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Executive Deputy Commissioner

January 6, 2014

***CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED***

George D. Soncrant, D.O.  
REDACTED

Re: License No. 182001

Dear Dr. Soncrant:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 14-04. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect January 13, 2014.

**If the penalty imposed by this Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension, you are required to deliver your license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of this Order to: c/o Physician Monitoring Unit, NYS DOH - OPMC, Riverview Center, Suite 355, 150 Broadway, Albany, NY 12204-2719.**

**If your license is framed, please remove it from the frame and only send the parchment paper on which your name is printed. Our office is unable to store framed licenses.**

If the document(s) are lost, misplaced or destroyed, you are required to submit to this office an affidavit to that effect. Enclosed for your convenience is an affidavit. Please complete and sign the affidavit before a notary public and return it to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, 90 Church Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10007-2919, telephone # 212-417-4445.

Sincerely,

REDACTED  
Katherine A. Hawkins, M.D., J.D.  
Executive Secretary  
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
GEORGE DARREL SONCRANT, D.O.

MODIFICATION  
ORDER  
BPMC #: 14-04

Upon the proposed Application for a Modification Order Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230(10)(q) of GEORGE DARREL SONCRANT, D.O., (RESPONDENT), which is made a part of this Modification Order, it is agreed to and

ORDERED, that the attached Application, and its terms, are adopted and SO ORDERED, and it is further

ORDERED, that this Modification Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either

- by mailing of a copy of this Modification Order, either by first class to Respondent at the address in the attached Application or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, OR
- upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: 1/6/2014

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ARTHUR S. HENGERER, M.D.  
Chair  
State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
GEORGE DARREL SONCRANT, D.O.

APPLICATION  
FOR  
MODIFICATION  
ORDER

GEORGE DARREL SONCRANT, D.O., represents that all of the following statements are true:

On or about May 2, 1990, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York and issued License No. 182001 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is REDACTED

I am currently subject to BPMC Order No. 11-216 (hereinafter "Original Order"), marked as Exhibit "1," effective September 16, 2011.

I hereby apply to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for an Order (hereinafter "Modification Order"), modifying the Original Order, as follows:

The sanction imposed in the Original Order was "Censure and Reprimand; Respondent shall be permanently restricted from prescribing controlled substances for any patient for more than thirty (30) days in a year."

This sanction imposed shall be modified to read as follows:

"I hereby voluntarily surrender my license and registration to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (the Board), pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230(13)(b). I ask the Board to accept my Surrender of License, and I agree to be bound by all of the terms set forth in attached Surrender Exhibit "B.""

I make this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint, and seek the anticipated benefit of the requested Modification. In consideration of the value to me of the acceptance by the Board of this Application, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Original Order or the Modification Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the Board grant this Application.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed agreement and Order, based upon my application, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

DATE 12-23-13

REDACTED

GEORGE DARREL SONCRANT, D.O.  
Respondent

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Application for Modification Order requesting a Surrender of License and Order and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

DATE: 12-23-13

REDACTED

~~GEORGE DARREL SONCRANT, D.O.~~  
Respondent

DATE: 12/27/13

REDACTED

~~MICHAEL G. BASS, ESQ.~~  
Assistant Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 1/2/14

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~~For~~ ~~KEITH W. SERVIS~~  
Director  
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

# Exhibit 1

NEW YORK STATE: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

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IN THE MATTER  
OF  
GEORGE DARREL SONCRANT, D.O.

CONSENT  
ORDER

BPMC No. 11-216

Upon the application of **GEORGE DARREL SONCRANT, D.O.**, (Respondent), in the attached Consent Agreement, that is made a part of this Consent Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Consent Agreement, and its terms, are adopted and it is further

ORDERED, that this Consent Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of this Consent Order, either by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, or upon facsimile or email transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 9/8/11

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KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.  
Chair  
State Board for Professional  
Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

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IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

OF

AGREEMENT

GEORGE DARREL SONCRANT, D.O.  
CO-10-11-6766-A

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GEORGE DARREL SONCRANT, D.O., (Respondent), representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about May 2, 1990, I was licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York and issued license number 182001 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is REDACTED, and I will advise the Director (Director) of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) of any change of my address within thirty (30) days, thereof.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Board) has charged me with two (2) Specifications of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit A, is attached to and part of this Consent Agreement.

I do not contest the two (2) Specifications, and agree to the following sanction:

Censure and Reprimand;

Respondent shall be permanently restricted from prescribing controlled substances for any patient for more than thirty (30) days in a year.

Respondent shall comply fully with the Wisconsin Order #LS0906053MED, and any extensions or modifications thereof.

Respondent shall provide a written authorization for the Wisconsin Board to provide the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) with any/all information or documentation as requested by OPMC to enable OPMC to determine whether Respondent is in compliance with the Wisconsin Order.



Respondent shall submit semi-annually a signed Compliance Declaration to the Director of OPMC, which truthfully attests whether Respondent has been in compliance with the Wisconsin Order during the declaration period specified.

Should Respondent return to the practice of medicine in the State of New York or in any jurisdiction where that practice is predicated upon Respondent's New York State medical license, Respondent shall provide ninety (90) days notice in writing to the Director, OPMC. The Director in his sole discretion, may impose whatever limitations, or further conditions, he deems appropriate.

I agree, further, that the Consent Order shall impose the following conditions:

That Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of New York Education Law § 6502 including, but not limited to, the requirements that a licensee shall register and continue to be registered with the New York State Education Department (except during periods of actual suspension) and that a licensee shall pay all registration fees. Respondent shall not exercise the option provided in New York Education Law § 6502(4) to avoid registration and payment of fees. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the effective date of the Consent Order and will continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State; and

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the OPMC in its administration and enforcement of the Consent Order and in its investigations of matters concerning Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with this Consent Agreement. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director, OPMC, as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Respondent's control, as directed. This condition shall take effect upon the Board's issuance of the Consent Order and will continue so long as Respondent remains licensed in New York State.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with any conditions of the Consent Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York Education Law § 6530(29).

I agree that, if I am charged with professional misconduct in future, this Consent Agreement and the Consent Order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand that if the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this Consent Agreement shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence; and the Board's denial shall be without prejudice to the pending disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination pursuant to New York Public Health Law.

I agree that, if the Board adopts this Consent Agreement, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Consent Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that the Consent Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Consent Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Consent Agreement, or to my attorney by certified mail, or upon facsimile or email transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The Consent Order, this Consent Agreement, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patient identities, if any, redacted. As public documents, they may be posted on the Department of Health website.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and Consent Order are authorized by New York Public Health Law §§ 230 and 230-a, and that the Board and OPMC have the requisite powers to carry out all included terms. I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Consent Order for which I apply, administratively and/or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Consent Order, and I ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director, OPMC, and the Chair of the Board each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed Consent Agreement and Consent Order, based upon my application, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

AFFIRMED:

DATED: 10 Aug, 2011

REDACTED

GEORGE DARREL SONCRANT, D.O.  
Respondent

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

DATE: August 22, 2011

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LAUREN S. COUSINEAU  
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: August 23, 2011

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MICHAEL G. BASS  
Assistant Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 7/8, 2011

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KEITH W. SERVIS  
Director  
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

**EXHIBIT A**

STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
GEORGE DARREL SONCRANT, D.O.  
CO-10-11-6766-A

STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES

GEORGE DARREL SONCRANT, D.O., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on May 2, 1990, by the issuance of license number 182001 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A On or about October 20, 2010, the State of Wisconsin, Medical Examining Board, (hereinafter "Wisconsin Board"), by Final Decision and Order REPRIMANDED Respondent, and LIMITED Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin by restricting Respondent's ordering, prescribing, and administration of any opioid or opiate, including any product containing tramadol, for any patient for more than 30 days in any 12 month period, and ordered that Respondent pay \$3,575.00 to the Department of Regulation and Licensing for the costs of the proceeding in the State of Wisconsin. In its Conclusion of Law, the Wisconsin Board found that Respondent prescribed controlled substances to 3 patients in a manner that tended to constitute a danger to the health, welfare, or safety of a patient and the public.

B The conduct resulting in the Wisconsin Board disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State, pursuant to the following sections of New York State law:

1. New York Education Law §6530(3) (negligence on more than one occasion)

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
**FIRST SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the finding was based would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that  
Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A and B.

**SECOND SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in Paragraphs A and B.

DATED: *June 20*, 2011  
Albany, New York

REDACTED

PETER D. VAN BUREN  
Deputy Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

## Surrender "Exhibit B"

### Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice Following a Revocation, Surrender, Limitation or Suspension of a Medical License

1. Licensee shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in New York State, or under Licensee's New York license, in accordance with the terms of the Order. In addition, Licensee shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application and from representing that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine.
2. Within 5 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall deliver Licensee's original license to practice medicine in New York State and current biennial registration to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204-2719.
3. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall notify all patients of the cessation or limitation of Licensee's medical practice, and shall refer all patients to another licensed practicing physician for continued care, as appropriate. Licensee shall notify, in writing, each health care plan with which the Licensee contracts or is employed, and each hospital where Licensee has privileges, that Licensee has ceased medical practice. Within 45 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall provide OPMC with written documentation that all patients and hospitals have been notified of the cessation of Licensee's medical practice.
4. Licensee shall make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of all patient medical records. Within 30 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall notify OPMC of these arrangements, including the name, address, and telephone number of an appropriate and acceptable contact person who shall have access to these records. Original records shall be retained for at least 6 years after the last date of service rendered to a patient or, in the case of a minor, for at least 6 years after the last date of service or 3 years after the patient reaches the age of majority, whichever time period is longer. Records shall be maintained in a safe and secure place that is reasonably accessible to former patients. The arrangements shall include provisions to ensure that the information in the record is kept confidential and is available only to authorized persons. When a patient or a patient's representative requests a copy of the patient's medical record, or requests that the original medical record be sent to another health care provider, a copy of the record shall be promptly provided or forwarded at a reasonable cost to the patient (not to exceed 75 cents per page.) Radiographic, sonographic and similar materials shall be provided at cost. A qualified person shall not be denied access to patient information solely because of an inability to pay.

5. In the event that Licensee holds a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certificate for New York State, Licensee shall, within 15 days of the Order's effective date, advise the DEA, in writing, of the licensure action and shall surrender Licensee's DEA controlled substance privileges for New York State to the DEA. Licensee shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2 for New York State to the DEA. All submissions to the DEA shall be addressed to Diversion Program Manager, New York Field Division, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, 99 Tenth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.
6. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement of the New York State Department of Health. If no other licensee is providing services at Licensee's practice location, Licensee shall properly dispose of all medications.
7. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall remove from the public domain any representation that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine, including all related signs, advertisements, professional listings (whether in telephone directories, internet or otherwise), professional stationery or billings. Licensee shall not share, occupy, or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services.
8. Licensee shall not charge, receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for professional services rendered by Licensee or others while Licensee is barred from engaging in the practice of medicine. Licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered, and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf, prior to the Order's effective date.
9. If Licensee is a shareholder in any professional service corporation organized to engage in the practice of medicine, Licensee shall divest all financial interest in the professional services corporation, in accordance with New York Business Corporation Law. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days. If Licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional services corporation, the corporation must be dissolved or sold within 90 days of the Order's effective date.
10. Failure to comply with the above directives may result in a civil penalty or criminal penalties as may be authorized by governing law. Under N.Y. Educ. Law § 6512, it is a Class E Felony, punishable by imprisonment for up to 4 years, to practice the profession of medicine when a professional license has been suspended, revoked or annulled. Such punishment is in addition to the penalties for professional misconduct set forth in N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a, which include fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of charges



of which the Licensee is found guilty, and may include revocation of a suspended license.

