

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH**

In re: Laura G. Bony, M.D.

Petition No. 2022-723

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Laura G. Bony ("Respondent") has been issued license number 046796 to practice as a physician and surgeon by the Department of Public Health ("Department") pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 370 as amended.

WHEREAS, the Department alleges:

1. From approximately February 7, 2020 through November 28, 2020, Respondent provided obstetric/gynecological care for Patient 1 during which time Respondent violated the standard of care in that she failed to:
 - a. perform maternal Group B streptococcus screening between thirty-six and thirty-seven and six sevenths' weeks of gestation;
 - b. repeat maternal Group B streptococcus screening five weeks after negative maternal Group B streptococcus screening baseline; and/or
 - c. evaluate and diagnose Patient 1 for preeclampsia despite her persistently elevated blood pressure.
3. The above-described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §20-13c, including, but not limited to §20-13c (4).

WHEREAS, Respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while not admitting wrongdoing agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board ("Board"), this

Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-13c.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-13c, Respondent stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives the right to a hearing on the merits of this petition.
2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check and is payable upon submission of the executed Consent Order to the Department.
3. Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for a period of six months, during which time Respondent shall successfully complete coursework in preeclampsia, pre-approved by the Department. Within fifteen days of the completion of such coursework, Respondent shall provide the Department with proof, to the Department's satisfaction, of successful completion. If Respondent successfully completes the coursework with the Department's written acknowledgment of same prior to the expiration of the six-month probationary period, the probationary period shall terminate.
4. All communication, correspondence and reports shall be addressed to:

Practitioner Compliance and Monitoring Unit
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

5. All notices or reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department.
6. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to Respondent's licensure.

7. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
8. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:
 - a. The Department shall notify Respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
 - b. Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
 - c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph a above to demonstrate to the Department's satisfaction that Respondent has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that Respondent has cured the violation in question.
 - d. If Respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation within the fifteen (15) days specified in the notification of violation to the Department's satisfaction, Respondent shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.
9. If Respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of Respondent's license before the Board.
10. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to Respondent's last known address of record reported to the Department.
11. This Consent Order is effective when accepted and ordered by the Board.
12. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is a public record, and the above allegations shall be deemed true in any proceeding before the Board in which Respondent's compliance with this Consent Order or with Connecticut General Statutes

§20-13c, as amended, is at issue. Further, Respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and that all disciplinary actions will appear on Respondent's physician profile pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 20-13j.

13. If Respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, Respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing medicine, upon request by the Department, for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days. During that time, Respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said forty-five (45) day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of Respondent's license. In any such summary action, Respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall be considered by the Board and shall, as a matter of law, constitute a clear and immediate danger as required by Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c). Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion whether a summary suspension is ordered.
14. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from acting later. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
15. This Consent Order and all terms are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or forum. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification because of any claim that the terms may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure authorities, and Respondent waives any right to seek reconsideration or modification of this Consent Order pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a

without the Department's express consent and agreement. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to executing this Consent Order. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Chapters 54 or 368a, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive Respondent of her rights under Connecticut or United States law.

16. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to execution by the last signatory.
17. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and its factual basis to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted. Respondent waives any claim of error that could be raised that is related to or arises during the Board's discussions whether to approve or reject this Consent Order and/or a Board member's participation during this process, through the Board member's review or comments, including but not limited to bias or reliance on evidence outside the administrative record if this matter proceeds to a hearing on a statement of charges resulting in a proposed decision by the Board and/or a panel of the Board and a final decision by the Board.
18. Respondent consulted with her attorney prior to signing this Consent Order.
19. The execution of this Consent Order has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the State's Attorney's Office where the allegation occurred or Bureau Chief of the applicable unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.

20. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties regarding to this petition.
All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this Consent Order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated or made a part hereof.

I, Laura G. Bony, read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to all the contained terms. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Laura G. Bony M.D.
Laura G. Bony, M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of January 2025.

Mary M Dolce
Notary Public/Commissioner Superior Court
MARY M DOLCE
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Connecticut
My Commission Expires 3/31/2029

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 6th day of February 2025, it is hereby accepted.

Christian D. Andresen
Christian D. Andresen, MPH, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the Connecticut Medical Examining Board on the 18th day of February 2025, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Kathryn Emmett, Chair
Connecticut Medical Examining Board