

STATE OF VERMONT  
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

In re: Melanie M. Canon, M.D. ) Docket No. MPC 014-0116  
)

CESSATION OF PRACTICE AGREEMENT

NOW COME Melanie M. Canon, M.D. and the State of Vermont, by and through Vermont Attorney General William H. Sorrell, and the undersigned Special Assistant Attorney General Katherine L. Pohl, and agree and stipulate as follows:

1. Melanie M. Canon, M.D. ("Respondent") of Weston, Vermont, holds Vermont medical license number 042.0012705, first issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice on July 3, 2013.
2. Jurisdiction in these matters rests with the Vermont Board of Medical Practice ("the Board"), pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1353-1361, 3 V.S.A. §§ 809-814, and other authority.

*Background*

3. Respondent is presently being investigated by law enforcement authorities for possible violations of Vermont and United States laws related to the possession and control of regulated drugs. Respondent voluntarily has determined that she shall temporarily and immediately cease and desist at this time from the practice of medicine.
4. Respondent voluntarily enters into this Cessation of Practice Agreement ("Agreement") with the Vermont Board of Medical Practice and shall immediately and temporarily refrain from any and all practice of medicine until further order of

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the Board. Respondent agrees that the instant Agreement with the Board sets forth in writing the terms for such cessation of medical practice by her.

5. Respondent acknowledges that she has been afforded the opportunity to obtain and receive legal advice and counsel regarding this matter. Respondent agrees and understands that by executing this Agreement she is waiving at this time such rights as she may possess to challenge the jurisdiction and continuing jurisdiction of the Board in this matter, and to a public hearing on any motion that the State might have filed pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 809 & 814. She agrees and fully understands that by executing this document she is waiving the necessity of any proceedings, findings, and order by the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 814(c), so as to achieve disposition of this matter. Thus, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly agrees to the terms and conditions therein.
6. Respondent has indicated her desire to continue to cooperate fully with the Board upon reasonable request.

*Cessation of Practice*

7. It is agreed by the parties that Respondent shall cease and desist immediately and hereafter, following her execution of this Agreement, from any and all practice of medicine in the State of Vermont.
8. Respondent shall neither prescribe nor dispense any drugs to patients, associates, herself, family members, or others after execution of this Agreement.
9. On February 12, 2016, Respondent surrendered her Drug Enforcement Certification of Registration, ~~unused order forms, and all of her controlled substances listed in~~

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~~Schedules II through V.~~ She further acknowledges that execution and submission of the document to the DEA resulted in the immediate termination of her registration.

10. Respondent agrees that the Board, in its sole discretion, may consider and approve a petition from Respondent at a later date for modification or relief, when the circumstances of Respondent's situation so warrant. Respondent expressly agrees that she will provide her full cooperation with the Board investigation and review upon reasonable request.

***Express Provisions***

11. Respondent agrees, pending further proceedings or order of the Board to:
- a. Cooperate fully and in good faith upon reasonable request with all further investigations of these matters by the Board;
  - b. Sign such authorizations and/or waivers of confidentiality as may be presented to her by the Board as to her medical records, treatment records, evaluations or assessments, legal matters, and court proceedings;
  - c. Cease and desist, effective immediately, pursuant to this order of the Board, from any and all practice of medicine, including any and all prescribing of any kind for patients, associates, herself, family members, or others; office visits; consultations; examinations; treatment; and surgery;
  - d. Adhere to all terms and conditions set forth above and herein until relieved of such obligation by further order of the Board.

***General Provisions***

12. Respondent assures and agrees that she shall provide her continued cooperation with the Board and its investigators. Respondent agrees that she shall execute any and all waivers that may be required for the Board, its staff, or agents to conduct its investigation and review of circumstances. Respondent also agrees that the Board or its agents may communicate orally to obtain information from practitioners involved in her care and treatment.
13. Respondent recognizes the Board's obligation in all cases to investigate as required and to act expeditiously to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Respondent makes no statement or admission here other than to assure her continued cooperation with the Board and its statutory responsibilities. Respondent acknowledges that no promises have been made to her regarding the final disposition of any matter or other action of the Board.
14. Respondent agrees that she has read and carefully considered all terms and conditions herein and agrees that these may be adopted as an enforceable order of the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 129(a)(3), 809(d) and 26 V.S.A. §1353, and agrees to accept and be bound by these until such time as she may be expressly relieved of these or they are modified, in writing, by the Board.
15. The parties agree that this Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action. However, the parties acknowledge that this Agreement shall be a public document, shall be made part of Respondent's licensing file, and may be reported to other

licensing authorities. Respondent's license status will be changed to "Cessation of Practice" upon approval by the Board.

16. This Cessation of Practice Agreement is subject to review and acceptance by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice, and shall not become effective until presented to and approved by the Board. If the Board rejects any part of this agreement, the entire agreement shall be void. The parties agree and request that the Board enter a binding order adopting the terms and conditions set forth herein.
17. Respondent agrees that the Board shall retain jurisdiction in this matter and may enforce as necessary the terms set forth herein, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §1354(25) or other statutory provisions.

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DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

By:

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DATED at Londonderry Vermont, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

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Melanie M. Canon, M.D.

Respondent

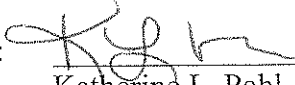
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AS TO MELANIE M. CANON, M.D.

APPROVED AND ORDERED  
VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

<u>Robert D. [Signature]</u>	<u>Mayor Susan Linn</u>
<u>Timothy [Signature]</u>	_____
<u>John [Signature]</u>	_____
<u>Wayne [Signature]</u>	_____
<u>Jim [Signature]</u>	_____
<u>Dr. [Signature]</u>	_____
<u>Pat [Signature]</u>	_____

DATED: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

ENTERED AND EFFECTIVE: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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