



Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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Executive Secretary

August 4, 1995

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Minakshi Chatterjee, M.D.
515 West Chilten Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144

RE: License No. 162324

Effective Date: 08/11/95

Dear Dr. Chatterjee:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 95-167 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect upon receipt of this letter or seven (7) days after the date of this letter, whichever is earlier.

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
Empire State Plaza
Tower Building-Room 438
Albany, New York 12237-0756

Sincerely,

C. Maynard Guest, M.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Timothy Mahar, Esq.

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

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IN THE MATTER :
OF : ORDER
MINAKSHI CHATTERJEE, M.D. : BPMC #95-167

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Upon the Application of Minakshi Chatterjee, M.D.
(Respondent) to Surrender her license as a physician in the State
of New York, which application is made a part hereof, it is

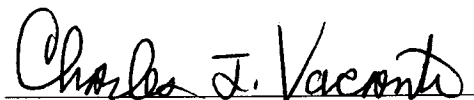
ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are
hereby adopted; it is further

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 take effect as of the date of
the personal service of this order upon Respondent, upon receipt
by Respondent of this order via certified mail, or seven days
after mailing of this order via certified mail, whichever is
earliest.

SO ORDERED,

DATED: 3 August 1995



CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.
Chairperson
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

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

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IN THE MATTER : APPLICATION TO
OF : SURRENDER
MINAKSHI CHATTERJEE, M.D. : LICENSE

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)

SS.:

COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA)

MINAKSHI CHATTERJEE, M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and
says:

In or about June, 1985, I was licensed to practice medicine
as a physician in the State of New York having been issued
License No. 162324 by the New York State Education Department.

I am not currently registered with the New York State
Education Department to practice as a physician in the State of
New York.

I understand that I have been charged with three
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.

I hereby plead no contest to the allegations and Specifications set forth in Statement of Charges (Exhibit A).

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 am making this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion, or restraint of any kind or manner.

Minakshi Chatterjee
MINAKSHI CHATTERJEE, M.D.
Respondent

Sworn to before me this
28th day of *July*, 1995

Traci T. Nickens
NOTARY PUBLIC

Notarial Seal
Traci T. Nickens, Notary Public
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
My Commission Expires June 12, 1999
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

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

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IN THE MATTER : APPLICATION TO
OF : SURRENDER
MINAKSHI CHATTERJEE, M.D. : LICENSE

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

Date: 7/28, 1995 Minakshi Chatterjee
MINAKSHI CHATTERJEE, M.D.
Respondent

Date: August 2, 1995 Timothy J. Mahar
TIMOTHY J. MAHAR
Assistant Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

Date: August 4, 1995 Kathleen M. Tanner
KATHLEEN M. TANNER
Director, Office of
Professional Medical Conduct

Date: 3 August 1995 Charles J. Vacanti
CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.
Chairperson, State Board
for Professional Medical Conduct

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

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IN THE MATTER : STATEMENT
OF : OF
MINAKSHI CHATTERJEE, M.D. : CHARGES

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MINAKSHI CHATTERJEE, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State in June, 1985 by the issuance of license number 162324 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1. On or about May 15, 1987, the New Jersey State Board for Medical Examiners (New Jersey Board) entered into a consent order with Respondent, which imposed, among other things the following discipline:

- a. Authorized Respondent to surrender her medical license to the New Jersey State Board;
- b. Prohibited Respondent from prescribing, dispensing, possessing or taking controlled substances or other narcotics, except upon the prescription of her treating physician.

2. The conduct underlying the New Jersey Board's imposition of discipline against Respondent, as found by the New Jersey Board, consisted of, among other things, the following:

- a. On or about March 11, 1987, while Respondent was on duty as a staff psychiatrist at the Essex County Hospital Center, Respondent administered care and medical treatment to a patient in a manner inconsistent with the patient's symptoms.
- b. On or about March 11, 1987, Respondent was admitted to the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital for psychiatric treatment.

3. The conduct upon which the New Jersey Board took disciplinary action against Respondent's license would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(4) [practicing the profession with gross negligence]; and/or 6530(6) [practicing the profession with gross incompetence] and/or §6530(8) [having a psychiatric condition which impairs the licensee's ability to practice].

4. On June 27, 1992, the New Jersey Board entered into a second consent order with Respondent, which imposed, among other things the following discipline:

- a. Admonished Respondent for failing to disclose on her license application her prior psychiatric history.

5. The conduct underlying the New Jersey Board's imposition of discipline on June 27, 1992 against Respondent as found by the New Jersey Board, consisted of, Respondent's admission to the New Jersey Board that she had failed to disclose her psychiatric history on her license application.

6. The conduct upon which the New Jersey Board took disciplinary action against Respondent's license would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(21) [wilfully making or filing a false report required by the Education Department]).

7. Respondent's New Jersey Medical License was reinstated by an order of the New Jersey Board, dated March 4, 1994. Respondent had undergone psychiatric treatment and was participating in the New Jersey Physician's Health Program since the 1987 order of the New Jersey Board suspending her license. Her psychiatric condition had been diagnosed as Bipolar Affective Illness.

8. On October 31, 1994, the New Jersey Board entered into a consent order with Respondent, which imposed, among other things, the following discipline:

- a. Accepted Respondent's voluntary surrender of her New Jersey Medical License.

- b. Prohibited Respondent from the practice of medicine until such time her license was reinstated by the New jersey Board.

9. The conduct underlying the New Jersey Board's imposition of discipline against Respondent in October 1994, as found by the New Jersey Board, consisted of Respondent's admission for treatment of Bipolar Disorder, which had become exacerbated after Respondent unilaterally discontinued her medication during a vacation in India in July, 1994.

10. The conduct upon which the New Jersey Board took disciplinary action against Respondent's license would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. law §6530(8) [having a psychiatric condition which impairs the licensees ability to practice].

11. On March 2, 1995, the New Jersey Board entered into a consent order with Respondent reinstating her medical license with the following restrictions:

- a. Required Respondent's continued treatment under the supervision of a psychopharmacologist.
- b. Required Respondent to file quarterly reports of her treatment compliance with the New Jersey Board.

- c. Restricted Respondent's practice of medicine to employment in a supervised institutional practice, and prohibited Respondent from engaging in the private practice of medicine or treating patients outside of the supervised employment setting.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD SPECIFICATIONS

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law §6509(9)(d) (McKinney Supp. 1995) by reason of having disciplinary action taken against her license to practice medicine by a duly authorized and professional disciplinary agency of another State and by having voluntarily surrendered her license after disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another State, where the conduct resulting in a disciplinary action and the voluntary surrender of Respondent's medical license 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 1 through 3;
2. The facts in paragraphs 4 through 6;
3. The facts in paragraphs 8 through 11.

DATED: Albany, New York, 1995

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