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September 28, 2004

#### CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Pushpa R. Bhansali, M.D. 36 West View Drive Upper Brookville, NY 11771

RE:

License No. 157768

#### Dear Dr. Bhansali:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 04-213 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect October 5, 2004.

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 or 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

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,

Executive Secretary

**Board for Professional Medical Conduct** 

cc: Stephen C. Worth, Esq. London & Worth, LLP 330 Willis Avenue Roslyn Heights, NY 11577

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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONALMEDICAL CONDUCT

#### IN THE MATTER

OF

## PUSHPA R. BHANSALI, M.D. CO-03-08-3703-A

## CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

BPMC No. 04-213

#### PUSHPA R. BHANSALI, M.D., states:

That on or about March 26, 1984, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 157768 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 36 West View Drive, Upper Brookville, NY 11771, 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 forty three (43) specifications of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges, is annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit A.

I do not contest the forty three (43) Specifications, in full satisfaction of the charges against me. I agree, hereby, to the following penalty:

Three (3) years suspension of my New York state license, stayed, with three (3) years probation in accordance with Exhibit B attached, hereto; and a

\$5,000.00 fine.

The fine is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order to the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Accounts Management, Revenue Unit, Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Room 1258, Albany, NY 12237-0016.

I further agree that the Consent Order for which I hereby apply shall impose the following conditions:

That, except during periods of actual suspension, I shall maintain current registration of my license with the New York State Education Department Division of Professional Licensing Services, and pay all registration fees. This condition shall be in effect beginning thirty days after the effective date of the Consent Order and will continue while Respondent possesses his license; and

That I shall fully cooperate in every respect with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Order and in its investigation of all matters regarding Respondent. I shall respond in a timely manner to each and every request by OPMC to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Order. I shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC as directed. I shall respond promptly and provide any and all documents and information within my control upon the direction of OPMC. This condition shall be in effect beginning upon the effective date of the Consent Order and will continue while I possess my license.

I, hereby, stipulate that any failure by me to comply with such conditions shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29).

I agree that in the event I am charged with professional misconduct in the future, this agreement and order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

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

I understand that, in the event that this application is not granted by the Board, 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 Board shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I agree that, in the event the Board grants my application, as set forth herein, an order of the Chairperson of the Board shall be issued in accordance with same. 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 Consent 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 Consent Order for which I hereby apply, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the application be granted.

**AFFIRMED** 

DATED 9/10/83

PUSHPA R. BHANSALI, M.D.

Respondent

The undersigned agree to the attached application of the Respondent and to the proposed penalty based on the terms and conditions thereof.

DATE: 1/0/0

STEPHEN C. WORTH Attorney for Respondent

DATE.

ROBERT BOGAN

Associate Counsel

**Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct** 

DATE: 21

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

**CONSENT ORDER** 

PUSHPA R. BHANSALI, M.D.

Upon the proposed agreement of **PUSHPA R. BHANSALI, M.D.** (Respondent) for Consent Order, which application is made a part hereof, it is agreed to and

ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted; and 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 Consent 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: 9/23/04

MICHAEL A. GONZALEZ, R.P.A

Vice Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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

#### IN THE MATTER

**OF** 

PUSHPA R. BHANSALI, M.D. CO-03-08-3703-A

**STATEMENT** 

OF

**CHARGES** 

**PUSHPA R. BHANSALI, M.D.,** the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine as a Physician in New York state on March 26, 1984, by the issuance of license number 157768 by the New York State Education Department.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. On or about January 29, 1992, Respondent was arrested in the Criminal Court, Richmond County, New York, on charges of Grand larceny in the third degree, in violation of New York Penal Law (hereinafter "NYPL") 155.35, a class D felony, Insurance Fraud in the third degree, in violation of NYPL §176.20. a class D felony, and falsely reporting an incident in the third degree, in violation of NYPL §240.50, a class B misdemeanor.
- B. On or about February 26, 1992, in the Criminal Court, Richmond County, New York, Respondent was found guilty, based on a plea of guilty, of Falsely reporting an incident in the second degree, in violation of the New York Penal Law § 240.55, a class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to a \$1,000.00 fine and a conditional discharge.
- C. On or about July 1, 1992, Respondent prepared and submitted, to the New York Methodist Hospital, a form, wherein he falsely answered "No," to the question "Have there ever been any criminal convictions or settlements of criminal charges against you in any State or jurisdiction?"
- D. On or about September 10, 1992, Respondent prepared and submitted, to Victory Memorial Hospital, an Application for Appointment to Victory Memorial Hospital Medical Staff, wherein he falsely answered the question, "Have there been any felony criminal charges brought against you in the last five years? If yes, please provide full explanation on separate sheet, including resolution of the charges," by failing to answer "Yes," and failing to provide an explanation.

- E. On or about July 10, 1993, Respondent prepared and submitted, to Victory Memorial Hospital, a Reappointment Application, wherein he falsely answered "No," to the question, "Have there been any felony criminal charges brought against you?"
- F. On or about August 3, 1993, Respondent prepared and submitted, to the New York State Department of Education, a Registration Application, wherein he falsely answered question "1(b). Since you last registered have you been convicted of any crime (felony or misdemeanor) in any state or country or have you been charged with any crime the disposition of which was other than by acquittal or dismissal?" by failing to answer "Yes."
- G. On or about October 4, 1993, Respondent prepared and submitted to Metropolitan Life, an Individual Application for Participation, wherein he falsely answered "No," to the question, "Have you ever been convicted of a crime, misdemeanor, or felony?"
- H. On or about February 2, 1994, Respondent prepared and submitted, to Community Hospital of Brooklyn, Inc., an Application for Reappointment Medical and Dental Staff, wherein he falsely answered "No," to question III. A. 4., "Have there been any criminal proceedings against you?"
- I. On or about October 11, 1995, Respondent prepared and submitted, to Victory Memorial Hospital, a Reappointment Application, wherein he falsely answered "No," to the question, "Have there been any felony charges brought against you?"
- J. On or about October 2, 1996, Respondent prepared and submitted, to The New York Community Hospital, an Application for Reappointment to the Medical-Dental Staff, wherein he falsely answered "No," to the question, "Have there ever been any criminal convictions against you in any State?"
- K. On or about September 2, 1997, Respondent prepared and submitted, to Victory Memorial Hospital, a Reappointment Application, wherein he falsely answered "No," to the question, "Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded no contest to any criminal charges brought against you?"
- L. On or about October 26, 1999, Respondent prepared and submitted to Victory Memorial Hospital, a Reappointment Application, wherein he falsely answered "No," to the question, "Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded no contest to any criminal charges brought against you?"

- M. On or about December 17, 1999, Respondent prepared and submitted, to the New York Community Hospital, an Application for Reappointment to The Medical-Dental Staff, wherein he falsely answered "No," to the question, "Have there ever been any criminal convictions against you in any State?"
- N. On or about August 10, 2001, Respondent prepared and submitted, to Victory Memorial Hospital, a Reappointment Application, wherein he falsely answered "No," to the question, "Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded no contest to any criminal charges brought against you?"
- O. On or about August 1, 2003, Respondent prepared and submitted, to Victory Memorial Hospital, a Reappointment Application, wherein he falsely answered "No," to the question, "Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded no contest to any criminal charges brought against you?"
- P. On or about August 1, 2003, Respondent prepared and submitted, to The New York Community Hospital, an Application for Reappointment to the Medical-Dental Staff, wherein he falsely answered "No," to the question, "Have there ever been any criminal convictions against you in any State?"

## SPECIFICATIONS FIRST THROUGH FOURTEENTH SPECIFICATIONS

Respondent violated New York Education Law § 6530 (2) by practicing the profession fraudulently, in that Petitioner charges:

- 1. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or C.
- The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or D.
- 3. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or E.
- 4. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or F.
- The facts in Paragraphs B and/or G.
- 6. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or H.
- 7. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or I.
- 8. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or J.
- 9. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or K.
- The facts in Paragraphs B and/or L.
- 11. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or M.

- 12. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or N.
- 13. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or O.
- 14. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or P.

#### FIFTEENTH SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530(9)(a)(i) by having been convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under New York State law, in that Petitioner charges:

15. The facts in Paragraph B.

#### SIXTEENTH THROUGH TWENTY-NINTH SPECIFICATIONS

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(20) by conduct in the practice of medicine which evidences moral unfitness to practice medicine, in that Petitioner charges:

- 16. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or C.
- 17. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or D.
- 18. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or E.
- 19. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or F.
- The facts in Paragraphs B and/or G.
- 21. The facts in Paragraphs A, B. and/or H.
- 22. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or I.
- 23. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or J.
- 24. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or K.
- 25. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or L.
- 26. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or M.
- 27. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or N.
- The facts in Paragraphs B and/or O.
- 29. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or P.

#### THIRTIETH THROUGH FORTY THIRD SPECIFICATIONS

Respondent violated New York State Education Law § 6530(21) by willfully making or filing a false report required by law or by the department of health or by the education department, in that Petitioner charges:

- 30. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or C.
- 31. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or D.
- 32. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or E.
- 33. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or F.
- 34. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or G.
- 35. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or H.
- 36. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or I.
- 37. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or J.
- 38. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or K.
- 39. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or L.
- 40. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or M.
- 41. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or N.
- 42. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or O.
- 43. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or P.

DATED Queet 37, 2004

PETER D. VAN BUREN

**Deputy Counsel** 

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

# **EXHIBIT B Terms of Probation**

- 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. Any civil penalty not paid by the date prescribed herein shall be subject to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by New York State. This includes but is 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].
- 5. The period of probation 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 probation shall resume and any terms of probation which were not fulfilled shall be fulfilled upon Respondent's return to practice in New York State.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Respondent shall enroll in and complete a continuing education program in the area of Professional Ethics. Said continuing education program shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Director of OPMC and be completed within the first year of probation.
- 9. Respondent shall comply with all terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations and penalties to which he or she 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 probation proceeding and/or any such other proceeding against Respondent as may be authorized pursuant to the law.