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November 5, 2001

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Suresh B. Shah, M.D.
23 Wandering Way
Smithtown, New York 11787

RE: License No. 133487

Dear Dr. Shah:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 01-255 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect November 5, 2001.

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 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: Diane Abeloff, Esq.

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
SURESH B. SHAH, M.D.

SURRENDER
ORDER
BPMC No. 01-255

Upon the proposed agreement of SURESH B. SHAH, 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: 11/3/01


WILLIAM P. DILLON, M.D.
Chair
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

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

**IN THE MATTER
OF
SURESH B. SHAH, M.D.**

**SURRENDER
OF
LICENSE**

SURESH B. SHAH, M.D., representing all statements herein made to be true, deposes and says:

On or about January 27, 1978, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 133487 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 23 Wandering Way, Smithtown, N.Y. , 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 26 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 agree not to contest any of the allegations in full satisfaction of the Statement of Charges.

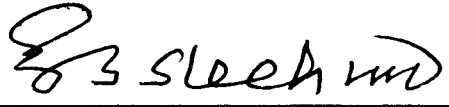
I hereby make this application to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct and request that it be granted.

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.

DATED 10/12/01




SURESH B. SHAH, M.D.
RESPONDENT

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

Date: _____

, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

Date: 10/17/01



DIANNE ABELOFF
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

Date: 10/29/01



DENNIS J. GRAZIANO
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

**GUIDELINES FOR CLOSING A MEDICAL PRACTICE FOLLOWING A
REVOCATION, SURRENDER OR SUSPENSION (of 6 months or more)
OF A MEDICAL LICENSE**

1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in accordance with the terms of the Order. In addition, Respondent shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application and from representing himself as being eligible to practice medicine.
2. Respondent shall have delivered to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299 his original license to practice medicine in New York State and current biennial registration within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Order.
3. Respondent shall within fifteen (15) days of the Order notify his patients of the cessation of his medical practice and will refer all patients to another licensed practicing physician for their continued care, as appropriate.
4. Respondent shall make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of the medical records of his patients. Within thirty days of the effective date of the Order, Respondent shall notify OPMC of these arrangements including the appropriate and acceptable contact person's name, address, and telephone number who shall have access to these records. Original records shall be retained for at least six years after the last date of service rendered to a patient or, in the case of a minor, for at least six years after the last date of service or three years after the patient reaches the age of majority whichever time period is longer. Records shall be maintained in a safe and secure place which is reasonably accessible to former patients. The arrangements shall include provisions to ensure that the information on the record is kept confidential and made available only to authorized persons. When a patient or and/or his or her representative requests a copy of the patient's medical record or requests that the original medical record be forwarded to another health care provider, a copy of the record shall be promptly provided or forwarded at a reasonable cost to the patient (not to exceed seventy-five cents per page.) Radiographic, sonographic and like materials shall be provided at cost. A qualified person shall not be denied access to patient information solely because of their inability to pay.
5. In the event that Respondent holds a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) certificate, Respondent shall within fifteen (15) days advise the DEA in writing of the licensure action and shall surrender his DEA controlled substance privileges to the DEA. Respondent shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2 to the DEA.
6. Respondent shall within fifteen (15) days return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Controlled Substances of the New York State Department of Health. Respondent shall cause all prescription pads bearing his name to be destroyed. If no other licensee is providing services at his practice location, all medications shall be properly disposed.
7. Respondent shall not share, occupy or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services. Respondent shall cause all signs to be removed within fifteen (15) days and stop all advertisements, professional listings whether in telephone directories or otherwise, professional stationery or billings by which his eligibility to practice is represented.

8. Respondent shall not charge, receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for professional services rendered by himself or others while barred from engaging in the practice of medicine. Respondent may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf prior to the effective date of this Order.

9. If Respondent is a shareholder in any professional service corporation organized to engage in the practice of medicine and if his license is revoked, surrendered or suspended for a term of six months or more under the terms of this Order, Respondent shall divest himself of all financial interest in the professional services corporation in accordance with New York Business Corporation Law. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days. If Respondent is the sole shareholder in a professional services corporation, the corporation must be dissolved or sold within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order.

10. Failure to comply with the above directives may result in a civil penalty or further criminal penalties as may be authorized pursuant to the law. Under Section 6512 of the Education Law it is a Class E Felony, punishable by imprisonment of up to 4 years, to practice the profession of medicine when such professional license has been suspended, revoked or annulled. Such punishment is in addition to the penalties for professional misconduct set forth in section 230-a of the Public Health Law, which includes fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of charges of which the Respondent is found guilty and may include revocation of a suspended license.

IN THE MATTER
OF
SURESH B. SHAH, M.D.

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

SURESH B. SHAH , M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about January 1, 1978, by the issuance of license number 133487 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. From in or about February 1995 through April 1995, Patient A was treated by Respondent at the Yaphank Clinic, Yaphank, N.Y. Respondent's conduct deviated from accepted medical standards, in that:
1. During the period of treatment, at the end of some sessions, Respondent placed his arms around Patient A and hugged her.
 2. During the sessions Respondent told Patient A that she was pretty and she should never become a prostitute as had some of his other patients.
 3. On or about April 25, 1995, after Patient A's session with Respondent, Respondent approached Patient A, hugged her and rubbed her left breast.
 4. On or about April 26, 1995, Respondent called Patient A at her

Exhibit A

home and told her that he touched her breast because he wanted to have sexual relations with her.

B. From in or about December 1997 through in or about December 1998, Respondent treated Patient B at the Yaphank Clinic. Respondent's conduct deviated from accepted medical standards, in that:

1. During that period of treatment, Respondent told Patient B that she was attractive and had a nice figure.
2. During that period of treatment, at the end of some of the sessions, Respondent hugged and kissed Patient B.
3. During that same treatment period, Respondent shared personal information about his family with Patient B.

C. From in or about June 1997 through in or about December 1998, Respondent treated Patient C at the Yaphank Clinic. Respondent's conduct deviated from accepted medical standards, in that:

1. During that period of treatment, at the end of some of the sessions, Respondent hugged and kissed Patient C.

D. From in or about January 1995 through in or about May 1999, Respondent treated Patient D at the Setauket, Setauket, N.Y., and Yaphank Clinics. Respondent's conduct deviated from accepted medical standards, in that:

1. During that period of time, at the end of some of the treatment sessions, Respondent hugged and occasionally kissed Patient D.
2. During the course of treatment the sexual contact between Respondent and Patient D escalated. Eventually, Respondent directed Patient D to touch his penis and cause him to ejaculate and Respondent would fondle Patient D.
3. During that period of time, Respondent met Patient D in various restaurants.
4. On or about March 20, 1999, Respondent told Patient D not to tell anyone about their relationship.

E. From in or about December 1997 through in or about December 1998, Respondent treated Patient E at the Yaphank Clinic. Respondent's conduct deviated from accepted medical standards, in that:

1. During that period of treatment, at the end of some of the sessions, Respondent hugged and kissed Patient E.
2. During that period of treatment, Respondent touched Patient E's breasts.
3. Respondent told Patient E not to tell anyone that he touched her breasts.

F. From in or about March 1998, through December 1998, Respondent treated Patient F at the Yaphank Clinic. Respondent's conduct deviated from accepted medical standards, in that:

1. During that period of treatment, at the end of some of the sessions, Respondent hugged Patient F.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST THROUGH SIXTH SPECIFICATION

SEXUAL CONTACT BY A PSYCHIATRIST

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(44)(McKinney Supp. 2001) by engaging in physical contact of a sexual nature between the licensee and the patient in the practice of psychiatry, as alleged in the facts of:

1. The facts in Paragraph A, A 1 and A 3
2. The facts in Paragraph B, and B 2
3. The facts in Paragraph C, and C1
4. The facts in Paragraph D, D1 and D2
5. The facts in Paragraph E, E1 and E 2
6. The facts in Paragraph F, and F1

SEVENTH THROUGH TWELFTH SPECIFICATIONS

GROSS NEGLIGENCE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(4)(McKinney Supp. 2001) by practicing the profession of medicine with gross negligence as alleged in the facts of the following:

7. The facts in Paragraph A and its subparagraphs
8. The facts in Paragraph B and its subparagraphs
9. The facts in Paragraph C and its subparagraphs
10. The facts in Paragraph D and its subparagraphs
11. The facts in Paragraph E and its subparagraphs
12. The facts in Paragraph F and its subparagraphs

THIRTEENTH SPECIFICATION

NEGLIGENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(3)(McKinney Supp. 2001) by practicing the profession of medicine with negligence on more than one occasion as alleged in the facts of two or more of the following:

13. The facts in Paragraph A and its subparagraphs; Paragraph B and its subparagraphs; Paragraph C and its subparagraphs; Paragraph D and its subparagraphs; Paragraph E and its subparagraphs; and/or Paragraph F and its subparagraphs.

FOURTEENTH SPECIFICATION

INCOMPETENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(5)(McKinney Supp. 2001) by practicing the profession of medicine with incompetence on more than one occasion as alleged in the facts of two or more of the following:

14. The facts in Paragraph A and its subparagraphs; Paragraph B and its subparagraphs; Paragraph C and its subparagraphs; Paragraph D and its subparagraphs; Paragraph E and its subparagraphs; and/or Paragraph F and its subparagraphs.

FIFTEENTH THROUGH TWENTIETH SPECIFICATIONS

MORAL UNFITNESS

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(20)(McKinney Supp. 2001) by engaging in conduct in the practice of the profession of medicine that evidences moral unfitness to practice as alleged in the facts of the following:

15. The facts in Paragraph A and its subparagraphs
16. The facts in Paragraph B and its subparagraphs
17. The facts in Paragraph C and its subparagraphs
18. The facts in Paragraph D and its subparagraphs
19. The facts in Paragraph E and its subparagraphs
20. The facts in Paragraph F and its subparagraphs

TWENTY-FIRST THROUGH TWENTY-SIXTH SPECIFICATIONS

VERBAL AND/OR PHYSICAL ABUSE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(31)(McKinney Supp. 2001) by willfully harassing, abusing, or intimidating a patient either physically or verbally as alleged in the facts of:

21. The facts in Paragraph A and its subparagraphs
22. The facts in Paragraph B and its subparagraphs
23. The facts in Paragraph C and its subparagraphs
24. The facts in Paragraph D and its subparagraphs
25. The facts in Paragraph E and its subparagraphs
26. The facts in Paragraph F and its subparagraphs.