

**BEFORE THE
LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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In The Matter Of	:	No. 89-I-023
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GEORGE McDANIEL SHANNON, M.D.	:	
(Certificate No. 01267R),	:	
	:	CONSENT ORDER
<i>Respondent.</i>	:	_____
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The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") has alleged that George McDaniel Shannon, M.D. ("Dr. Shannon"), a physician liensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana has written, issued and dispensed controlled substances to various patients without legitimate medical justification and in other than a legal or legitimate manner.

Predicated upon such information, the above-entitled and numbered proceeding was noticed and docketed for hearing before the Board upon Administrative Complaint lodged by the Investigating Officer, F. P. Bordelon, Jr., M.D., specifying alleged violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, to-wit: "[P]rescribing, dispensing or administering habit-forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner," LSA-R.S. §37:1285A(6); "[P]rofessional or medical incompetency," in connection with the indications, contraindications and dependency-inducing potential of such controlled substances, LSA-R.S. §37:1285A(12); and "[C]ontinuing or recurring medical practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing and usually accepted standards of medical practice in this state." LSA-R.S. §37:1285A(14).

On the basis of the information provided, and with Dr. Shannon's knowledge and consent, the Board is persuaded that Respondent may be capable of practicing medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, provided, however, that Dr. Shannon strictly observes and complies with reasonable and appropriate restrictions on and conditions to restoration and maintenance of his medical licensure. In consideration of this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer respecting the pending Administrative Complaint, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to insure the

health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state against the unprofessional, unqualified and unsafe practice of medicine, LSA-R.S. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter, by consent.

Recognizing his right to have the allegations and charges asserted in the Administrative Complaint adjudicated, pursuant to LSA-R.S. §§49:955-58, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, Dr. Shannon, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to formal adjudication and, pursuant to LSA-R.S. §49:955D, consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by LSA-R.S. §37:1285 and LSA-R.S. §49:955D;

IT IS ORDERED that George McDaniel Shannon, M.D., shall take a leave of absence from, and shall not engage in, the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana for a period of six (6) months, commencing on September 22, 1991;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that following the conclusion of the six (6) month period during which Dr. Shannon shall not engage in or have any right or entitlement to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, as referred to in the preceding paragraph, Dr. Shannon's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana shall be reinstated by the Board ON PROBATION for a period of three (3) years from the date of reinstatement, provided, however, that such reinstatement of licensure and Dr. Shannon's continuing exercise of the rights and privileges thereunder, shall be conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(a) *Special Purpose Examination ("SPEX")*. As a specified condition of reinstatement, Dr. Shannon shall have taken and successfully passed the SPEX examination.

(b) *Restriction on Prescription, Dispensation and Administration of Controlled Substances*. Dr. Shannon may not, at any time following the date of the reinstatement of his medical license, and for the duration of his medical career, prescribe, dispense or administer any scheduled controlled substance, which may be classified, defined, enumerated, or included in 21 C.F.R. §§1308, et seq and/or LSA-R.S. §49:964 and any substance which may hereinafter be included and identified as a scheduled controlled substance by amendment or revision of the cited regulations or statute. This prohibition shall not extend to medications ordered or prescriptions written by Dr. Shannon for institutional or hospital in-patients under the permit or license of said institution or hospital. Nor shall this prohibition pertain to those medications enumerated on a list of controlled substances which the Board has specifically permitted and authorized Dr. Shannon to prescribe, dispense and/or administer, which listing is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

(c) *Maintenance of Complete Medical Records*. As an express condition to the reinstatement of his license, Dr. Shannon shall maintain a complete and separate medical record on each patient who comes under his care, which record shall include

- but not be limited to - a medical history, examination, diagnosis, prognosis, laboratory reports, consultant reports, all medications prescribed, dispensed and/or administered and an enumeration of the treatment regimen prescribed by Dr. Shannon.

(d) *Monetary Fine.* Dr. Shannon shall pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars, to be paid in full on or before September 3, 1991.

(e) *Cooperation with Board's Probation Officer.* Dr. Shannon shall immediately notify the Board's Probation Officer of any change in his current home and professional addresses and telephone numbers. He shall also direct the results of his successful passage of the SPEX examination, as well as the monetary fine enumerated hereinabove to the attention of the Probation Officer. Dr. Shannon may expect scheduled and/or unscheduled visits by the Probation Officer during the period of his probation and he shall cooperate with him in all matters pertaining hereto.

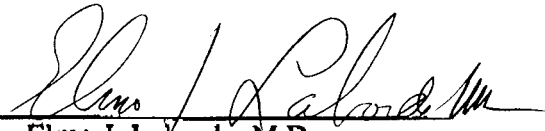
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions of this Order by Dr. Shannon shall, upon proof of such violation or failure, be deemed adequate and sufficient cause for the denial of reinstatement or further suspension and/or revocation of Dr. Shannon's medical license, or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in LSA-R.S. §37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Complaint and Supplemental and Amending Administrative Complaint filed in these proceedings, as well as any additional reports of investigations pertaining to Dr. Shannon which the Board currently has in its possession as of the date of its execution hereof, be and the same are hereby dismissed.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 26th day of Sept, 1991.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By: 
Elmo J. Laborde, M.D.
President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT

I, GEORGE MCDANIEL SHANNON, M.D., HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE,
APPROVE, ACCEPT AND CONSENT to entry of the above and foregoing Order this

20th day of September, 1991.

George McDaniel Shannon, M.D.
GEORGE MCDANIEL SHANNON, M.D.

Witness:

Barbara Thomason

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EXHIBIT "A"

The substances enumerated below constitute an inclusive list of all controlled substances which George McDaniel Shannon, M.D., is authorized to prescribe, dispense, and/or administer pursuant to the terms of the Consent Order executed by him and approved by the Board on the 26th day of September, 1991.

Darvocet-N 100
 Darvon Compound
 Paregoric
 Doriden
 Halcion

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