

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEM REGULATION  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

In re: John Wetherbee, D.P.M.

Petition No. 930713-19-003

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, John Wetherbee, D.P.M. of Avon,, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 000221 to practice podiatric medicine by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 375 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. During November of 1988, respondent provided care and treatment to patient Claire Collins, in connection with the performance of a slant osteotomy, that was below the standard of care.
2. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 20-59c(4).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry (hereinafter "the Board") the above allegations in this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §19a-9, §19a-14, and §20-59 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-59 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. That respondent shall not reapply for reinstatement of his state or federal controlled substance registration, or seek a new state or federal controlled substance registration, at any time in the future.
2. That respondent shall not perform invasive surgery of any kind at any time in the future.
3. That he shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to his licensure.
4. That he understands that this Consent Order is a matter of public record.
5. That any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order, may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:
  - (a) The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
  - (b) Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
  - (c) Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 5(a) above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that he has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that he has cured the violation in question.
  - (d) If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation by the limited fifteen (15) day date certain contained in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, he shall be entitled to a

hearing before the Board which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.

(e) Evidence presented to the Board by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.

6. That, in the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a podiatrist, upon request by the Department, with notice to the Board, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation, and to submit to and complete a medical, psychiatric or psychological evaluation, if requested to do so by the Department; and, that the results of the evaluation shall be submitted directly to the Department. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45 day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that his failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall constitute an admission that his conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c).
7. That, in the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of his license before the Board.
8. That legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Licensure and Registration Section of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance of the Department.

9. That this Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date said order is accepted and ordered by the Board.
10. That the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Board in which (1) his compliance with this Consent Order is at issue, or (2) his compliance with §20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
11. That any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from taking action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
12. That 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, that this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
13. That this Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
14. That respondent permits a representative of the Public Health Hearing Office of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
15. That respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

I, John Wetherbee, D.P.M., have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

John Wetherbee  
John Wetherbee, D.P.M.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of February 1996.

MABEL L. CARTER  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DEC. 31, 1996

Mabel L. Carter  
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 5th day of March 1996, it is hereby accepted.

Stanley K. Peck  
Stanley K. Peck, Director  
Division of Medical Quality Assurance

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry on the 5th day of MARCH 1996, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

By: [Signature]  
Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry