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August 9, 2005

**CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Chandrashaker R. Gona, M.D.  
7240 Woodhaven Drive  
Lockport, NY 14094

Re: License No. 127754

Dear Dr. Gona:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 05-164 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect August 16, 2005.

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 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

cc: Robert D. Barone, Esq.  
Brown & Tarantino  
1500 Rand Building  
14 Lafayette Square  
Buffalo, NY 14203

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

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
CHANDRASHAKER R. GONA, M.D.

CONSENT  
ORDER  
BPMC No. #05-164

Upon the application of (Respondent) Chandrashaker R. Gona, M.D. 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: 8-9-2005

  
KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.  
Chair  
State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
CHANDRASHAKER R. GONA, M.D.

CONSENT  
AGREEMENT  
AND  
ORDER

Chandrashaker R. Gona, M.D., representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about July 23, 1976, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 127754 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 7240 Woodhaven Drive, Lockport, New York 14094, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of address.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with two 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 agree not to contest the second specification, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty: a Censure and Reprimand, and my full compliance for a period of three years with the Conditions attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

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 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 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 patient 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.

DATED 6/23/05

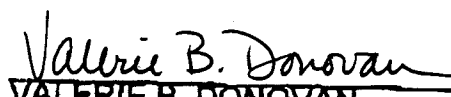
  
CHANDRASHAKER R. GONA, M.D.  
Respondent

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

DATE: 7/18/05

  
ROBERT D. BARONE, ESQ.  
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 7/18/05

  
VALERIE B. DONOVAN  
Assistant Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: August 22, 2005

  
DENNIS J. GRAZIANO  
Director  
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

**IN THE MATTER  
OF  
CHANDRASHAKER R. GONA, M.D.**

**STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES**

Chandrashaker R. Gona, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about July 23, 1976, by the issuance of license number 127754 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. From in or around November, 2003, to in or around February, 2004, Respondent treated Patient A (patient is identified in Appendix A), a sixty-one year old female with a bladder tumor, at his office at 53 Elizabeth Drive, Lockport, New York, and at Lockport Memorial Hospital, Lockport, New York. On or around December 12, 2003, Respondent performed a partial cystectomy on Patient A. Respondent's care of Patient A did not meet acceptable standards in that:
1. Respondent failed to discuss with Patient A the final pathology report findings which noted high-grade transitional cell carcinoma with extensive muscle and lymphatic invasion with focal tumor involvement at the margins, and right margin focally positive for tumor.
  2. Respondent failed to offer all appropriate treatment options to Patient A.
  3. Respondent failed to recommend and/or make appropriate referrals for oncological consults for Patient A.
  4. Respondent failed to document in Patient A's medical record the pathology report findings, his recommendations for additional treatment and referrals, and/or any discussion with Patient A regarding the final pathology results and treatment recommendations.
  5. On or about December 22, 2003, Respondent inappropriately instructed Patient A to return in three months for a follow-up visit.
  6. In or around February, 2004, Respondent inadequately assessed Patient A's abdominal distension and ascites and/or failed to arrange for



appropriate referrals to obtain a diagnosis and institute treatment for Patient A.

**SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES**

**FIRST SPECIFICATION**

**GROSS NEGLIGENCE**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(4) by practicing the profession of medicine with gross negligence on a particular occasion as alleged in the following:

1. The facts in paragraphs A and A. 1, A and A. 2 and/or A and A.3.

**SECOND SPECIFICATION**

**NEGLIGENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(3) by practicing the profession of medicine with negligence on more than one occasion as alleged in two or more of the following:

2. The facts in paragraphs A and A.1, A and A. 2, A and A.3, A and A.4, A and A.5 and/or A and A.6.

DATED: *July 10*  
~~May~~, 2005  
Albany, New York

*Peter D. Van Buren*  
PETER D. VAN BUREN  
Deputy Counsel  
Bureau of Professional  
Medical Conduct

## EXHIBIT "B"

### Conditions

1. Respondent's conduct shall conform to moral and professional standards of conduct and governing law. Any act of professional misconduct by Respondent as defined by New York State Education Law §6530 or §6531 shall constitute a violation of these conditions and may subject Respondent to an action pursuant to New York State Public Health Law §230(19).
2. Respondent shall maintain active registration of licensure (except during periods of actual suspension) with the New York State Education Department Division of Professional Licensing Services, and shall pay all registration fees.
3. Respondent shall provide the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, New York 12180-2299 with the following information, in writing, and ensure that such information is kept current: a full description of Respondent's employment and practice; all professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within and outside New York State; and all investigations, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility, within thirty (30) days of each action.
4. Respondent shall cooperate fully with, and respond in a timely manner to, OPMC requests to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Consent Order. Upon the Director of OPMC's request, Respondent shall meet in person with the Director's designee.
5. The time period of these conditions shall toll when Respondent is not engaged in active medical practice in New York State for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or more. Respondent shall notify the Director of OPMC, in writing, if Respondent is not currently engaged in, or intends to leave, active medical practice in New York State for a consecutive thirty (30) day period. Respondent shall then notify the Director again at least fourteen (14) days before returning to active practice. Upon Respondent's return to active practice in New York State, the time period for these conditions will resume and Respondent 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 are necessary to protect the public health.
6. The Director of OPMC may review Respondent's professional performance. This review may include but shall not be limited to: a review of office records, patient records and/or hospital charts; and interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
7. Respondent shall maintain complete and legible medical records that accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients and contain all information required by State rules and regulations concerning controlled substances.
8. Respondent shall enroll in and complete a continuing education program in

the area of medical ethics. This continuing education program is subject to the Director of OPMC's prior written approval and shall be completed within the first year of the conditions period.

9. Within thirty 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 fewer 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.
10. Upon Respondent's successful completion of 24 months of compliance with these conditions, Respondent may petition the Director for an early termination of the conditions, and absent any concerns raised by the monitor regarding Respondent's practice, the Director shall exercise reasonable discretion in deciding whether to grant the petition.
11. Respondent shall comply with this Order and all its terms, and shall bear all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of noncompliance with, or violation of, these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate any proceeding authorized by law against Respondent.