

**IN THE MATTER OF  
DOROTHY NGWA, R.Ph.  
LICENSE NO. 11785**

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**BEFORE THE  
MARYLAND STATE  
BOARD OF PHARMACY  
Case No. 18-012**

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**PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER**

**Background**

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) received a complaint from a patient alleging that Dorothy Ngwa, R.Ph., dispensed to the patient the wrong medication on July 7, 2017, which caused the patient an adverse reaction.

In lieu of instituting formal proceedings against Ms. Ngwa, in accordance with the Maryland Pharmacy Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-101 *et seq.*, the Board and Ms. Ngwa, have agreed to resolve this matter as set forth in this Consent Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On or about May 1, 1989, Ms. Ngwa was issued a license to practice pharmacy in Maryland. Ms. Ngwa’s license is active and will expire on November 30, 2019.
2. At all times relevant, Ms. Ngwa practiced at a chain community pharmacy in Fort Washington, Maryland.
3. On or about July 7, 2017, Ms. Ngwa erroneously dispensed Liothyronine 5 mcg to a patient instead of Tizanidine HCL 2 mg, as prescribed.
4. The patient alleges that she experienced itchiness and hives as a result.
5. Ms. Ngwa indicated that the above medication error was most likely the result of the pharmacy’s counting machine not being cleared from a previous dispensing activity.

6. Ms. Ngwa failed to identify the error in performing the final check of the medication.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Dorothy Ngwa, R.Ph., License Number 11785, is subject to discipline in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-313(b)(25) and COMAR 10.34.10.01B.

**ORDER**

Based upon an affirmative vote of the Board under the authority of Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. Art. § 12-313, it this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, hereby,

ORDERED that Dorothy Ngwa, License No. 11785, shall pay a FINE in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) payable to the Maryland Board of Pharmacy within sixty (60) days, and sent to:

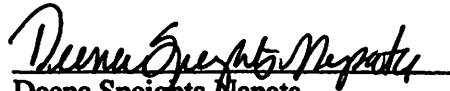
Wells Fargo Bank  
Attn: State of Maryland – Board of Pharmacy  
Locbox 2051  
7175 Columbia Gateway Drive  
Columbia, Maryland 21046  
*(Please include the Case Number 18-012 to ensure proper assignment.)*

and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Ngwa shall successfully complete six (6) continuing education credits in medication error prevention within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order and submit to the Board proof of completion; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a formal order and as such is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions Article § 4-333.

9-7-18  
Date

  
Deena Speights-Napata,  
Executive Director for:

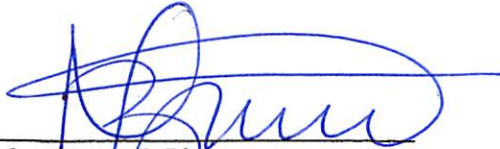
Kevin Morgan, Pharm.D.  
Board President

**CONSENT**

1. By signing this Consent, Dorothy Ngwa submits to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions.
2. Ms. Ngwa acknowledges the validity of this Consent Order as if it were made after a hearing in which Ms. Ngwa would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, and to all other substantial procedural protections provided by law.
3. Ms. Ngwa acknowledges that, by entering into this Consent Order, Respondent is waiving his right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed such an evidentiary hearing.
4. Ms. Ngwa acknowledges the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.
5. Ms. Ngwa acknowledges that this Consent Order is a public document under the Maryland Public Information Act, Gen. Provisions Art., § 4-333, and shall be reported to the National Practitioner Databank and the National Boards of Pharmacy, and posted on the Board's website in accordance with Health Occ. Art. § 1-607.
6. Ms. Ngwa signs this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. Ms. Ngwa fully understands the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

9/6/2018

Date

  
Dorothy Ngwa, R.Ph.

STATE OF MARYLAND,  
COUNTY/CITY OF Prince Georges:

I hereby certify that on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared DOROTHY NGWA, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.





Notary Public

My commission expires: 03/25/2020

GEORGE E. OKAI  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND  
My Commission Expires March 25, 2020



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