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C. Maynard Guest, M.D.
Executive Secretary

April 23, 1993

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Alfred Bedford, M.D.
3705 Colorado Road
#250
Durango, Colorado 81301

RE: License No. 070911
Effective Date: 4/30/93

Dear Dr. Bedford:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 93-63 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect upon receipt of this letter or seven (7) days after the date of this letter, whichever is earlier.

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
Empire State Plaza
Tower Building-Room 438
Albany, New York 12237-0614

Sincerely,

C. Maynard Guest, M.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: E. Marty Sachey, Esq.

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

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IN THE MATTER :
OF : ORDER
ALFRED BEDFORD, M.D. : BPMC 93-63

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Upon the Application of ALFRED BEDFORD, M.D.
(Respondent) to Surrender his license as a physician in the State
of New York, which application is made a part hereof, it is

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 Respondent shall not apply for the
restoration of Respondent's license until at least one year has
elapsed from the effective date of this order; and it is further

ORDERED, that this order shall take effect as of the
date of the personal service of this order upon Respondent, upon
receipt by Respondent of this order via certified mail, or seven
days after mailing of this order via certified mail, whichever is
earliest.

SO ORDERED,

DATED:

30 April 1993

Charles J. Vacanti

CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.

Chairperson

State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER : APPLICATION TO
OF : SURRENDER
ALFRED BEDFORD, M.D. : LICENSE

STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF LA PLATA)

ss.:

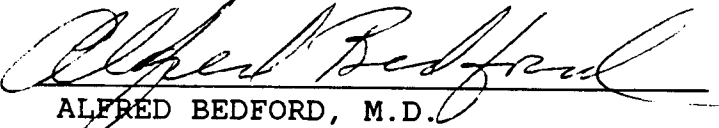
ALFRED BEDFORD, M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York on or about January 5, 1951 having been issued license number 070911 by the New York State Education Department.
2. I am not currently registered to practice as a physician in the State of New York.
3. 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".

4. 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 admit guilt to the specification of professional misconduct set forth in the Statement of Charges.
5. I hereby make this Application to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct and request that it be granted.
6. 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.
7. 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.

8. I am making this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion, or restraint of any kind or manner.


ALFRED BEDFORD, M.D.
Respondent

Sworn to before me this
1st day of April, 1993


NOTARY PUBLIC

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

IN THE MATTER : APPLICATION TO
OF : SURRENDER
ALFRED BEDFORD, M.D. : LICENSE

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

Date: 4/1, 1993 *Alfred Bedford*
ALFRED BEDFORD, M.D.
Respondent

Date: April 7, 1993 *E. Marta Sachey*
E. MARTA SACHEY
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

Date: April 22, 1993 *Kathleen Tanner*
KATHLEEN M. TANNER
Director, Office of Professional
Medical Conduct

Date: 20 April, 1993 *Charles J. Vacanti*
CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.
Chairperson, 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 : STATEMENT
OF : OF
ALFRED BEDFORD, M.D. : CHARGES
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ALFRED BEDFORD, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on January 5, 1951, by the issuance of license number 070911 by the New York State Education Department. The Respondent is not currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice medicine in New York State.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1. The Colorado State Board of Medical Examiners, by Final Board Order dated November 15, 1991, found Respondent guilty of unprofessional conduct and revoked Respondent's license to practice medicine.
2. The conduct underlying the Colorado Board's finding of unprofessional conduct consisted of Respondent's commission of two or more acts or omissions which failed to meet generally accepted standards of medical practice in his

treatment of Patients M.C., R.S., V.B. and H.D., in violation of Colorado Revised Statutes §12-36-117(1)(p), and of an act of grossly negligent medical practice in his treatment of Patient H.D., in violation of Colorado Revised Statutes §12-36-117(1)(p).

3. Respondent failed to meet generally accepted standards of medical practice specifically with regard to 77 year old Patient M.C., whom Respondent admitted to a hospital in April, 1986, after the patient reported symptoms similar to those she had when she suffered a stroke one year earlier:
- Respondent administered Heparin without obtaining a CT scan to rule out an intercranial bleed;
 - Respondent ordered the administration of Minipress without knowing or documenting when the patient last took this drug.

Specifically, with regard to 81 year old Patient R.S., admitted to a hospital several times in April, 1986 for dehydration and digitalis toxicity:

- Respondent diagnosed cardiac myopathy without evidence or objective data to support this diagnosis;
- Respondent failed to order a chest x-ray and failed to utilize a chest x-ray in the evaluation of cardiomyopathy;
- Respondent failed to adequately monitor kidney function and evaluate renal failure;
- Respondent, in the absence of adequate monitoring of kidney function and evaluation of renal failure, failed to adjust the level of the antibiotic Kefzol administered to the patient for a leg infection.

Specifically, with regard to 89 year old Patient V.B., admitted to a hospital in June, 1986, after falling at home and breaking her hip, and admitted on two additional occasions in July, 1986:

- Respondent diagnosed the patient as having some form of dementia but, during the three hospital admissions, failed to evaluate the patient's mental health status or to determine the reason for the patient's fall;
- Respondent diagnosed congestive heart failure with limited data and without sufficient objective data;
- Respondent failed to address possible digoxin toxicity or monitor renal function despite an elevated digoxin level in the toxic range;
- Respondent diagnosed cystitis without objective data to support the diagnosis.

Specifically, with regard to 78 year old Patient H.D., who suffered from congestive heart failure and was admitted to a hospital in August, 1983 due to shortness of breath and abdominal pain:

- Respondent failed to order an arterial blood gas despite the patient's respiratory distress and atrial fibrillation;
- Respondent administered inappropriate doses of digoxin, given the patient's low potassium level;
- Respondent failed to check the patient's digoxin level after August 2, 1983 despite the patient's low potassium level and instability;
- Respondent administered Lanoxin intramuscularly on August 1, 1983, rather than intravenously;
- Respondent failed to check the patient's creatinine and BUN levels throughout the patient's hospitalization as a means to evaluate renal function.

4. Respondent committed an act of grossly negligent medical practice with regard to Patient H.D. when Respondent failed to verify what medication he was administering when Respondent injected the patient with 300 mg of Xylocaine, a toxic dose, when the patient went into ventricular tachycardia. Respondent had obtained the Xylocaine from a "crash cart" used in emergencies and, although intending to obtain a low dose of Xylocaine, accidentally took from the cart a concentrated 20% Xylocaine solution.

5. The conduct underlying the Colorado Board's finding of unprofessional conduct would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(3) [negligence on more than one occasion] and/or N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(4) [gross negligence on a particular occasion] (McKinney Supp. 1993).

SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Education Law §6530(9)(b) (McKinney Supp. 1993) by reason of his 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 is based would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York State, in that Petitioner charges the facts in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

DATED: Albany, New York
March 25, 1993

Peter D. Van Buren

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