

BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

In The Matter of:

JOSEPH LOUIS ABADIE, M.D.
(Certificate No. 009235)

Respondent

NO. 89-I-023-G

CONSENT ORDER

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) following receipt of information indicating that Dr. Joseph Louis Abadie (Dr. Abadie) had voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine in the state of Illinois, his state of residence, effective November, 1989. The investigation was assigned to Elmo J. Laborde, M.D. as the investigating officer appointed by the Board.

The Department of Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois has confirmed that it entered into a Consent Order with Dr. Abadie¹, whereby Dr. Abadie voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine in the state of Illinois. According to the Consent Order executed between Dr. Abadie and the Illinois Board, Dr. Abadie may be physically disabled such that he could not practice medicine with reasonably skill, safety and judgment. Dr. Abadie has not been actively practicing medicine since 1986.

Dr. Laborde's review and analysis of the Illinois Consent Order confirmed to the satisfaction of the investigating officer that sufficient concern exists for investigation, conceivably culminating in a recommendation to the Board that a

¹ See Department of Regulation of the State of Illinois v. Joseph Abadie, M.D., License No. 036-048160, Proceeding No. 89-2135 (November 22, 1989).

formal administrative complaint be filed against Dr. Abadie pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, LSA-R.S. 37:1261 *et seq.*, charging Dr. Abadie with "inability to practice medicine ... with reasonable skill or safety to patients because of mental illness or deficiency; physical illness, including but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process or loss of motor skills ...," in violation of LSA-R.S. 37:1285A(25).

Recognizing his right to have any allegation and charge asserted in a formal Administrative Complaint, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 49:955-58, and to a subsequent adjudication and final decision rendered upon findings of fact and conclusions of law, Dr. Abadie, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to formal charges and formal adjudication and, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 49:955D, consents to entry of the order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Abadie 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. Dr. Abadie's signature and agreement as set forth hereinafter does not and shall not operate as an admission of any wrongdoing, fault, or violation of the Medical Practice Act.

Based upon the information provided, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the investigating officer, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the stipulation and agreement set forth hereinafter, by consent.

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 STIPULATED AND AGREED that the licensure of Dr. Joseph Louis Abadie, to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 009235, shall be voluntarily surrendered, and Dr. Abadie shall

provide to the Board within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this order, all current indicia of Louisiana licensure, including any wall certificates and wallet cards.

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that should Dr. Abadie ever wish to relocate to and actively practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, he shall provide the Board with written notice of such intention at least sixty (60) days prior to relocation, provided together with results of psychiatric and physical examinations, deemed satisfactory by the Board, indicating that Dr. Abadie is then capable of practicing medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 25th day of October, 1990.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY: Elmo J. Laborde, M.D.
ELMO J. LABORDE, M.D.
PRESIDENT

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT

I, JOSEPH LOUIS ABADIE, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 24 day of October, 1990.

Joseph Louis Abadie
JOSEPH LOUIS ABADIE, M.D.