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Acting Executive Deputy Commissioner

December 1, 2021

### CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Umar I. Chouhdry, M.D.

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Re: License No. 236869

Dear Dr. Chouhdry:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Modification Order No. 21-246. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect December 8, 2021.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204, telephone # 518-402-0846.

Sincerely,

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Michael S. Jakubowski, M.D. Interim Executive Secretary Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

CC:

Norman Spencer, Esq. Norman Spencer Law Group, PC. 111 Broadway, Suite 901 New York, New York 10006

IN THE MATTER OF

UMAR CHOUHDRY, M.D.

BPMC No. 21-246

MODIFICATION

ORDER

Upon the proposed Application for a Modification Order of Umar Chouhdry, M.D. (Respondent), which is made a part of this Modification Order, it is agreed to and ORDERED, that the attached Application, and its terms, are adopted and SO

ORDERED, that this Modification Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either

- by mailing of a copy of this Modification Order, either by first class to Respondent at the address in the attached Application or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, OR
- upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney,
   whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

ORDERED and it is further

DATE 11/29/2021

THOMAS T. LEE. M.D. Interim Chair
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State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

#### IN THE MATTER

OF

### UMAR CHOUHDRY, M.D.

MODIFICATION AGREEMENT AND ORDER

Umar Chouldry, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about July 6, 2005, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York and issued License No. 236869 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is

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and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of address

Lam currently subject to BPMC Order # BPMC 19-222 (Attachment I) (henceforth "Original Order"), which was issued upon an Application For Consent Order signed by me on August 7, 2019. (henceforth Original Application"), adopted by the Original Order. I hereby apply to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for an Order (henceforth "Modification Order"), modifying the Original Order, as follows:

The sanction imposed in the Original Order was:

Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a(3), my license to practice medicine in New York State shall be limited to: Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a(3), my license to practice medicine in New York State shall be limited to:

 Preclude all patient contact and care, including but not limited to, diagnosing, treating, operating, or prescribing for any human disease, pain, injury.



deformity, or physical condition and all ordering, dispensing, prescribing and/or administering of any drug and/or controlled substance.

From the effective date of this Modification, the sanction imposed shall be modified to read as follows:

- the license limitation shall be terminated;
- Respondent shall be subject to a Censure and Reprimand, pursuant to N.Y.

  Pub. Health Law § 230-a(1),

and

Forther agree that from the effective date of this Modification Order, the following conditions shall be imposed:

- Respondent shall be precluded from all patient contact and care, including but not limited to, diagnosing, treating, operating, or prescribing for any human disease, pain, injury, deformity, or physical condition and all ordering, dispensing, prescribing and/or administering of any drug and/or controlled substance.
- Respondent shall comply with each and every penalty imposed by this

  Order pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a; and
- Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of N.Y. Educ Law § 6502 including but not limited to the requirements that a licensee shall register and continue to be registered with the New York State Education Department (except



during periods of actual suspension) and that a licensee shall pay all registration fees. Respondent shall not exercise the option provided in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6502(4) to avoid registration and payment of fees. This condition shall take effect 120 days after the Modification Order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State; and

Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 2995-a(4) and 10 NYCRR 1000.5. including but not limited to the requirements that a licensee shall, report to the Department all information required by the Department to develop a public physician profile for the licensee; continue to notity the Department of any change in profile information. within 30 days of any change (or in the case of optional information, within 365 days of such change), and, in addition to such periodic reports and notification of any changes, update his or her profile information within six months prior to the expiration date of the licensee's registration period. Licensee shall submit changes to his or her physician profile information either electronically using the Department's secure web site or on forms prescribed by the Department, and ficensee shall attest to the truthfulness. completeness and correctness of any changes licensee submits to the Department. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the Order's



effective date and shall continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State. Respondent's failure to comply with this condition, if proven and found at a hearing pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230, shall constitute professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(21) and N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29). Potential penalties for failure to comply with this condition may include all penalties for professional misconduct set forth in N.Y. Pub. Health Law. § 230-a, including but not limited to: revocation or suspension of license. Censure and Reprimand, probation, public service and/or fines of up to \$10,000 per specification of misconduct found; and

• That Respondent shall provide the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC). Riverview Center 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204-2719, with the following information, in writing, and ensure that this information is kept current: a full description of Respondent's employment and practice; all professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within and outside New York State; and all investigations, arrests, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility. Respondent shall notify OPMC, in writing, within 30 days of any additions to or changes in the required information. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the Order's effective date and shall continue at all times until Respondent receives written notification from



the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, Physician Monitoring
Program, that OPMC has determined that Respondent has fully
complied with and satisfied the requirements of the Order, regardless
of tolling, and

Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional

Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this

Modification Order and in its investigations of matters concerning

Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to all

OPMC requests for written periodic verification of Respondent's

compliance with this Modification 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 Modification 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 Modification Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29).

Eagree that, if I am charged with professional misconduct in future, this Modification.

Agreement and Order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding;

and

All remaining Terms and Conditions will continue as written in the Original Order.



I make this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint, and seek the anticipated benefit of the requested Modification. In consideration of the value to me of the acceptance by the Board of this Application, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Original Order or the Modification Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the Board grant this Application.

Office of Professional Medical Conduct and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed agreement and 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

DATE (1/9/2021

UMAR CHOUHDRY, M.D. RESPONDENT \

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### ATTACHMENT I



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HOWARD A. ZUCKER, M.D., J.D. Commissioner

SALLY DRESLIN, M.S., R.N. Executive Deputy Commissioner

August 27, 2019

### CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Umar I. Chouhdry, M.D.

Re: License No. 236869

Dear Dr. Chouhdry:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 19-222. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect September 3, 2019.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204, telephone # 518-402-0846.

Sincerely,

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Robert A. Catalano, M.D. Executive Secretary Board for Professional Medical Conduct

### Enclosure

CC:

Joseph Potashnik, Esq. Joseph Potashnik & Associates, PC. 111 Broadway, Suite 901 New York, New York 10006

IN THE MATTER

OF

Umar Chouhdry, M.D.

BPMC No. 19-222

CONSENT

ORDER

Upon the application of (Respondent) Jimar Chouhdry, M.D. 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

DATE 08/27/2019

AR THUR'S HENGERER, M.D. Chair State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

#### IN THE MATTER

OF

Umar Chouhdry, M.D.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Urnar Chouhdry, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true

That on or about July 6, 2005. I was licensed to practice as a physician in the Statil of New York, and issued license No. 236869, by the New York State Education. Department

My current address is

and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of address

Lunderstand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Board) has charged me with one or more specifications of professional misconduct, as set forth in a Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit 'A", attached to ano part of this Consent Agreement.

I assert that I cannot successfully defend against at least one of the acts of misconduct alleged in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty.

Pursuant to N Y Pub Health Law § 230 a(3), my license to practice medicine in New York State shall be limited to

Preclude all patient contact and care including but not limited to, diagnosing, treating operating, or prescribing for any human disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition and all ordering dispensing, prescribing and/or administering of any drug and/or controlled substance.

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

That Respondent shall comply with each and every penalty imposed by this Order pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a; and

That Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with a 1 requirements of N.Y. Educ Law § 6502 including but not limited to the requirements that a licensee shall register and continue to be registered with the New York State Education Department (except during periods of actual suspension) and that a licensee shall pay all registration fees. Respondent shall not exercise the option provided in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6502(4) to avoid registration and payment of fees. This condition shall take effect 120 days after the Consent Order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State, and

That Respondent shalf remain in continuous compliance with a l requirements of N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 2995 a(4) and 10 NYCRR 1000 5, including but not limited to the requirements that a licensee shall; report to the Department all information required by the Department to develop a public physician profile for the licensee, continue to notify the Department of any change in profile information within 30 days of any change (or in the case of optional information, within 365 days of such change); and, in addition to such periodic reports and notification of any changes, update his or her profile information within six months prior to the expiration date of the licensee's registration period. Licensee shall submit changes to his or her physician profile information either electronically using the Department's secure web site or on forms prescribed by the Department, and licensee shall attest to the truthfulness, completeness and correctness of any changes licensee submits to the Department. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the Order's effective date and share continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State. Respondent's failure to comply with this condition, if proven and found at a hearing pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230, shall constitute professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ Law § 6530(21) and N.Y. Educ Law § 6530(29). Potential penalties for failure to comply with this condition may include all penalties for professional misconduct set forth in N.Y. Pub. Health: aw § 230-a, including but not limited to revocation or suspension of license. Censure and Reprimand,

probation, public service and/or fines of up to \$10,000 per specification of misconduct found; and

That Respondent shall provide the Orrector Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC). Riverview Center, 150 Broadway. Suite 355.

Albany, New York 12204-2719, with the forowing information in writing and ensure that this information is kept current, a full description of Respondent's employment and practice, all professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within and outside New York State, and all investigations arrests, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency institution or facility. Respondent shall notify OPMC, in writing, within 30 days of any additions to be changes in the required information. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the Order's effective date and shall continue at all times until Respondent receives written notification from the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, Physician Monitoring Program. that OPMC has determined that Respondent has fully complied with and satisfied the requirements of the Order regardless of tolling, and

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medica Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Consent Order and in its investigations of matters concerning Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic.

verification of Respondent's compliance with this Consent 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 Consent Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by N Y if duc it aw § 6530(29).

Lagree that, if Lam charged with professional misconduct in future, this Consent Agreement and Order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding

task 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 N.Y. Pub. Health Law

I agree that, if the Board adopts this Consent Agreement, the Chair of the Board shall ssue a Consent Order in accordance with its terms. Lagree 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 reducted. As public documents, they may be posted on the Department's website. OPMC shall report this action to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards, and any other entities that the Director of OPMC shall deem appropriate.

Estipulate that the proposed sanction and Consent Order are authorized by N Y Pub. Health Law §§ 230 and 230 a, and that the Board and OPMC have the requisite powers to carry out all included terms. Lask 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 the matter without the various risks and burdens of a healing on the merits. I knowingly waive my right to contest the Consent Order for which Eapply, whether administratively or judicially. Lagree to be bound by the Consent Order, and Lask 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.

DATE 08/07/2019

UMAR CHOUTORY M D RESPONDENT The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions

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JOSEPH POLASIJNIK, ESQ Altomey for Respondent

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Associate Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE \$ 26 19

PAULA M BREEN

Acting Director

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

IN THE MATTER

OF

Umar Chouhdry, M.D.

**STATEMENT** 

OF

CHARGES

Umar Chouhdry, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about July 6, 2005, by the issuance of license number 236869 by the New York State Education Department.

### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. During the periods from in or about 2009 through in or about 2016, Respondent failed to render and/or note appropriate care and treatment to Patients A-G, and prescribed controlled substances in an inappropriate manner to these patients.

# 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) by practicing the profession of medicine with negligence on more than one occasion as alleged in the facts of:

1. Paragraph A.

### SECOND SPECIFICATION

### **FAILURE TO MAINTAIN RECORDS**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y.

Educ Law § 6530(32) by failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient, as alleged in the facts of:

2. Paragraph A.

DATE:August → , 2019 New York, New York

Henry Weintraub
Chief Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

#### EXHIBIT "B"

Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice Following a Revocation, Surrender, Limitation or Suspension of a Medical License

- Licensee shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the clinical practice of medicine in New York State, or under Licensee's New York license in accordance with the terms of the Order. In addition, Licensee shall refrain from representing that Licensee is eligible to provide patient care.
- Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall notify all patients of the cessation or limitation of Licensee's medical practice, and shall refer all patients to another icensed practicing physician for continued care, as appropriate Licensee, shall notify, in writing each health eare plan with which the Licensee contracts or is employed, and each hospital where Licensee has privileges, that Licensee has ceased clinical practice. Within 45 days of the Order's effective date Licensee shall provide OPMC with written documentation that all patients and hospitals have been nothed of the cessation of Licensee's clinical practice.
- 3 Licensee shall make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of all patient medical records. Within 3C days of the Order's effective date. Licensee, shall notify OPMC of these arrangements, including the name, address, and telephone number of an appropriate and acceptable contact persons who shall have access to these records. Original records shall be retained for at least 6 years after the last date of service rendered to a patient or, in the case of a minor, for at least 6 years after the last date of service or 3 years after the patient reaches the age of majority, whichever time period is longer. Records shall be maintained in a safe and secure place that is reasonably accessible to former patients. The arrangements shall include provisions to ensure that the information in the record is kept confidential and is available only to authorized persons. When a patient or a patient's representative requests a copy of the patient's medical record, or requests that the original medical record be sent to another health care provider, a copy of the record shall be promptly provided or forwarded at a reasonable cost to the patient (not to exceed 75 cents per page.) Radiographic, sonographic and similar materials shall be provided at cost. A qualified person shall not be denied access to patient information solely because of an inability to pay
- In the event that Licensee holds a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certificate for New York State, Licensee shall within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, advise the DEA in writing, of the licensure action and shall surrender his/her DEA controlled substance privileges for New York State to the DEA. Licensee shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S.

Official Order Corms Schedules 1 and 2 for New York State to the DEA. All submissions to the DEA shall be addressed to Diversion Program Manager, New York Field Division. U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, 99 Tenth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.

- Within 15 days of the Order's effective date. Licensee shall return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement of the New York State Department of Health. If no other licensee is providing services at Licensee's practice location. Licensee shall properly dispose of all medications.
- Within 15 days of the Order's effective date. Licensee shall remove from the public domain any representation that Licensee is eligible to provide patient care including all related signs, advertise nents, professional listings (whether intelephone directories internet or otherwise) professional stationery or billings. Licensee shall not share locclipy, or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services.
- Licensee shall not charge receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for professional services rendered by Licensee or others while Licensee is barred from providing patient care. Licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered, and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf, prior to the Order's effective date.
- If Licensee is a shareholder in any professional service corporation organized to engage in the practice of medicine. Licensee shall divest all financial interest in the professional services corporation, in accordance with New York Business Corporation Law. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days. If Licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional services corporation, the corporation must be dissolved or sold within 90 days of the Order's effective date.
- Failure to comply with the above directives in ay result in a civil penalty or criminal penalties as may be authorized by governing law. Under N.Y. Educ Law § 6512, it is a Class E. Felony, punishable by imprisonment of up to 4 years to practice the profession of medicine when a professional idense has been suspended, revoked or aimuted. Such punishment is in addition to the penalties for professional misconduct set forff in N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230 a, which include fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of charges of which the Licensee is found quilty, and may include revocation of a suspended ficense.