

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
RADHIKA UTTURKAR, R.Ph. * MARYLAND STATE
LICENSE NO. 19987 * BOARD OF PHARMACY
* Case No. 17-139

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PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER

Background

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) received a complaint from the parent of a patient (Patient “A”) alleging that Radhika Utturkar, R.Ph. (“Respondent”), dispensed the wrong medication to Patient A on April 13, 2017, and Patient A suffered adverse reactions as a result.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about November 15, 2010, the Respondent was issued a license to practice pharmacy in Maryland. The Respondent’s license is active and will expire on September 30, 2020.
2. At all times relevant, the Respondent practiced at a chain community pharmacy in Elkridge, Maryland.
3. On or about April 13, 2017, the Respondent erroneously dispensed to Patient A a prescription for Lamotrigine (generic for Lamictal) 100 mg, take 3 tablets, instead of Zantac 300 mg, as prescribed.

4. Patient A was an oncology patient at the time and asserts that he suffered serious injuries as a result.
5. The Respondent indicated that prescription legibility contributed to the medication error.
6. The Respondent did not verify the prescription with the prescriber and did not identify the error during the final check process.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Radhika Utturkar, R.Ph., License Number 19987, 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 ^{19th} day of February, ^{2019 D&N} ~~2018~~, hereby,

ORDERED that Radhika Utturkar, License No. 19987, shall be 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
Attn: State of Maryland - Board of Pharmacy
Lockbox 2051
7175 Columbia Gateway Drive
Columbia, Maryland 21046
(Please include the Case Number 17-139 to ensure proper assignment.)

and be it further,

ORDERED that Radhika Utturkar 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.

2-19-19
Date


Deena Speights-Napata,
Executive Director for:

Kevin Morgan, Pharm.D.
Board President

CONSENT

1. By signing this Consent, Radhika Utturkar submits to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions.

2. Ms. Utturkar acknowledges the validity of this Consent Order as if it were made after a hearing in which Ms. Utturkar would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, and to all other substantial procedural protections provided by law.

3. Ms. Utturkar acknowledges that, by entering into this Consent Order, she is waiving his right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed such an evidentiary hearing.

4. Ms. Utturkar acknowledges the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.

5. Ms. Utturkar 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.

6. Ms. Utturkar signs this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. Ms. Utturkar fully understands the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

2/8/19.
Date

R Utturkar
Radhika Utturkar, R.Ph.

STATE OF MARYLAND,
COUNTY/CITY OF Howard County / Columbia

I hereby certify that on this 08 day of February, 2019, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared RADHIKA UTTURKAR, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.

CLAUDIA M HATCH
Notary Public
Anne Arundel County
Maryland
My Commission Expires June 02, 2022

Claudia M Hatch
Notary Public
My commission expires: 06/02/2022