

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES**

In Re: Frances Salwierz, RN

Petition No. 2001-0926-010-057

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Frances Salwierz (hereinafter "respondent") of Southbury, Connecticut has been issued license number E50424 to practice as a registered nurse by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent hereby admits and acknowledges:

1. On May 21, 2001, respondent, a pool nurse, was working as a charge nurse on the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift at Litchfield Woods Health Care Center, a long term care facility located in Torrington, Connecticut.
2. At about 4 a.m. on May 21, 2001, resident A.N., who had vomited several times on the earlier shift, told respondent that she felt nauseous. Respondent called the resident's doctor who told respondent resident could be sent to the hospital if it were necessary.
3. Respondent reported this situation to the charge nurse who wrote an order for Compazine and instructed respondent to administer it to the resident. Respondent administered Compazine to the resident though respondent knew that the resident's physician had not ordered it.
4. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, 20-99(b)(2).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations at a hearing in front of the Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board").

Respondent further agrees that this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if ordered after a full hearing pursuant to §§19a-9, 19a-10, and 20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-99(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent shall comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations applicable to her profession.
3. Respondent's license number E50424 to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
4. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the month in which this Consent Order is approved and accepted by the Board.
5. Respondent understands this Consent Order is a matter of public record.
6. Respondent understands this Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Board in which her compliance with §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
7. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 and 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any other

rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

8. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
9. Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

I, Frances Salwierz, R.N., have read the above Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Frances Salwierz RN
Frances Salwierz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of July, 2002

MARGARET M. PERRELLA
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 31, 2008

[Signature]
Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 18th day of July, 2002, it is hereby accepted.

[Signature]
Stanley K Peck, Director, Legal Office
Bureau of Regulatory Services

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 4 day of September, 2002, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY: Nancy Befunda
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing