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IN THE MATTER OF:

ROGER D. HECTOR, M.D. (Certificate No. MD.022193), Respondent

CON	SENT (ORDER
FOR	REPRI	MAND

No. 14-I-530

An investigation was conducted by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), through its Investigative Officer ("I/O"), of the appropriateness of certain interventional pain procedures being performed by Roger D. Hector, M.D. ("Dr. Hector"), while contracted part time as a physician provider at a clinic in and around Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

During the course of the investigation, the records of several patients who had received interventional pain procedures were reviewed and those records revealed that there was no evidence that the patients had undergone evaluation or diagnostic testing of their complaints prior to receiving the interventional pain procedures for what was presumed to be peripheral neuropathy. Additionally, there was no evidence of the review of prior treatment records and other etiologies of the patient's pain complaints were not explored. Also, there was no evidence that less invasive therapies were utilized. Finally, the utilization of ankle, femoral, or sciatic nerve blocks for complaints of lower extremity pain is not well supported. Accordingly, it was determined that the interventional procedures were not performed in accordance with the standard of care for patients with complaints of lower extremity pain and/or numbness related to peripheral neuropathy.

On his own behalf, Dr. Hector contends that he served only briefly at the clinic and that he terminated his relationship, in part, based upon his concern for appropriateness of the recommended treatments. He was paid a fixed rate by the agency that placed him in the locum tenens position at the clinic and did not receive any payments from patients or third party payers. Dr. Hector contends that the basis for the investigation did not emanate from patients' complaints, nor was there any harm done to patients as a result of the treatment that he provided to the patients.

Predicated upon the foregoing information, the I/O determined that there was probable cause to initiate formal administrative proceedings against Dr. Hector's license to practice medicine in

this state, pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A (13) and (14).

As evidenced by his subscription to this Order, Dr. Hector acknowledges the foregoing information, without agreeing to the facts as alleged against him, without admitting the violation of any federal or state law or regulation, and for the purposes of this Consent Order only, and that such acknowledgement and the reported information could provide the I/O with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against him for violation of the Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1285A(13) and (14), respectively and, further, that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Act for the suspension, revocation or imposition of such other terms, conditions or restrictions on his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board might deem appropriate.

Recognizing his right to have administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time he would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:955-965, Dr. Hector, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges, formal adjudication and written decision and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D) consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Moreover, by his subscription hereto, Dr. Hector also waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, et seq. or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum or body relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Hector also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Furthermore, Dr. Hector expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the I/O's authority to pursue Administrative Complaints against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaints should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the information provided, the Board has concluded that the public interest would be properly protected and served by allowing Dr. Hector to maintain his license subject to appropriate specified terms, conditions and restrictions. In consideration of this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to insure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter

¹The Board may refuse to issue, or may suspend or revoke any license or permit, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license or permit issued under this Part for the following causes: (13) [u]nprofessional conduct (14) [c]ontinuing or recurring medical practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing and usually accepted standards of medical practice in this state;

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I, ROGER D. HECTOR, M.D., hereby the above and foregoing Order, this 3	acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of
	ROGER D. HECTOR, M.D.
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Sworn to and subscribed before me	at <u>Hillsburgh County</u> Florida, this <u>3</u> day of of the two stated witnesses.
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by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Roger D. Hector, M.D. is hereby OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED for his conduct.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Hector shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of this Order, pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Two Thousand and No/100 (\$2,000.00) Dollars.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the date of this Order Dr. Hector shall provide written confirmation to the Board that he has successfully completed a course that is approved in advance by the Board or its designee in medical ethics and professionalism.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Hector shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Hector's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

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

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Kenneth B. Farris, M.D. Vice-President

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