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March 26, 2003

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

Mark Bernard Lew, M.D. 2704 Glenwood Road Brooklyn, NY 11210

RE:

License No. 133922

Dear Dr. Lew:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 03-79 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect March 26, 2003.

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 Hedley Park Place, Suite 303 433 River Street Troy, New York 12180

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a fine, please write the check payable to the New York State Department of Health. Noting the BPMC Order number on your remittance will assist in proper crediting. Payments should be directed to the following address:

Bureau of Accounts Management New York State Department of Health Corning Tower, Room 1258 Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12237

Sincerely,

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.

**Executive Secretary** 

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

#### Enclosure

cc: Amy Kulb, Esq.

Jacobsen & Goldberg 585 Stewart Avenue Garden City, NY 11530

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

# OF MARK BERNARD LEW, M.D.

ORDER
BPMC No. 03-79

Upon the application of (Respondent) Mark Bernard Lew, 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 SO ORDERED, 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 JAY ( )

WILLIAM P. DILLON, M.D.

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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

# IN THE MATTER OF MARK BERNARD LEW, M.D.

CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND
ORDER

Mark Bernard Lew, M.D., representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about March 24, 1978, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No.133922 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 2704 Glenwood Road, Brooklyn, NY 11210, 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 one specification of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit "A", is attached to and made a part of this Consent Agreement.

I agree that I cannot successfully defend against the misconduct alleged, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

My license to practice medicine in the State of New York shall be suspended for two years, with such suspension to be stayed. I shall be subject to a two year period of probation in accordance with the terms set forth in the appended Exhibit "B". In addition, I will be required to pay a fine, which I hereby stipulate to be in accordance with Section 230 a(7) of the Public Health Law, of

\$120,000, payable in twelve consecutive \$10,000 monthly payments with the first payment due 30 days after receipt of a duly executed copy of the within Consent Order. Checks shall be made payable to "New York State Department of Health" and forwarded to the following address:

Revenue Unit New York State Department of Health Empire State Plaza Corning Tower, Rm 1258 Albany, N.Y. 12237

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

That Respondent shall maintain current registration of licensure 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.

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 02-28-03

Mark Bernard Lew, M.D. RESPONDENT The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

DATE: <u>2 - 2 7 - 0</u>3

Attorney for Respondent

Associate Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 318 03

DENNIS J. GRAZIANO

Director

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER

**OF** 

MARK BERNARD LEW, M.D.

OF CHARGES

Mark Bernard Lew, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about March 24, 1978, by the issuance of license number 133922 by the New York State Education Department.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. In the years 1998 through 2000 Respondent failed to maintain accurate records concerning his purchase of various vaccines from drug suppliers, his obtaining of various vaccines from the New York State Department of Health - Vaccine for Children Program, and establishing the proper allocation of such vaccines to the appropriate patient population.

### **SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES**

## FIRST SPECIFICATION FAILURE TO MAINTAIN RECORDS

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(32) by failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the care and treatment of the patient, as alleged in the facts of:

1. A.

### **EXHIBIT "A"**

DATED: February 2003 New York, New York

> ROY NEMERSON Deputy Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

### **EXHIBIT "B"**

#### Terms of Probation

- 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 probation and may subject Respondent to an action pursuant to New York State Public Health Law §230(19).
- 2. 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.
- 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.
- 4. Respondent's failure to pay any monetary penalty by the prescribed date shall subject Respondent to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by New York State, including but not limited to: the imposition of interest, late payment charges and collection fees; referral to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection; and non-renewal of permits or licenses [Tax Law section 171(27)]; State Finance Law section 18; CPLR section 5001; Executive Law section 32].
- The probation period 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 probation period will resume and Respondent shall fulfill any unfulfilled probation terms.
- 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 Respondent's 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. Respondent shall maintain complete and accurate records regarding the purchase and administration of all vaccines.

- 8. Respondent shall enroll in and complete a continuing education program in the area of medical record keeping for a minimum of 8 credit hours. This continuing education program is subject to the Director of OPMC's prior written approval and shall be completed within the probation period, unless the Order specifies otherwise.
- 9. 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 a violation of probation proceeding, and/or any other such proceeding authorized by law, against Respondent.