

## New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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April 11, 2000

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

Ames D. Ressa, M.D. 6985 Bluefield Court San Diego, CA 92120

#### RE: License No. 161734

Dear Dr. Ressa:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 00-106 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect April 11, 2000.

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: Paul Spackman, Esq. Russell Iungerich 3580 Wilshire Boulevard Suite 1920 Los Angles, CA 92120

Robert Bogan, Esq.

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

IN THE MATTER OF AMES DANIEL RESSA, M.D. CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER BPMC #00-106

AMES DANIEL RESSA, M.D., (Respondent) being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on or about March 25, 1985, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 161734 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 6898 Bluefield Court, San Diego, California 92120, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address.

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 is annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A."

I do not contest the First Specification, and Factual Allegations A, as to the amendment of patient records after the patient's death, and B(7), in full satisfaction of the charges against me. I have submitted written evidence that I have successfully completed all the requirements imposed on me by the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, Decision No. 10-998-82617, dated April 14, 1999. I hereby agree to the following penalties:

Censure and Reprimand.

I further agree that the Consent Order for which I hereby apply

shall impose the following conditions:

That, except during periods of actual suspension, Respondent shall maintain current registration of Respondent's 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 the licensee possesses his/her license; and

That Respondent 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. Respondent 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. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide any and all documents and information within Respondent's 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 the licensee possesses his/her 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**:

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DATED\_3-25-00

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AMES DANIEL RESSA, 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.

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PAUL SPACKMAN, ESG. Attorney for the Respondent

ROBERT BOGAN Assistant Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

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ANNE F. SAILE Director Office of Professional Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER OF AMES DANIEL RESSA, M.D. CONSENT ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of AMES DANIEL RESSA, 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 so ORDERED, 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: <u>4/5</u>/00

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

EXHIBIT A

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

AMES DANIEL RESSA, M.D.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

AMES DANIEL RESSA, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on March 25, 1985, by the issuance of license number 161734 by the New York State Education Department.

## FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about April 14, 1999, the State of California Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, (hereinafter "California Board"), by a Decision (hereinafter "California Decision"), adopted a Stipulation in Settlement and Decision, (hereinafter "California Stipulation"), that publicly reprimanded the Respondent's certificate to practice medicine, required Respondent to successfully complete an evaluation and clinical training program or pass an examination, and ordered him to pay \$2,268.90 costs, based on gross negligence, repeated acts of negligence, and incompetence which resulted in a patients death and amendment of patient records after the patient's death.

B. The conduct resulting in the California Board's 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(3) (negligence on more than one occasion);

2. New York Education Law §6530(4) (gross negligence on a particular occasion);

3. New York Education Law §6530(5) (incompetence on more than one occasion);

4. New York Education Law §6530(16) (failure to comply with substantial provisions of federal, state or local rules governing the practice of medicine);

5. New York Education Law §6530(20)(moral unfitness);

6. New York Education Law §6530(21)(making a false report); and/or

7. New York Education Law §6530(32) (failure to maintain a record which accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of the patient).

# 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 finding 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 State Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having had disciplinary action taken against him 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 of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

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

DATED: sept 27, 1999 Albaný, New York

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