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In the Matter of:

No. 17-I-760

PATRICK DALE LELEUX, M.D.
(Certificate No. 202105)

CONSENT ORDER

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") concerning Patrick Dale Leleux, M.D. ("Dr. Leleux"), a physician that is, and was at all times material to the facts and matters alleged herein, licensed by the Board as a physician and engaged in the practice of medicine in and around Crowley, Louisiana, pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1261-92. The investigation was initiated following the receipt of apparently reliable information which indicated that Dr. Leleux engaged in unprofessional, inappropriate social media communications with a female patient, outside of the office-setting, while continuing to serve as her treating physician, including prescribing controlled substances that had been initiated by other providers. Dr. Leleux cooperated fully with the investigation and underwent an evaluation and treatment at a facility approved by the Board ("evaluating facility"). While there is no evidence to indicate a pattern of such conduct, Dr. Leleux has agreed to submit to the aftercare recommendations of the evaluating facility, as well as to implement certain policies, procedures and protocols in his practice that were also recommended.

By his subscription hereto, Dr. Leleux acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and, further, that proof of such information upon an administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act¹ for such action against his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board may determine appropriate. In consideration of the foregoing, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer respecting the pending investigation, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state

¹Pursuant to La. R.S. §37:1285A, the Board may take action against the license of a physician as a result of: (13) '... '[U]nprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, conduct manifested as sexual misconduct...;' (30) ' [V]iolations of any rules and regulations of the board. The Board's rules includes conduct of the type at issue, LAC 46:XLV.7603A.1; and (6) '[P]rescribing, dispensing, or administering legally controlled substances or any dependency-inducing medication without legitimate medical justification therefore or in other than a legal or legitimate manner.'

against the unprofessional, unqualified and unsafe practice of medicine, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter, by consent.

Recognizing his right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be filed in this matter, 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. §§49:951, *et seq.*, Dr. Leleux nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Leleux also acknowledges that he 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 relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Leleux 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. Dr. Leleux expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to pursue formal administrative charges against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

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 the license of Patrick Dale Leleux, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 202105, shall be placed on *Indefinite Probation* provided however, that such license and Dr. Leleux's continuing exercise of rights and privileges thereunder shall be conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(1) Personal Appearance before the Board. Dr. Leleux shall personally appear before the Board or its designee to permit the Board to consider his intent to comply with the terms of this Order and to advise the Board or its designee of his intentions with respect to his continued practice of medicine.

(2) Board Approval of Other Practice Settings. If Dr. Leleux engages in practice other than his current practice setting, he must seek prior approval in writing from the Board.

(3) Practice Monitoring and Quarterly Reports. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Leleux shall enter into a contract with Affiliated Monitors, Inc., or another comparable monitoring organization approved by the Board ("the practice monitoring program"), to monitor and review Dr. Leleux's medical practice during the

probationary period. All practice monitors shall be approved by the Board. The practice monitoring program will work in conjunction with the Board to develop parameters for monitoring Dr. Leleux's practice. The practice monitoring program will provide quarterly reports to the Board that will include an opinion as to whether Dr. Leleux is maintaining professional and personal boundaries and practicing medicine in accordance with the prevailing standards of medical practice. Dr. Leleux may petition the Board for relief from the requirements of this paragraph following receipt of six (6) quarterly reports attesting to the quality of his practice, which request the Board may grant or deny in its sole discretion. Dr. Leleux shall bear all costs associated with the practice monitor program.

(4) Chaperones; Reports. Dr. Leleux shall designate one or more workplace chaperones, acceptable to and preapproved by the Board or its designee, in whose physical presence and under whose direct observation he shall conduct the entirety of any and all visits and examinations of female patients or female family members of patients in accordance with the procedures and protocols recommended by the practice monitoring program. Any chaperone shall be a nurse or other healthcare professional licensed by and in good standing with a healthcare professional and occupational regulatory board in this state. Dr. Leleux shall insure that the chaperones sign and date all charts/electronic health records. He shall promptly report, and cause the chaperones to promptly report, in writing to the Board any instance of noncompliance with the requirements of this paragraph. Dr. Leleux may petition the Board for relief from his relationship with the practice monitoring program, but not the other requirements of this paragraph, at the same time he petitions the Board for relief from the requirements of paragraph 3 of this Order.

(5) Aftercare, Professional Development and Reports to Board. Dr. Leleux shall comply with the recommendations for aftercare and professional development of the evaluating facility, as well as those of any healthcare professional involved therein. Dr. Leleux shall authorize and cause those involved in his aftercare and professional development to submit to the Board not less frequently than quarterly throughout the probationary period, written reports or verbal reports should the Board so desire, as to his compliance with such recommendations and with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Order. Dr. Leleux shall immediately self-report, and cause those involved in his aftercare and professional development to report, to the Board in writing any failure to adhere to recommendations of the evaluating facility or those involved in his aftercare or professional development, as well as any violation of this Order.

(6) Notification to Employers. Dr. Leleux shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to each employer for whom he provides services as a physician in this state.

(7) Course on Proper Prescribing. Within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Leleux shall attend and successfully complete a course (or courses) on the proper prescribing of controlled substances. The course shall be approved in advance by the Board. Dr. Leleux shall also cause written certification of the satisfaction of the requirements of this paragraph to be submitted to the Board within such 180 day period.

(8) Absence from the State/Practice/Effect on Probation. Should Dr. Leleux at any time during the period of probation ordered herein be absent from the state of Louisiana, relocate to and/or take up residency in another state or country, or discontinue practicing as a physician, for a period of thirty (30) days or more, he will so advise the Board in writing. In such instance, the probationary period ordered herein shall be deemed interrupted and extended for no less than the period of time during which he was not engaged in practice or was absent from the state of Louisiana; however, all terms and conditions may continue to be in effect as ordered or may be modified or altered as needed at the Board's discretion.

(9) Cooperation with the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer. Dr. Leleux shall immediately notify the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer of any change in his current home and professional addresses and telephone numbers, and he shall direct all matters required pursuant to this Consent Order to the attention of the Probation and Compliance Officer, with whom he shall cooperate on all matters and inquiries pertaining to his compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.

(10) Probation Monitoring Fee. For each year of the probationary period, Dr. Leleux shall pay the Board a probation monitoring fee of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars. Payment of the initial fee shall be due not later than sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order. All subsequent annual payments shall be due on or before the anniversary date of the initial fee payment.

(11) Effect of Violation/Sanction. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Leleux acknowledges that his receipt of written notification that the Board has received reliable information which indicates his failure to comply with the requirements set forth by this Order in any respect shall, without the need for formal hearing or for providing him with any right to which he may otherwise 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, constitute his irrevocable consent to the immediate suspension of his license to practice medicine in this state pending a hearing before the Board and the conclusion of the administrative proceedings by issuance of a final decision following administrative adjudication of such charges.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Leleux may petition the Board for relief from the probationary status and/or any of the above terms no sooner than three (3) years from the effective date of this Order, which petition the Board may, in its sole discretion, grant, grant in part or deny. As an express condition to the consideration of such petition, Dr. Leleux shall provide the Board with an affidavit certifying that he has complied with each of the terms of probation imposed by this Order, and he shall make a personal appearance before the Board to discuss his compliance and his then-current practice and future plans for practice in this state.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Dr. Leleux shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such action against Dr. Leleux's license to practice medicine in this

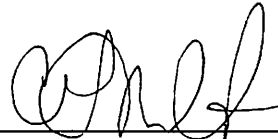
state as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violation were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

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

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective on this 17th day of September, 2018.

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By:



Christy L. Valentine, M.D.
President

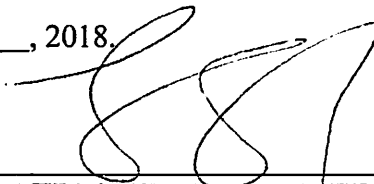
***Acknowledgement and Consent
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STATE OF Louisiana

PARISH/COUNTY OF Calcasieu


**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, **PATRICK DALE LELEUX, M.D.** hereby acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Consent Order and that all of its terms and conditions have been fully explained to me and/or that I fully understand them. I further acknowledge that I approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order without duress and of my own free will and accord, this 29th day of August, 2018.



PATRICK DALE LELEUX, M.D.

WITNESSES:



Signature Janet Rainwater


Signature Alexander C. Reed

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Lake Charles,
Louisiana, this 29th day of August, 2018,
in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public (Signature/Seal)

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