have commenced on September 22, 2014. The period of active

suspension will be tolled for any length of time that Respondent practices medicine in another jurisdiction;

2. During the period of Respondent's suspension and prior to any application for the reactivation of her medical license, Respondent will undergo a full evaluation and assessment of her pain management and general medical knowledge and skills, and any other areas deemed appropriate by the Upstate New York Clinical Competency Center of Albany Medical College in Albany, New York ("Assessment Center") or the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians ("CPEP"). Respondent shall fully and satisfactorily complete the entirety of any recommendations the Assessment Center or CPEP may make with regard to additional evaluations, practice restrictions, and professional education. The full and complete results from the Assessment Center or CPEP and the results of the recommendations, if any, must be provided to the Board upon Respondent's request for the reactivation of her license. Respondent will ensure that all necessary releases are executed with the Assessment Center or CPEP so that the Board and Attorney General will have access to her evaluations, assessments, and all recommendations made by the program. All expenses arising from the evaluation, assessment, and possible recommendations made by the Assessment Center or CPEP shall be the responsibility of Respondent.

3. Prior to the reactivation of her New Jersey medical license, Respondent shall appear before a Committee of the Board to demonstrate her fitness to resume practice, and at a minimum her compliance of all terms contained herein or subsequently ordered as a condition of her reactivation. Respondent shall be permitted to appear before a Committee of the Board six months prior to the end of the suspension period. Respondent agrees that this

allowance is merely to afford Respondent and the Board advance time to begin the process to address her reactivation but that reactivation cannot occur prior to the completion of the entire three (3) year period of suspension.

4. Following its determination of Respondent's extreme financial hardship Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$10,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25. Respondent is assessed \$12,000 in costs in this matter.

5. Respondent shall pay the total amount of \$22,000.00, equaling the penalty and costs of investigating and prosecuting the matter, in equal installments of \$1833.34 over the next 12 months. The first payment shall be due within thirty (30) days of the Order. All payment shall be made by bank check, money order, wire transfer payable to the State of New Jersey, and forwarded to William Roeder, Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners, P.O. Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183. If a form of payment is presented other than the payment noted above, it will be rejected and returned to Respondent. Failure to make timely payments shall be considered a violation of this Order and shall result in acceleration of the balance of the remaining debt and the filing of a Certificate of Debt. Additional discipline may be levied against Respondent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 and 22.

6. With the consent of the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs ("the Director"), and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:21-9 et. seq., Respondent's New Jersey CDS registration No. D05349100, is hereby suspended pending further Order of the Director. If Respondent's medical license is reactivated by the Board, she may apply for an Order from the Director lifting the CDS suspension. The Director will consider the factors enumerated in N.J.S.A. 24:21-11 and determine, in his sole discretion, if and under what circumstances, the suspension of

Respondent's New Jersey CDS Registration should be lifted. Any future CDS prescribing restriction is independent of any action taken by the Board, Drug Enforcement Administration or any other licensing authority.

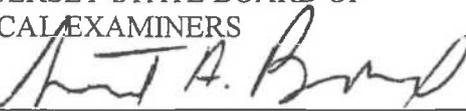
7. Respondent shall immediately return her original New Jersey license, current biennial registration and New Jersey CDS Registration to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183.

8. Respondent shall immediately advise the DEA of this Order, and take all necessary steps necessary to surrender her DEA CDS registration.

9. Respondent shall comply with the Directives Regarding Licensees who have been discipline, which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

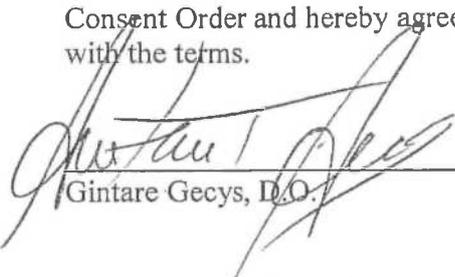
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By:



Stewart Berkowitz, M.D.  
President

I have read and understood the within  
Consent Order and hereby agree to comply  
with the terms.



Gintare Gecys, D.O.

Dated: 2/3/15

Consent to as to form of  
this Order.

Flaster Greenberg P.C.  
Attorneys for Respondent

Alma Saravia

Alma Saravia, Esq.

Dated: 2/3/15

**NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD  
REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3), all orders of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners are available for public inspection. Should any inquiry be made concerning the status of a licensee, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the order and a copy will be provided if requested. All evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications which are conducted as public hearings and the record, including the transcript and documents marked in evidence, are available for public inspection, upon request.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Subtitle A 60.8, the Board is obligated to report to the National Practitioners Data Bank any action relating to a physician which is based on reasons relating to professional competence or professional conduct:

- (1) Which revokes or suspends (or otherwise restricts) a license,
- (2) Which censures, reprimands or places on probation,
- (3) Under which a license is surrendered.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Section 61.7, the Board is obligated to report to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection (HIP) Data Bank, any formal or official actions, such as revocation or suspension of a license (and the length of any such suspension), reprimand, censure or probation or any other loss of license or the right to apply for, or renew, a license of the provider, supplier, or practitioner, whether by operation of law, voluntary surrender, non-renewability, or otherwise, or any other negative action or finding by such Federal or State agency that is publicly available information.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-19.13, if the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions on a license or permit, it is obligated to notify each licensed health care facility and health maintenance organization with which a licensee is affiliated and every other board licensee in this state with whom he or she is directly associated in private medical practice.

In accordance with an agreement with the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, a list of all disciplinary orders are provided to that organization on a monthly basis.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear on the public agenda for the next monthly Board meeting and is forwarded to those members of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the same summary will appear in the minutes of that Board meeting, which are also made available to those requesting a copy.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear in a Monthly Disciplinary Action Listing which is made available to those members of the public requesting a copy.

On a periodic basis the Board disseminates to its licensees a newsletter which includes a brief description of all of the orders entered by the Board.

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue releases including the summaries of the content of public orders.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document.