



# Department of Health

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July 6, 2016

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

Charles Fisch, M.D.  


Re: License No. 213986

Dear Dr. Fisch:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Modification Order No. 16-231. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect July 13, 2016.

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,



Henry Spector, M.D.  
Acting Executive Secretary  
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
CHARLES FISCH, M.D.

Upon the proposed Application for a Modification Order of CHARLES FISCH, M.D.  
(Licensee), 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 Licensee at the address in the attached Application or by certified mail to Licensee's attorney,
- OR
- upon facsimile transmission to Licensee or Licensee's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: 6/30/2016

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

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

**IN THE MATTER  
OF  
CHARLES FISCH, M.D.**

**MODIFICATION  
AGREEMENT  
AND  
ORDER**

CHARLES FISCH, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about May 18, 1999, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 213986 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is [REDACTED], and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of address.

I am currently subject to BPMC Order # BPMC 13-164 (Attachment I) (henceforth "Original Order"), which went into effect on June 12, 2013, and was issued upon a Stipulation and Application For An Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230 signed by me (henceforth Original Application"), and adopted by the Original Order. I hereby apply to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for an Order (henceforth "Modification Order"), modifying the Original Order, as follows:

The Original Order imposed Conditions upon my practice, including, in pertinent part, that I continue to be registered with the New York State Education Department and pay all registration fees, and that I not engage in the active practice of medicine until, and unless, the Director granted a petition permitting me to practice, subject to specified terms and conditions acceptable to the Director. I am currently retired

from the active practice of medicine, and it is my intention to remain permanently retired. Upon the issuance of the Modification Order, these Conditions of the Original Order shall be modified, as follows:

Upon issuance of the Modification Order, I shall notify the New York State Education Department, Division of Professional Licensing Services, that my license is currently and permanently "inactive", and I shall comply with the Conditions set forth in Attachment "II" ("Requirements for Closing a Practice"). I shall thereafter remain permanently retired from, and precluded from, the active practice of medicine in New York. I shall no longer be subject to a requirement that I continue to be registered and pay all registration fees in New York. I shall be permanently precluded from petitioning the Director to permit me to return to the practice of medicine in New York or based upon my New York license.

and

All remaining Terms and Conditions will continue as written in the Original Order.

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

6/14/2016

  
CHARLES FISCH, M.D.  
LICENSEE

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

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attorney for Licensee, ESQ.

DATE: June 23, 2016

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MARCIA E. KAPLAN  
Associate Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 6/22/16

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KEITH W. SERVISS  
Director  
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

**ATTACHMENT "I"**

**NEW YORK**  
state department of  
**HEALTH**

Public

Nirav R. Shah, M.D., M.P.H.  
Commissioner

Sue Kelly  
Executive Deputy Commissioner

June 5, 2013

**CERTIFIED MAIL-RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Charles Fisch, M.D.  
REDACTED

Re: License #213986

Dear Dr. Fisch:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 13-164. This Order of Conditions pursuant to Public Health Law Section 230 is effective June 12, 2013.

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

cc: Andrew Feldman, Esq.  
Feldman, Kieffer & Herman, LLP  
The Dun Building  
110 Pearl Street, Suite 400  
Buffalo, NY 14202



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IN THE MATTER  
OF  
CHARLES FISCH, M.D.

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ORDER  
OF CONDITIONS  
PURSUANT TO  
N.Y. PUB. HEALTH  
LAW § 230

Upon the application of CHARLES FISCH, M.D., (Licensee), in the attached Stipulation and Application for an Interim Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230 which is made part of this Interim Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230, it is agreed that the Application, and its terms, are adopted, and this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either

By mailing of a copy of this Order by first class mail to Licensee at the address in the attached Application or by certified mail to Licensee's attorney, or

Upon facsimile transmission to Licensee or Licensee's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: 6/4/2013

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Arthur S. Hengerer, M.D.  
Chair  
State Board for Professional  
Medical Conduct

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
CHARLES FISCH, M.D.

STIPULATION AND  
APPLICATION FOR  
AN ORDER OF  
CONDITIONS  
PURSUANT TO  
N.Y. PUB. HEALTH  
LAW § 230

CHARLES FISCH, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about May 18, 1999, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York and issued License No. 213986 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is REDACTED . . . . . I am not currently engaged in the active practice of medicine.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct ("the Board") has investigated the issues set forth in attached Exhibit "A".

I request that the Board and the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct ("the Director"), in reliance upon the results of the investigation to date and upon my representation that I have practiced medicine without incident for at least a year before this Application, conclude the investigation of these issues, provided I successfully and without incident comply with the Conditions set forth below. In consideration of the Board and the Director granting this Application, and upon the Board's election not to bring disciplinary charges against me, I agree that the Board and the Director shall issue an

Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230. Except as specified below, the terms and conditions imposed by this Order shall remain in effect while Licensee possesses a license, and shall set the following Conditions upon my practice:

- 1) Licensee's conduct shall conform to moral and professional standards of conduct and governing law. Any act of professional misconduct by Licensee as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §§ 6530 or 6531 shall constitute a violation of this Order and may subject Licensee to an action pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230.
- 2) Licensee shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of N.Y. Educ. 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. Licensee shall not exercise the option provided in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6502(4) to avoid registration and payment of fees. My failure to comply with this condition, if proven and found at a hearing pursuant to N. Y. Pub. Health Law § 230(10), shall constitute professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29).
- 3) Licensee shall provide the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204-2719 with the following information, in writing, and ensure that this information is kept current: a full description of Licensee's employment and practice; all professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within and outside New York State; all current and past affiliations and/or privileges, with hospitals,

institutions, facilities, medical practices, managed care organizations, and/or applications for such affiliations and/or privileges; all investigations, arrests, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility. Licensee shall notify OPMC, in writing, within 30 days of any additions to or changes in the required information.

- 4) Licensee shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct ("OPMC") in its administration and enforcement of this Order and in any investigation of Licensee. Licensee shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of compliance with the terms of this Order, meet in person with the Director's designee, and respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Licensee's control to OPMC, as directed.
- 5) Licensee shall adhere to federal and state guidelines and professional standards of care with respect to infection control practices. Licensee shall ensure education, training and oversight of all office personnel involved in medical care, with respect to these practices.
- 6) Licensee shall maintain complete and legible medical records that accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients.
- 7) The Director may review Licensee's professional performance. This review may include but shall not be limited to: a review of office records, patient records, hospital charts and/or electronic records; and interviews or periodic visits with Licensee and staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.

- 8) Licensee shall provide access for DOH personnel to Licensee's office(s) to verify Licensee's compliance with this Order. This access shall include, but not be limited to, on-site inspections, observation and interviews.
- 9) Licensee shall not engage in the active practice of medicine, except that, in the event Licensee decides to return to the practice of medicine, Licensee shall immediately report to the Director, in writing, his intention to engage in the active practice of medicine, including: a full description of the nature and scope of Licensee's employment and/or practice; name and address of said practice; and all affiliations and/or privileges, with hospitals, institutions, facilities, medical practices, managed care organizations, and/or applications for such affiliations and/or privileges. In such event, and prior to engaging in the practice of medicine, Licensee shall petition the Director for permission to practice medicine, as reported, and under defined circumstances, terms and conditions, acceptable to the Director. Such petition may only be made upon demonstration by the Licensee, to the satisfaction of the Director, of Licensee's proficiency and fitness to practice medicine in the area of medicine and position set forth in his report and petition to the Director.
- 10) In the event that the Director grants the petition as set forth in Paragraph 9, above, Licensee shall, for a period of 3 years (subject to the tolling provision set forth at Paragraph 11, below) practice medicine only when monitored by a licensed physician, board-certified in an appropriate specialty ("practice monitor"), proposed by Licensee and subject to the written approval of the Director.

- a) Licensee shall make available to the practice monitor all records or access to the practice requested by the monitor, including on-site observation. The practice monitor shall visit Licensee's medical practice at every location on a random unannounced basis at least monthly and shall examine a selection of records (no fewer than twenty) maintained by Licensee, including patient records, prescribing information and office records, to determine whether the Licensee's medical practice is conducted in accordance with generally accepted standards of professional medical care. The practice monitor shall report to OPMC within 24 hours of any perceived deviation by Licensee from accepted standards of medical care or any refusal by Licensee to cooperate with the monitoring.
- b) Licensee shall be solely responsible for all expenses associated with monitoring, including fees, if any, to the monitoring physician.
- c) Licensee shall cause the practice monitor to report quarterly, in writing, to the Director.
- d) Licensee shall maintain medical malpractice insurance coverage with limits no less than \$2 million per occurrence and \$6 million per policy year, in accordance with Public Health Law § 230(18)(b). Licensee shall provide the Director with proof of such coverage before Licensee may practice medicine pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 9, above.

- 11) The period of Conditions set forth in Paragraph 10, above, shall toll when Licensee is not engaged in active medical practice in New York State for 30 consecutive days or more. Licensee shall notify the Director, in writing, if Licensee is not currently engaged in or intends to leave active medical practice in New York State for 30 consecutive days or more and Licensee shall then notify the Director again at least 14 days before returning to active medical practice in New York State. Upon Licensee's return to active medical practice in New York State, the period of Conditions shall resume and Licensee shall fulfill any unfulfilled terms and such additional requirements as the Director may impose as reasonably relate to the matters set forth in Exhibit "A" or as are necessary to protect the public health.
- 12) In the event, and at any time during the effective period of Conditions, Licensee changes his practice of medicine that has been approved by the Director, Licensee shall, on each such occasion, again comply with each and every condition set forth in Paragraphs 9 and 10, supra. Licensee shall not practice medicine until such time as these conditions have been satisfied. The tolling Conditions set forth in Paragraph 11, supra, shall apply.
- 13) Licensee shall comply with this Order, and all its terms and Conditions, and shall bear all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of noncompliance with or violation of these terms, the Director and/or the Board may initiate a proceeding against Licensee under N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with these conditions shall constitute misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29).

I understand that nothing in this Application shall be construed as an admission by me of any act of alleged misconduct or as a finding of misconduct as to those issues referred to in Exhibit "A." I deny any acts of misconduct and reserve my right to assert all defenses I may have in any later or other proceeding.

I understand and agree that my failure to comply with, successfully complete, or satisfy any of the material conditions of this Order, and/or any unsatisfactory report by the practice supervisor or practice monitor, shall vest the Director with the authority, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, to vacate this agreement and shall permit the Director to pursue further investigation and/or prosecution of misconduct charges against me as to the issues set forth in Exhibit "A" to the full extent authorized by the Public Health Law and the Education Law.

I understand that an Order issued upon this Application does not bar prosecution for professional misconduct based upon allegations of violations of N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530 unrelated to the issues set forth in Exhibit "A", whether those alleged violations occurred before or after this Application. The Director may, at such time, also direct counsel to prepare charges that include allegations as to the issues set forth in Exhibit "A".

I agree that, if the Board grants this Application, the Chair of the Board shall issue an Order of Conditions in accordance with its terms. I further agree that the Department of Health shall notify the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards of this Order of Conditions pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230 and that the



change in my licensure status is not disciplinary in nature. This Order of Conditions shall be posted on the Department of Health website(s).

I make this Application of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's acceptance of this Application, I waive my right to contest the Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially. I agree to be bound by the Order, and I ask that the Board grant this Application.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department of Health, 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

5/17/2011

REDACTED

CHARLES FISCH, M.D.  
LICENSEE

The undersigned agrees to Licensee's attached Order of Conditions and to its proposed terms and conditions.

DATE 5/3/13

REDACTED

ANDREW FELDMAN, ESQ  
Attorney for Licensee

DATE 6/3/13

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CLAUDIA MORALES BLOCH  
Associate Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE 6/3/13

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KEITH W. SERVIS  
Director  
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

**ATTACHMENT "II"**  
**Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice**

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 five days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall deliver Licensee's 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 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 persons 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 fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, advise the DEA, in writing, of the licensure action and shall surrender his 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. Licensee shall destroy all prescription pads bearing Licensee's name. 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 of 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.