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October 21, 2005

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### CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Sanjay F. Sood, M.D. 3100 Riverside Drive #326 Los Angeles, CA 90027

Re: License No. 197637

Dear Dr. Sood:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 05-229 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect October 28, 2005.

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 the 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

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT	_
IN THE MATTER	CONSENT
OF	ORDER
SANJAY F. SOOD, M.D.	BPMC No. 05-229

Upon the application of **SANJAY F. SOOD, M.D.,** (Respondent) 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 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: 10-21-05

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** 

SANJAY F. SOOD, M.D. CO-05-02-1128-A

AND ORDER

**SANJAY F. SOOD, M.D.,** (Respondent) representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about October 25, 1994, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 197637 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 3100 Riverside Drive #326, Los Angeles, CA 90027, 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 two (2) specifications of professional misconduct.

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

I do not contest Factual Allegations A and B and the Second Specification, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

Five (5) year suspension, stayed, with five (5) years probation to run concurrent and coterminous with five (5) years probation with terms and conditions imposed by the February 4 2005, Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, Decision, in accordance with the terms in Exhibit B, attached, hereto; and

My license shall be permanently restricted from the practice of Telemedicine.

Should I return to the practice of medicine in New York State or in any jurisdiction where that practice is predicated on my New York State medical license to practice medicine prior to my license being fully restored by the State of California, I shall provide ninety (90) days notice in writing, to the Director, OPMC. The Director in his sole discretion, may impose whatever limitations, or further conditions, he deems reasonable.

I further agree that the Consent Order shall impose the following conditions:

That Respondent shall maintain active registration of Respondent's license with the New York State Education, Department Division of Professional Licensing Services (except during periods of actual suspension), and shall pay all registration fees. This condition shall take effect thirty (30) days after the Consent Order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent Remains licensed in New York State; and

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Order and in its investigations of all matters concerning Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with this Order. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC, as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Respondent's control, as directed. This condition shall take effect upon the Board's issuance of the Consent Order and will continue so long as Respondent Remains licensed in New York State.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with any conditions of this Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29).

I agree that if I am charged with professional misconduct in the 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 the 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 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 Order, this agreement, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patients identities, if any, redacted.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and Order are authorized by Public Health Law Sections 230 and 230-a and that the Board for Professional Medical Conduct and the Office of Professional Medical Conduct 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 ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

AFFIRMED:

DATED: October 11, 2005

SANJAY F. SOOD, M.D.

Respondent

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

DATE:

ROBERT BOGAN

**Associate Counsel** 

**Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct** 

DATE: ( (

DENMIS J. GRAZIANO

Director

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER

**STATEMENT** 

OF

**OF** 

SANJAY F. SOOD, M.D. CO-05-02-1128-A

**CHARGES** 

**SANJAY F. SOOD, M.D.,** the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on October 25, 1994, by the issuance of license number 197637 by the New York State Education Department.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. On or about February 4, 2005, the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, (hereinafter "California Board"), by a Decision (hereinafter "California Decision"), revoked Respondent's license to practice medicine, stayed the revocation, and placed him on five (5) years probation with terms and conditions, that include, inter alia: that he complete forty (40) hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) each year of probation in addition to the CME requirement for license renewal, that he complete a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a prescribing practices course, that he not prescribe, dispense or furnish any controlled substances or dangerous drugs without good faith prior examinations, that he is prohibited from supervising physician assistants, and that he pay \$5,000.00 investigative and prosecution costs and \$2,847.00 probation monitoring costs annually each year of probation, based on between March 2002 and April 2002, writing approximately 100-200 prescriptions for schedule I, II, and III controlled substances to individuals who solicited over the Internet without conducting a physical examination of the individuals prior to issuing the prescriptions.
- B. The conduct resulting in the California Board 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)

# SPECIFICATIONS FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper 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 Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having his license to practice medicine revoked or having other disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation or other 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: September 7, 2005

Albany, New York

PETER D. VAN BUREN

**Deputy Counsel** 

**Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct** 

## EXHIBT 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. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Respondent shall comply fully with the February 4, 2005, Decision, of the California Board and any extension or modification thereof.
- 7. Respondent shall provide a written authorization for the California Board to provide the Director of OPMC with any/all information or documentation as requested by OPMC to enable OPMC to determine whether Respondent is in compliance with the California Order.
- 8. Respondent shall submit semi-annually a signed Compliance Declaration to the Director of OPMC, which truthfully attests whether Respondent has been in compliance with the California Order during the declaration period specified.
- 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 a violation of probation proceeding and/or any such other proceeding against Respondent as may be authorized pursuant to the law.