

# New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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Office of Professional Medical Conduct

July 26, 2007

## CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Leonard A. Sukienik, D.O. 15797 Bent Creek Road Wellington, FL 33414

Re: License No. 193974

Dear Dr. Sukienik:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 07-151 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect August 2, 2007.

If the penalty imposed by this Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension, you are required to deliver your license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of this Order and return it to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, 433 River Street, Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299

Sincerely,

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

**Executive Secretary** 

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc:

Mitchell Kitroser, Esq.

8895 N. Military Trail, C-301 Park Beach Garden, FL 33410

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

#### IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

OF

ORDER

#### **LEONARD SUKIENIK, D.O.**

BPMC No. #07-151

Upon the application of (Respondent), **LEONARD SUKIENIK**, **D.O.**, 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 it is further

ORDERED, that this Consent 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: 7-25-07

KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.

Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

OF

AGREEMENT

LEONARD SUKIENIK, D.O. CO-07-01-0160-A

AND ORDER

**LEONARD SUKIENIK, D.O.**, representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about October 21, 1993, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 193974 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 15797 Bent Creek Road, Wellington, FL 33414.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Board) has charged me with one (1) Specification of professional misconduct, based solely upon the State of Florida, Board of Osteopathic Medicine, December 22, 2006, Final Order.

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

The New York State Department of Health has offered to settle this matter by my agreeing to a Censure and Reprimand and a \$1,000.00 fine and the requirement that I maintain active registration of my medical license. I have not, however, practiced medicine in the State of New York and I do not intend to return to the practice of medicine in the State of New York.

I do not, therefore, contest the one (1) Specification, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree, therefore, to the following penalty in lieu of the settlement originally offered to me by the State of New York:

to never activate my registration to practice medicine in New York state or seek to reapply for a license to practice medicine in New York state.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with any conditions of this Consent Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York 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 New York 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 Consent 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. The Consent Order, this agreement, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patient identities, if any, redacted. As public documents, they may be posted on the Department's website.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and Consent Order are authorized by New York Public Health Law §§ 230 and 230-a, and that the Board and OPMC have the requisite powers to carry out all included terms. 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 I ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director of OPMC and the Chair of the Board each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed agreement and Consent Order, based upon my application, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

AFFIRMED:

DATED: 6(3)07

LEONARD SUKIEN K, D.O.

Respondent

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

Attorney for Respondent

Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** 

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

**STATEMENT** 

**OF** 

OF

LEONARD SUKIENIK, D.O. CO-07-01-0160-A

**CHARGES** 

**LEONARD SUKIENIK, D.O.,** Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on October 21, 1993, by the issuance of license number 193974 by the New York State Education Department.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. On or about December 22, 2006, the State of Florida, Board of Osteopathic Medicine (hereinafter "Florida Board"), by a Final Order (hereinafter "Florida Order"), issued Respondent a Letter of Concern, fined him \$5,000.00, required him to pay investigative costs, required him to complete a Medical Records Course, five hours of CME in diagnosis and treatment of colon carcinoma, and required him to perform fifty (50) hours of community service, based on failing to practice osteopathic medicine with that level of care, skill, and treatment which is recognized by a reasonable prudent similar osteopathic physician or being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances.
- B. The conduct resulting in the Florida 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 §6539(4) (gross negligence);
- 3. New York Education Law §6530(5) (incompetence on more than one occasion); and/or
  - 4. New York Education Law §6530(6) (gross incompetence).

# **SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action taken 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 New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

DATED: June 26, 2007

PETER D. VAN BUREN

**Deputy Counsel** 

**Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct**