

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
JAYASHREE KURUP, R.Ph. * MARYLAND STATE
LICENSE NO. 14963 * BOARD OF PHARMACY
* Case No. 18-136

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PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER

Background

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) received a complaint from a patient alleging that Jayashree Kurup, R.Ph. (“Respondent”), dispensed the wrong medication to a pediatric patient on December 15, 2017, and the patient suffered serious injury as a result. The Board’s records indicate that the Respondent has a prior Consent Order, dated December 19, 2011, based on a pediatric medication error.

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 Consent Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about August 19, 1998, the Respondent was issued a license to practice pharmacy in Maryland. The Respondent’s license is active and will expire on November 30, 2019.
2. At all times relevant, the Respondent practiced at a chain community pharmacy in Bethesda, Maryland.
3. On or about December 15, 2017, the Respondent erroneously dispensed Levofloxacin 500 mg to a pediatric patient instead of Lansoprazole 30 mg, as

prescribed.

4. The patient suffered injury and was hospitalized as a result.
5. The Respondent indicated factors that may have contributed to the error were that the two medications were “look-alike/sound-alike”, as well as environmental distractions.
6. The Respondent failed to identify the error in performing the final check of the medication.
7. The Board’s records indicate that it issued a prior Consent Order against the Respondent, dated December 19, 2011, based on a prior pediatric medication error.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Jayashree Kurup, R.Ph., License Number 14963, 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 1st day of November, 2018, hereby,

ORDERED that Jayashree Kurup, License No. 14963, 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 18-136 to ensure proper assignment.)

and be it further,

ORDERED that Jayashree Kurup 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.

11-1-18
Date


Deena Speights-Napata,
Executive Director for:

Kevin Morgan, Pharm.D.
Board President


CONSENT

1. By signing this Consent, Jayashree Kurup submits to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions.
2. Ms. Kurup acknowledges the validity of this Consent Order as if it were made after a hearing in which Ms. Kurup would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, and to all other substantial procedural protections provided by law.
3. Ms. Kurup acknowledges that, by entering into this Consent Order, she is waiving her right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed such an evidentiary hearing.
4. Ms. Kurup acknowledges the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.

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

10.15.2018
Date


Jayashree Kurup, R.Ph.

STATE OF MARYLAND,
COUNTY/CITY OF Montgomery :

I hereby certify that on this 15th day of October, 2018, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared JAYASHREE KURUP, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.


Notary Public
My commission expires: 07/16/2020

INDER PAUL S GADH
Notary Public-Maryland
Montgomery County
My Commission Expires
July 16, 2020