

# New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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May 25, 2006

## CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Jane Espejo Norton, M.D. 225 Crosair Way Seal Beach, CA 90740

Re: License No. 213382

Dear Dr. Norton:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 06-121 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect June 1, 2006.

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. If the document(s) are lost, misplaced or destroyed, you are required to submit to this office an affidavit to that effect.

Sincerely,

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

**Executive Secretary** 

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc:

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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT		
IN THE MATTER		CONSENT
OF		ORDER
JANE ESPEJO I	NORTON, M.D.	BPMC No. #121

Upon the application of **JANE ESPEJO NORTON, 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: 5-24-2006

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** 

JANE ESPEJO NORTON, M.D. CO-04-11-5693-A

AND ORDER

**JANE ESPEJO NORTON, M.D.,** (Respondent) representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about March 3, 1999, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 213382 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 225 Crosair Way, Seal Beach, CA 90740, 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 three (3) 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 the three (3) specifications, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

Two (2) year suspension, nunc pro tunc September 28, 2004, of my New York State medical license, with thirty (30) days actual suspension, nunc pro tunc, September 28, 2004, the remainder stayed with three (3) years Terms of Conditions in accordance with Exhibit B, attached, hereto.

Should I return to the practice of medicine in New York state or in any other jurisdiction where that practice is predicated on my New York state medical license I shall provide notice at least thirty (30) days prior to any practice of medicine in the State of New York in writing, to the Director, OPMC.

The Consent Agreement and Order to be issued will supersede the March 10, 2005, Commissioner's Summary Order.

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 mall 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, reducted.

I stipulate that the proposed senction 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 sek the Sound to adopt this Consent Agreement of my own free will and not under durage, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement, allowing me to resolve this metter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly weive 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 sek that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

AFFIRMED:

DATED: 5/9/06

JANE ESPEJO NORTON, M.D.
Respondent

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

DATE: 5/10/06

PETER OSINIOFF Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 15 M

ROBERT BOGAN Associate Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 24 May 2006

BENNIS 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

JANE ESPEJO NORTON, M.D. CO-04-11-5693-A

**CHARGES** 

JANE ESPEJO NORTON, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on March 3, 1999, by the issuance of license number 213382 by the New York State Education Department.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. On or about June 2, 2004, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, Respondent was found guilty, based on a plea of guilty, of two (2) counts of Demands against the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1003 and 2, misdemeanors, and on or about September 28, 2004, was sentenced for two (2) years probation with thirty (30) days home detention on each count, to be served concurrently, a \$5,000.00 fine, and a \$50.00 special assessment.
- B. On or about February 17, 2006, the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter "California Board"), by a Decision and Order (hereinafter "California Order"), accepted the surrender of Respondent's license to practice medicine, based on the criminal convictions set forth in Paragraph A, above.
- C. The conduct resulting in the California Board disciplinary action against Respondent would constitutes misconduct under the laws of New York state, pursuant to the following sections of New York state Law:
- 1. New York Education Law §6530(9)(a)(ii) (being convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under federal law).

## **SPECIFICATIONS** FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(a)(ii) by being convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under federal law, in that Petitioner charges:

The facts in Paragraphs A. 1.

### SECOND 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:

The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or C. 2.

#### THIRD SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having surrendered her license to practice medicine after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the surrender of the license would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or C. 3.

DATED: **March** 9, 2006 Albany, New York

D. Van Buen

**Deputy Counsel** 

**Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct** 

# EXHIBIT B Terms of Conditions

- 1. Respondent shall conduct herself in all ways in a manner befitting her professional status, and shall conform fully to the moral and professional standards of conduct and obligations imposed by law and by her 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. The period of conditions 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 terms of conditions which were not fulfilled shall be fulfilled upon Respondent's return to practice in New York State.
- 5. 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 her 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 comply with all terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations and penalties to which she 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 conditions proceeding and/or any such other proceeding against Respondent as may be authorized pursuant to the law.