



New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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June 4, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ralph Price, M.D.
306 Corbin Drive
Newport News, VA 23606

RE: License No. 070613

Dear Dr. Price:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 98-105 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect **June 4, 1998**.

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension of this license, you are required to deliver to the Board the license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of the Order.

Board for Professional Medical Conduct
New York State Department of Health
Hedley Park Place, Suite 303
433 River Street
Troy, New York 12180

Sincerely,

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Dianne Abeloff, Esq.

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

**IN THE MATTER
OF
RALPH PRICE, M.D.**

**SURRENDER
OF
LICENSE**

BPMC #98-105

STATE OF VIRGINIA)

ss.:

COUNTY OF)

RALPH PRICE, M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

On or about June 30, 1950, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 070613 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 306 Corbin Drive, Newport News, Va. 23606 , and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address.

I understand that I have been charged with one specification of professional misconduct as set forth in the Statement of Charges, annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A".

I am applying to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for permission to surrender my license as a physician in the State of New York on the grounds that I agree not to contest the first specification in full satisfaction of the Statement of Charges.

I hereby make this application to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct and request that it be granted.

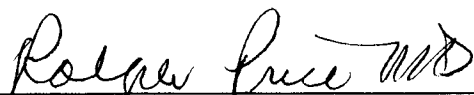
I understand that, in the event that the application is not granted by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, nothing contained herein shall be binding upon me or construed to be an admission of any act of misconduct alleged or charged against me, such application shall not be used against me in any way, and shall be kept in strict confidence during the pendency of the professional misconduct disciplinary proceeding; and such denial by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I agree that, in the event the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct grants my application, an order shall be issued striking my name from the roster of physicians in the State of New York without further notice to me. I agree that such order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Surrender Order to me at the address set forth in this agreement, or to my attorney, or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my attorney, whichever is earliest.

I am making this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint of any kind or manner. In consideration of the value to me of the acceptance by the Board of this Application, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive any right I may have to contest the Surrender Order for which I hereby apply, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the Application be granted.

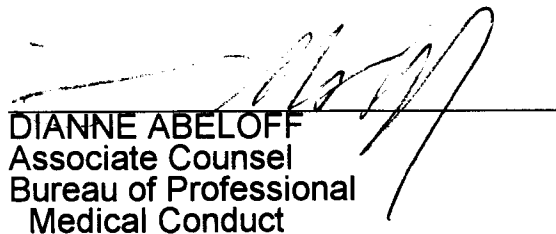
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DATED 5-12-98

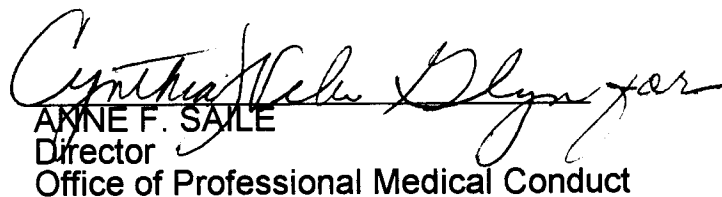

RALPH PRICE, M.D.
RESPONDENT

The undersigned agree to the attached application of the Respondent to surrender his license.

Date: 5/26/98


DIANNE ABELOFF
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

Date: 5/29/98


ANNE F. SAILE
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
RALPH PRICE, M.D.

SURRENDER
ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of RALPH PRICE, M.D. (Respondent) to Surrender his license as a physician in the State of New York, which proposed agreement is made a part hereof, it is agreed to and


ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted; it is further

ORDERED, that the name of Respondent be stricken from the roster of physicians in the State of New York; it is further

ORDERED, that this order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Surrender Order to Respondent at the address set forth in this agreement or to Respondent's attorney by certified mail, or upon transmission via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 1, 1998


PATRICK F. CARONE, M.D., M.P.H.
Chairperson
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

IN THE MATTER
OF
RALPH PRICE, M.D.

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

RALPH PRICE, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about June 30, 1950, by the issuance of license number 070613 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about September 15, 1997, Respondent surrendered his license to practice medicine in Virginia, based upon the finding made by the Virginia Board of Medicine that: on a continuous basis during the period March 20, 1985, through December 14, 1994, Respondent, without any accepted therapeutic purpose and contrary to sound medical judgment, had indiscriminately and excessively prescribed controlled substances to six patients without ever performing a comprehensive physical examination on any of those patients.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

HAVING BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF
PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(9)(b)(McKinney Supp. 1998) by having been found guilty of improper professional practice or 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 (namely N.Y. Educ. Law §§ 6530(3) practicing with negligence on more than one occasion; 6530 (5) practicing with incompetence on more than one occasion) as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. Paragraph A.

DATED: April , 1998
New York, New York

ROY NEMERSON
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct