

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SRINIVAS P. JOLEPALEM, M.D.,  
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 MED 435

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Srinivas P. Jolepalem, M.D.  
8721 Carriage Green Drive  
Darien, IL 60561

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8366  
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Srinivas P. Jolepalem, M.D. (dob August 30, 1959) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 32848-20, first issued on December 19, 1991, with registration current through October 31, 2015. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services ("Department") is 8721 Carriage Green Drive, Darien Il 60561.

2. Respondent is also licensed to practice medicine in the state of Illinois, and at all times relevant, practiced medicine in that state. He is certified as a Diplomate in Internal Medicine by The American Board of Internal Medicine and as a Diplomate in Pain Management

by the American Academy of Pain Management. He is also certified by The American Society of Addiction Medicine, Inc. as an expert in addiction medicine.

3. On or about April 4, 2014, the State of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“DFPR”) filed a two count Complaint against Respondent, alleging generally that:

a. from January through September 2012, Respondent routinely prescribed significant dosages of Roxicodone<sup>®</sup>, Adderall<sup>®</sup>, Norco<sup>®</sup>, and Percocet<sup>®1</sup> to Patient A without properly evaluating Patient A’s pain complaints; without performing a physical examination or evaluation, and otherwise lacking clinical evaluation, justification and/or rationalization for issuing said prescriptions. In addition, Respondent continued to prescribe said medications even though Patient A reported that he was taking the medications in a manner other than that prescribed, and even though screens of Patient A’s urine revealed none of the prescribed medications;

b. on or about February 9, 2012, Respondent prescribed Roxicodone<sup>®</sup> and Adderall<sup>®</sup> to Patient B without properly evaluating Patient B’s pain complaints; without performing a physical examination or evaluation, and otherwise lacking clinical evaluation, justification and/or rationalization for issuing said prescriptions, and

c. As relates to Patient A, during the course of providing prescriptions for controlled substances, Respondent indicated his awareness of problems and/or legal consequences that could result from his prescribing practices.

4. Based upon the foregoing, DFPR concluded that Respondent committed acts and/or omissions which constitute violations of the (Illinois) Medical Practice Act, including prescribing, selling, administering, distributing and/or giving any drug classified as a controlled substance or narcotic for other than medically accepted therapeutic purposes to Patients A and B.

5. Respondent entered into a stipulation with the DFPR by which a Consent Order dated August 25, 2014 (Illinois Order) was issued.

6. Pursuant to the most pertinent provisions of the Illinois Order:

a. Respondent’s license to practice medicine was suspended for sixty days;

b. Respondent was required to complete an additional fifty Category I Continuing Medical Education credits related to general medicine and medical ethics/professional responsibility;

c. Respondent was placed on indefinite probation for a minimum of three years, during which time he must obtain a practice monitor and complete an additional twenty Category

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Illinois law, Roxicodone<sup>®</sup> and Adderall<sup>®</sup>, in the amounts prescribed, were classified as Schedule II Controlled Substances and Norco<sup>®</sup> and Percocet<sup>®</sup>, in the amounts prescribed, were classified as Schedule III Controlled Substances.

I Continuing Medical Education credits directly related to professional responsibility and medical ethics annually and

d. Respondent's Illinois Controlled Substance License was suspended and he was required to complete additional continuing medication education credits related to prescribing/record keeping and addiction medicine.

7. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Srinivas P. Jolepalem, M.D., engaged in unprofessional conduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(c) (Oct. 2013) by having adverse action taken by another jurisdiction against his license to practice medicine and surgery.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Srinivas P. Jolepalem, M.D., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The license to practice medicine and surgery issued to Srinivas P. Jolepalem, M.D., is LIMITED, as follows:

a. Respondent is to maintain full and complete compliance with all terms, limitations, and conditions imposed by the August 25, 2014 Illinois Order. Any conclusion by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of a violation of the Illinois Order is conclusive evidence of a violation of this Order.

b. Respondent shall provide the Board with a copy of any document issued by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation which alters the conditions of Respondent's continued practice of medicine and surgery in the state of Illinois, including any document advising reinstatement of full licensure.

c. In the event Respondent plans to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin, he shall notify the Board of his intentions and practice address at least ninety (90) days prior to his anticipated practice date. At that time, the Board may consider whether alternate or additional limitations upon Respondent's license may be appropriate.

d. Upon Respondent providing proof sufficient to the Board or its designee that he has successfully complied with all terms and conditions of the August 25, 2014 Illinois Order and that the limitations on his Illinois license have been removed, the Board or its designee shall issue an Order removing the limitation on Respondent's license.

3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Srinivas P. Jolepalem, M.D., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$ 467.66.

4. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264  
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

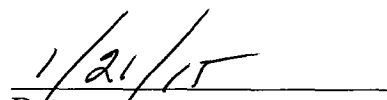
5. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of costs as ordered, Respondent's license (32848-20) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs.

6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:

  
A Member of the Board

  
Date

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 MED 435

Respondent Srinivas P. R. Jolepalem, M.D., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

Stipulation  
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of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

S. R. Jolepalem  
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12/11/2014  
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