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May 19, 2006

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

Richard Paul Greenberg, M.D.  
520 Lewis Farm Road  
Bessemer City, NC 28016

Re: License No. 112029

Dear Dr. Greenberg:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 06-112 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect May 26, 2006.

**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 the 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

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

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IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

OF

ORDER

RICHARD GREENBERG, M.D.

BPMC No. #06-112

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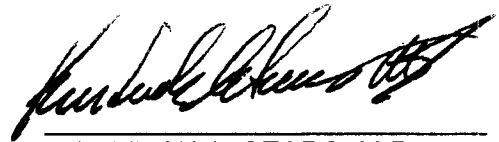
Upon the application of **RICHARD GREENBERG, M.D.**, (Respondent) in the attached Consent Agreement and Order, which is made a part of this Consent Order, it is

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

ORDERED, that this 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 transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 5-18-06



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**  
**OF**  
**RICHARD PAUL GREENBERG, M.D.**  
**CO-05-12-6362-A**

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**CONSENT**  
**AGREEMENT**  
**AND ORDER**

**RICHARD PAUL GREENBERG, M.D.**, (Respondent) representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about April 10, 1972, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 112029 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 520 Lewis Farm Road, Bessemer City, NC 28016, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address thirty (30) days, thereof.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct 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, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

Permanent restriction from all surgery practice in the State of New York.

Respondent shall comply fully with the October 19, 2005, Consent Order of the North Carolina Medical Board and any extension or modification thereof.

Respondent shall provide a written authorization for the North Carolina Medical Board, to provide the Director of OPMC with any/all information or documentation as requested by OPMC to enable OPMC to determine whether Respondent is in compliance with the North Carolina 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 North Carolina Order during the declaration period specified.

Should I return to the practice of medicine in New York state or in any other jurisdiction where that practice is predicated on my New York state medical license I shall provide ninety (90) days notice in writing, to the Director, OPMC.

Upon Respondent's return to the active practice of medicine Respondent will be subject to three (3) years Conditions in accordance with Exhibit B, attached, hereto.

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

That Respondent shall maintain active registration of Respondent's license with the New York State Education, Department Division of Professional Licensing Services (except during periods of actual suspension), and shall pay all registration fees. This condition shall take effect thirty (30) days after the Consent Order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent remains licensed in New York State; and

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Order and in its investigations of all matters concerning Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with this Order. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of 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 this Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29).

I agree that if I am charged with professional misconduct in the future, this Consent Agreement and 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 the 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 this 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 transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The Order, this agreement, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patients identities, if any, redacted.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and Order are authorized by Public Health Law Sections 230 and 230-a and that the Board for Professional Medical Conduct and the Office of Professional Medical Conduct 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, whether administratively or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Consent Order, and ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

AFFIRMED:

DATED: 5-10-06

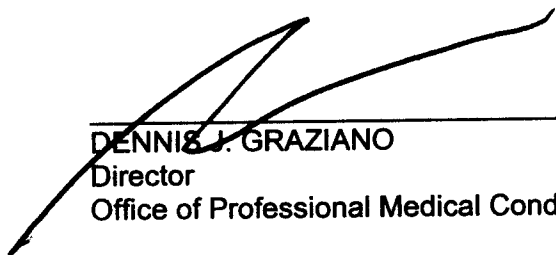
  
RICHARD GREENBERG, M.D.  
Respondent

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

DATE: 15 May 2006

  
ROBERT BOGAN  
Associate Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 17 May 2006

  
DENNIS J. GRAZIANO  
Director  
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

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**IN THE MATTER**  
**OF**  
**RICHARD PAUL GREENBERG, M.D.**  
**CO-05-12-6362-A**

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**STATEMENT**  
**OF**  
**CHARGES**

**RICHARD PAUL GREENBERG, M.D.**, Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on April 10, 1972, by the issuance of license number 112029 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. On or about October 19, 2005, the North Carolina Medical Board (hereinafter "North Carolina Board"), by a Consent Order (hereinafter "North Carolina Order"), inter alia, LIMITED Respondent's license to practice medicine so that he shall not perform any surgery, based on unprofessional conduct.

B. The conduct resulting in the North Carolina Medical 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(4) (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 practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the findings 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/or B.

**SECOND SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action 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 New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

DATED: *April 11*, 2006  
Albany, New York

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



## **EXHIBIT B**

### **Terms of Conditions**

1. Respondent shall conduct himself in all ways in a manner befitting his professional status, and shall conform fully to the moral and professional standards of conduct and obligations imposed by law and by his profession.
2. Respondent shall submit written notification to the New York State Department of Health addressed to the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, New York 12180-2299; said notice is to include a full description of any employment and practice, professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within or without New York State, and any and all investigations, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility, within thirty days of each action.
3. Respondent shall fully cooperate with and respond in a timely manner to requests from OPMC to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Order. Respondent shall personally meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC as requested by the Director.
4. The period of conditions shall be tolled during periods in which Respondent is not engaged in the active practice of medicine in New York State. Respondent shall notify the Director of OPMC, in writing, if Respondent is not currently engaged in or intends to leave the active practice of medicine in New York State for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or more. Respondent shall then notify the Director again prior to any change in that status. The period of conditions shall resume and any terms of probation which were not fulfilled shall be fulfilled upon Respondent's return to practice in New York State.
5. Respondent's professional performance may be reviewed by the Director of OPMC. This review may include, but shall not be limited to, a review of office records, patient records and/or hospital charts, interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and his staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
6. Respondent shall maintain legible and complete medical records which accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients. The medical records shall contain all information required by State rules and regulations regarding controlled substances.
7. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Order, Respondent shall practice medicine only when monitored by a licensed physician, board certified in an appropriate specialty, ("practice monitor") proposed by Respondent and subject to the written approval of the Director of OPMC.
  - a. Respondent shall make available to the monitor any and all records or access to the practice requested by the monitor, including on-site observation. The practice monitor shall visit Respondent's medical practice at each and every location, on a random unannounced basis at least monthly and shall examine a selection (no less than 20) of records maintained by Respondent, including patient records, prescribing information and office records. The review will determine whether the Respondent's medical practice is conducted in accordance with the generally accepted standards of professional medical care. Any perceived deviation of accepted standards of medical care or refusal to cooperate with the monitor shall be reported within 24 hours to OPMC.
  - b. Respondent shall be solely responsible for all expenses associated with monitoring, including fees, if any, to the monitoring physician.
  - c. Respondent shall cause the practice monitor to report quarterly, in writing, to the Director of OPMC.

- d. Respondent shall maintain medical malpractice insurance coverage with limits no less than \$2 million per occurrence and \$6 million per policy year, in accordance with Section 230(18)(b) of the Public Health Law. Proof of coverage shall be submitted to the Director of OPMC prior to Respondent's practice after the effective date of this Order.
8. Respondent will disclose to all licensing and credentialing bodies his vision problems- whether he is asked about it or not – when applying for any medical privileges whether they are surgical or not.
9. Respondent will be allowed to evaluate and treat patients so long as he does not perform surgery. In the event that a patient requires surgical intervention, R shall refer that patient to another neurosurgeon.
10. Respondent shall comply with all terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations and penalties to which he is subject pursuant to the Order and shall assume and bear all costs related to compliance. Upon receipt of evidence of noncompliance with, or any violation of these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation of conditions proceeding and/or any such other proceeding against Respondent as may be authorized pursuant to the law.