

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
BOARD OF MEDICINE  
DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

In the Matter of

STEVEN EDWARD SCRANTON, M.D.  
License No. 43-01-043798,  
Respondent.

File No. 43-18-149494

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Department filed an Administrative Complaint against Respondent, as provided by the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101 *et seq*; the rules promulgated under the Code; and the Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.201 *et seq*.

After careful consideration, and after consultation with the Chairperson of the Board of Medicine, pursuant to MCL 333.16233(5), the Department finds that the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action.

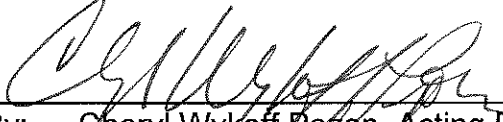
Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice medicine in the state of Michigan is SUMMARILY SUSPENDED, commencing the date this Order is served.

MCL 333.7311(6) provides that a controlled substance license is automatically void if a licensee's license to practice is suspended or revoked under Article 15 of the Code.

Under Mich Admin Code, R 792.10702, Respondent may petition for the dissolution of this Order by filing a document clearly titled Petition for Dissolution of Summary Suspension with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF  
LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Dated: 2/22/18

  
By: Cheryl Wykoff Pezon, Acting Director  
Bureau of Professional Licensing

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, by Cheryl Wykoff Pezon, Acting Director, Bureau of Professional Licensing, complains against Respondent as follows:

1. The Michigan Board of Medicine is an administrative agency established by the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.* Pursuant to MCL 333.16226, the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee is empowered to discipline persons for violations of the Public Health Code.

2. Respondent is currently licensed to practice medicine in the state of Michigan and holds a controlled substance license.

3. MCL 333.16233(5) provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

After consultation with the chair of the appropriate board or task force or his or her designee, the department may summarily suspend a license or registration if the public health, safety, or welfare

requires emergency action in accordance with section 92 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, MCL 24.292.

4. “Good moral character” is defined in MCL 338.41 as “the propensity on the part of the person to serve the public in the licensed area in a fair, honest, and open manner.”

5. At all relevant times, Respondent was employed as an addictionist at West Brook, LLC (facility), which has several locations throughout Michigan.

Patient C.R.<sup>1</sup>

6. Patient C.R. initially met Respondent in June 2011 while they were both in an addiction recovery program.

7. In the summer of 2016, Respondent began making comments about Patient C.R.’s appearance that evolved into sexual comments. Respondent indicated that he and Patient C.R. should be together and commented on her breasts.

8. In September 2017, Respondent became Patient C.R.’s treating addictionist. During appointments, Respondent began hugging Patient C.R., touching her breasts, and telling Patient C.R. what he wanted to do to her sexually. Respondent began pressuring Patient C.R. for topless pictures, asked her to have phone sex, and called her outside of appointments.

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<sup>1</sup> Initials used to protect patients’ identities.

9. Also in September 2017, Patient C.R. asked Respondent to call in a refill for one of Patient C.R.'s prescribed medications, and Respondent told her that he would but that Patient C.R. owed him something. Patient C.R. knew he was referring to nude pictures and emailed Respondent some topless photos. These photos were later discovered on Respondent's facility-issued iPad.

Patient T.N.

10. Beginning in 2013, Respondent made inappropriate sexual comments toward patient T.N. during her appointments, including comments asking Patient T.N. to take a shower with him.

11. On or about November 7, 2017, Respondent hugged patient T.N., pressing his pelvis into her. Patient T.N. attempted to leave, and Respondent put his hand on her left breast and pressed his pelvis into her from behind.

Patient J.U.

12. In and around spring of 2017, Respondent began making inappropriate sexual comments and suggestive remarks about engaging in sexual conduct with Patient J.U.

13. During an appointment in the summer of 2017, Respondent locked the exam room door, groped her breasts, and kissed her on the mouth.

14. During subsequent appointments, Respondent continued to make inappropriate comments about engaging in sexual activity with Patient J.U.

15. On January 30, 2018, following a criminal investigation into the above-described conduct, Respondent was charged with Count 1 – Criminal Sexual Conduct – Second Degree, and Counts 2 & 3 - Criminal Sexual Conduct – Fourth Degree (Force or Coercion), in the 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court in Grand Rapids, Michigan, case number D1800474-FY.

#### COUNT I

Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, evidences a violation of general duty, consisting of negligence or failure to exercise due care, including negligent delegation to or supervision of employees or other individuals, whether or not injury results, in violation of MCL 333.16221(a).

#### COUNT II

Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, evidences a departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing practice for the health profession, whether or not actual injury to an individual occurs, in violation of MCL 333.16221(b)(i).

### COUNT III

Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, evidences a lack of good moral character, in violation of MCL 333.16221(b)(vi).

### COUNT IV

Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, evidences conduct by a health professional while acting within the health profession for which he or she is licensed or registered, including conduct initiated by a patient or to which the patient consents, that is sexual or may reasonably be interpreted as sexual, including, but not limited to, sexual intercourse, kissing in a sexual manner, or touching of a body part for any purpose other than appropriate examination, treatment, or comfort, in violation of MCL 333.16221(e)(vi).

### COUNT V

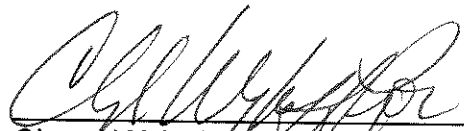
Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, evidences offering to provide practice-related services, such as drugs, in exchange for sexual favors, in violation of MCL 333.16221(e)(vii).

RESPONDENT IS NOTIFIED that, after consultation with the chairperson of the Board, or his or her designee, and pursuant to MCL 333.16233(5), the Department states that the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action, and, accordingly, Respondent's license to practice medicine in the state of Michigan is summarily suspended, pending a hearing and final determination of this matter.

RESPONDENT IS FURTHER NOTIFIED that, pursuant to MCL 333.16231(8), Respondent has 30 days from the date of receipt of this Complaint to answer this Complaint in writing and to show compliance with all lawful requirements for licensure. Respondent shall submit the response to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

Respondent's failure to submit an answer within 30 days is an admission of the allegations in this Complaint. If Respondent fails to answer, the Department shall transmit this Complaint directly to the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee to impose a sanction, pursuant to MCL 333.16231(9).

Dated: 2/22/18

  
Cheryl Wykoff Pezon, Acting Director  
Bureau of Professional Licensing

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