## New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct



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August 13, 1996

### CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Meguerdich Kouyoumdjian, M.D. 221 Proctor Avenue Ogdensburg, New York 13669

RE: License No. 093975

Effective Date: 08/20/96

Dear Dr. Kouyoumdjian:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 96-187 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 12237-0756

Sincerely,

Charles Vacanti, M.D.

Chair

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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Enclosure

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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

MEGUERDICH KOUYOUMDJIAN, M.D. : BPMC #96-187

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Upon the Application of MEGUERDICH KOUYOUMDJIAN, M.D., 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 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: 13 August 1996

CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D. Chairperson

State Board for Professional
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE	)		<i>!</i>		

MEGUERDICH KOUYOUMDJIAN, M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

On or about March 16, 1965, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 093975 by the New York State Education Department.

I am currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice as a physician in the State of New York for the period January 1, 1995, through February 28, 1997.

I understand that I have been charged with seven Specifications 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 do not contest the Specifications. I will not apply for restoration of this license.

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

Meguerdich Kouyoumdjian, M.D.
Respondent

Sworn to before me this

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	MEGUERDICH KOUYOUMDJIAN, M.D. Respondent
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STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

: STATEMENT

OF

OF

MEGUERDICH KOUYOUMDJIAN, M.D. : CHARGES

MEGUERDICH KOUYOUMDJIAN, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on March 16, 1965, by the issuance of license number 093975 by the New York State Education Department.

## FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- By Consent Order dated 22 November 1993, Respondent's Α. license to practice medicine in New York State was limited as follows:
  - employment in a hospital setting under the supervision 1. of an obstetrician gynecologist (OB/GYN) board certified by the American Board of Obstetricians and Gynecologists;
  - employment as a locum tenens OB/GYN at hospitals after 2. obtaining the specific prior approval of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct for each such hospital, such approval being based on the availability and credentials of OB/GYN backup;

- 3. requirement of a prior second opinion by a board certified OB/GYN for all gynecologic surgery other than tubal ligations.
- B. After the effective date of the consent order, Respondent provided services as a locum tenens physician at E.J. Noble Hospital without obtaining the specific prior approval of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct and/or practiced in other than a hospital setting.
  - C. Respondent treated Patient A, a 23 year old female whose last menstrual period was September 2, 1995. Fetal demise was confirmed by ultrasound on December 29, 1995 and a procedure to evacuate the uterus was performed on January 9, 1996. Between January 9, 1996, and February 19, 1996, Respondent failed to appropriately evaluate and treat Patient A for indications of retained products of conception.
    - D. Respondent treated Patient B, an 18 year old female whose last menstrual period was December 12, 1996. Respondent failed to adequately evaluate and treat Patient B between February 10, 1996, and early March, 1996, despite indications of a possible ectopic pregnancy.
      - E. Respondent treated Patient C, a 41 year old white femal who presented to E.J. Noble Hospital on March 12, 1996, in activabor. Respondent inappropriately permitted Patient C's second stage of labor to persist for approximately five hours.

# SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

# FIRST SPECIFICATION

# VIOLATING A LIMITATION IMPOSED ON THE LICENSEE

The Respondent is charged with violating a limitation imposed on the licensee within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. law §6530(29)(McMinney Supp. 1996), in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts of paragraphs A and B.

# SECOND SPECIFICATIONS

# PRACTICING THE PROFESSION WITH NEGLIGENCE

ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

The Respondent is charged with practicing the profession with negligence on more than one occasion within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(3) (McKinney Supp. 1996), in that Petitioner charges two or more of the following:

2. The facts of paragraphs C, D and/or E.

# THIRD SPECIFICATION

PRACTICING THE PROFESSION WITH INCOMPETENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

The Respondent is charged with practicing the profession with incompetence on more than one occasion within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(5) (McKinney Supp. 1996), in that Petitioner charges two or more of the following:

3. The facts of paragraphs C, D and/or E.

#### FOURTH THROUGH SIXTH SPECIFICATIONS

#### GROSS NEGLIGENCE

The Respondent is charged with practicing the profession with gross negligence within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(4) (McKinney Supp. 1996), in that Petitioner charges:

- 4. The facts of paragraph C.
- 5. The facts of paragraph D.
- 6. The facts of paragraph E.

## SEVENTH SPECIFICATION

### GROSS INCOMPETENCE

The Respondent is charged with practicing the profession with gross incompetence within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(6) (McKinney Supp. 1996), in that Petitioner charges:

7. The facts of paragraphs C, D and/or E.

DATED: , 1996 Albany, New York

PETER D. VAN BUREN
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Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct