

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE**

**IN RE: ROLANDO M. CHAVEZ, M.D.**  
**License No.: 0101-030778**

**CONSENT ORDER**

By letter dated July 30, 2009, the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") noticed Rolando M. Chavez, M.D., for an informal conference to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In lieu of proceeding to this informal conference, the Board and Dr. Chavez, as evidenced by their signatures affixed below, agree to enter into this Consent Order affecting the license of Dr. Chavez to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board adopts the following findings and conclusions in this matter:

1. Rolando M. Chavez, M.D., was issued license number 0101-030778 by the Board to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia on July 30, 1979. Said license is currently active and will expire on February 28, 2010, unless renewed or acted upon.
2. Dr. Chavez violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(3), (13) and (16) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code") in his treatment of Patient A, a 75-year-old male with a history of radiation therapy for prostate cancer who presented to Dr. Chavez approximately thirteen times between October 2004 and October 2006 with complaints of

transient gross hematuria and irritative voiding symptoms. Despite the patient's history, symptoms, and a finding of atypical cells during a urine cytology taken in October 2004, Dr. Chavez failed during this period to order appropriate diagnostic tests to determine the cause of the patient's hematuria. Patient A underwent a resection of a bladder mass in December 2006 and was found to have high-grade muscle-invasive urothelial carcinoma.

3. Dr. Chavez retired from practice in July 2008.

### CONSENT

I, Rolando M. Chavez, M.D., by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

1. I have been advised specifically to seek the advice of counsel prior to signing this document and;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me, except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000.A et seq. of the Code;
3. I have the following rights, among others:
  - a. the right to an informal conference before the Board;
  - b. the right to appear in person or by counsel, or other qualified representative before the agency; and
4. I waive all rights to an informal conference;
5. I admit the truth of the above Findings of Fact; and
6. I consent to the following Order affecting my license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and with the consent of the licensee, the Board hereby accepts the VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDER of the license of Rolando M. Chavez, M.D.

Upon entry of this Consent Order, the license of Rolando M. Chavez, M.D., will be recorded as SURRENDERED and no longer current.

Dr. Chavez will not be eligible for reinstatement of his license at any future date.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Consent Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD:



William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 8/20/09

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Rolando M. Chavez, M.D.

Rolando M. Chavez, M.D.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY/CITY OF Washington, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, at large, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009, by Rolando M. Chavez, M.D.

Martha D Little

Notary Public

MARTHA D. LITTLE  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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My commission expires: 3-31-2011