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Executive Secretary

December 31, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Lawrence Goldstein, M.D. 15 Roundhill Drive Braircliff Manor, NY 10510

> RE: License No.: 188101

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 99-336 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect December 31, 1999.

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:

Anthony Z. Scher, Esq. Wood & Scher The Harwood Building Scarsdale, NY 10583

Marcia E. Kaplan, Esq.

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

IN THE MATTER OF LAWRENCE GOLDSTEIN, M.D.

CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND
ORDER

BPMC# 99-336

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF SS.:

LAWRENCE GOLDSTEIN, M.D., (Respondent) being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on or about January 8, 1992, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 188101 by the New York State Education Department.

My current residence address is 15 Roundhill Drive, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. 10510, my current office address is 200 South Broadway, Suite 106, Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591, 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 three 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 Second Specification of the Statement of Charges, in full satisfaction of the charges against me. I hereby agree to the following penalty:

That a Censure and Reprimand be imposed upon my license, and that I be subject to a thirty (30) month period of conditions, as set forth in attached Exhibit "B."

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 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 license.

I hereby stipulate that any failure by me to comply with any conditions set forth herein and in attached Exhibit "B" shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29)(McKinney Supp 1999).

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.

DATED 12/13/89

Sworn to before me on this 15 day of

ANTHONY Z. SCHER
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 4840923
Qualified in Westchester County
Commission Expires February 28, 1990

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

DATE: 12/13/99

ANTHONY Z. SCHER, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent

MARCIA E. KAPLAN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

DATE: December 23/999

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 LAWRENCE GOLDSTEIN, M.D.

CONSENT **ORDER** BPMC #99-336

Upon the proposed agreement of LAWRENCE GOLDSTEIN, 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: 10

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Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "A"

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

LAWRENCE GOLDSTEIN, M.D.

OF CHARGES

LAWRENCE GOLDSTEIN, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about January 8, 1992, by the issuance of license number 188101 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. Between on or about August 26, 1993 and on or about May 14, 1999, in his office at 200 South Broadway, Tarrytown, N.Y., with respect to Patients A-F, Respondent repeatedly failed to perform or note appropriate evaluations, failed to provide or note appropriate care and treatment including appropriate pain management care, prescribed controlled substances inappropriately, and failed to maintain appropriate records.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES FIRST 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. 1999) 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:

1. Paragraph A.

SECOND SPECIFICATION EXCESSIVE TREATMENT

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(35)(McKinney Supp. 1999) by ordering of excessive treatment not warranted by the condition of the patient, as alleged in the facts of:

2. Paragraph A.

THIRD SPECIFICATION FAILURE TO MAINTAIN RECORDS

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(32)(McKinney Supp. 1999) 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:

3. Paragraph A.

DATED:

November , 1999 New York, New York

ROY NEMERSON
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "B"

CONDITIONS OF DISCIPLINARY ORDER.

- 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 of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, 433 River Street, Suite 303, Troy, NY 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. 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].
- 4. The conditions imposed pursuant to this Order 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 conditions shall resume and any conditions that were not fulfilled shall be fulfilled upon Respondent's return to practice in New York State.
- 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Respondent shall practice medicine only when monitored by a licensed physician, board certified in an appropriate specialty, ("practice monitor") proposed by Respondent and subject to the written approval of the Director of OPMC.
 - a. Respondent shall make available to the monitor any and all records or access to the practice requested by the monitor, including on-site observation. The practice monitor shall visit Respondent's medical practice at each and every location, on a random unannounced basis

at least monthly and shall examine a selection (no less than 20) of records maintained by Respondent, including patient records, prescribing information and office records. The review will determine whether the Respondent's medical practice is conducted in accordance with the generally accepted standards of professional medical care. Any perceived deviation of accepted standards of medical care or refusal to cooperate with the monitor shall be reported within 24 hours to OPMC.

- b. Respondent shall be solely responsible for all expenses associated with monitoring, including fees, if any, to the monitoring physician.
- c. Respondent shall cause the practice monitor to report quarterly, in writing, to the Director of OPMC.
- d. Respondent shall maintain medical malpractice insurance coverage with limits no less than \$2 million per occurrence and \$6 million per policy year, in accordance with Section 230(18)(b) of the Public Health Law. Proof of coverage shall be submitted to the Director of OPMC prior to Respondent's practice after the effective date of this Order.
- 8. Respondent shall enroll in and complete a continuing education program in the areas of medical recordkeeping and pain management to be equivalent to at least 25 credit hours of Continuing Medical Education per year, over and above the recommended minimum standards set by the American Board of Family Practice. Said continuing education program shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Director of OPMC.
- 9. Respondent shall comply with all terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations and penalties to which he 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 such proceedings against Respondent as may be authorized pursuant to the law.