

**These charges are only allegations which  
may be contested by the licensee in an  
Administrative hearing.**

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

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
GREGORY ORGAN, M.D.

NOTICE OF  
REFERRAL  
PROCEEDING

TO: GREGORY ORGAN, M.D.

GREGORY ORGAN, M.D.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

An adjudicatory proceeding will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230(10)(p) and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401. The proceeding will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Committee) on July 16, 2020, at 10:30 a.m., at the offices of the New York State Department of Health, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 510, Menands (Albany), NY 12204-2719,<sup>1</sup> and at such other adjourned dates, times and places as the committee may direct.

At the proceeding, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, which is attached. A stenographic record of the proceeding will be made and the witnesses at the proceeding will be sworn and examined.

You may appear in person at the proceeding and may be represented by counsel who shall be an attorney admitted to practice in New York state. You may produce evidence or sworn testimony on your behalf. Such evidence or sworn testimony shall be strictly limited to evidence and testimony relating to the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee. Where the charges are based on the conviction of state law crimes in other jurisdictions, evidence may be offered which would show that the conviction would not be a crime in New York State. The Committee also may limit the number of witnesses whose testimony will be received, as well as the length of time any witness will be permitted to testify.

<sup>1</sup> For GPS purposes, enter "Menands", not "Albany".

If you intend to present sworn testimony, the number of witnesses and an estimate of the time necessary for their direct examination must be submitted to the New York State Department of Health, Division of Legal Affairs, Bureau of Adjudication, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway - Suite 510, Albany, NY 12204-2719, ATTENTION: HON. JAMES HORAN, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ADJUDICATION (Telephone: (518-402-0748), (henceforth "Bureau of Adjudication") as well as the Department of Health attorney indicated below, no later than twenty days prior to the scheduled date of the Referral Proceeding, as indicated above.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230(10)(p), you shall file a written answer to each of the charges and allegations in the Statement of Charges at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing. Any charge or allegation not so answered shall be deemed admitted. You may wish to seek the advice of counsel prior to filing such answer. You may also file a written brief and affidavits with the Committee. All such documents shall be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, and a copy shall be forwarded to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below, at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing. Should the parties have objection(s) to proposed witnesses or documentary evidence, the party raising the objection(s) shall contact the Bureau of Adjudication at least three days prior to the hearing date to arrange for a pre-hearing conference with the Administrative Law Judge, prior to the hearing date.

Not later than ten days prior to the date of the hearing, you are required to file one copy of your proposed exhibits (if any) with the Bureau of Adjudication at the address indicated above, and a copy of all such documents/exhibits must be served on the same date on the Department of Health attorney indicated below. On the day of the hearing, you are also required to provide the original of such exhibits and three copies, for use by the Committee.

Pursuant to §301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person. Pursuant to the terms of N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §401 and 10 N.Y.C.R.R. §51.8(b), the Petitioner hereby demands disclosure of the evidence that the Respondent intends to introduce at the hearing, including the names of witnesses, a list of and copies of documentary evidence and a description of physical or other evidence which cannot be photocopied.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT THE ATTACHED CHARGES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THEY ARE SERVED.

Department attorney: Initial here 

The proceeding may be held whether or not you appear. Please note that requests for adjournments must be made in writing to the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, with a copy of the request to the attorney for the Department of Health, whose name appears below, at least five days prior to the scheduled date of the proceeding. Adjournment requests are not routinely granted. Claims of court engagement will require detailed affidavits of actual engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation. Failure to obtain an attorney within a reasonable period of time prior to the proceeding will not be grounds for an adjournment.

The Committee will make a written report of its findings, conclusions as to guilt, and a determination. Such determination may be reviewed by the administrative review board for professional medical conduct.

THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT YOU BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER SANCTIONS SET OUT IN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW §§230-a. YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York  
May 18, 2020

  
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IN THE MATTER  
OF  
GREGORY ORGAN, M.D.

STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES

GREGORY ORGAN, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about August 18, 1988, by the issuance of license number 175897 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. On or about August 3, 2017, in the Santa Clara County Superior Court, Respondent pled guilty and was convicted of two misdemeanors, possession of a controlled substance, cocaine [California Health and Safety Code § 11350(a)] and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia [California Health & Safety Code § 11364].
- B. On or about May 7, 2019, the Medical Board of California (hereinafter, "California Board") issued a Decision which adopted a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order signed by Respondent on March 22, 2019, which revoked Respondent's Physician and Surgeon's license, stayed the revocation, and placed Respondent on three years' probation, during which time Respondent: shall abstain from the personal use and possession of controlled substances, dangerous drugs, and any drugs requiring a prescription; be subject to biological fluid testing; enroll and participate in an ethics

course; and is prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. This disciplinary action was based on information that the California Board could establish a prima facie case that Respondent was convicted on his plea of guilty to a misdemeanor violation of California Health and Safety Code § 11350(a), possession of a controlled substance. The California Board found Respondent's conviction and conduct would constitute violations including a criminal conviction, drug-related conviction, and unprofessional conduct.

C. The conduct resulting in the California Board's disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute under the laws of New York State pursuant to the following Sections of New York State Law:

1. New York State Education Law § 6530(9)(a)(iii) (Being convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under the law of another jurisdiction and which, if committed in this state, would have constituted a crime under New York state law);
2. New York State Education Law § 6530(20) (Conduct in the practice of medicine which evidences moral unfitness to practice medicine).

D. On or about March 12, 2020, the California Board issued a Decision which adopted a Proposed Decision dated February 11, 2020, which revoked the stay of revocation and revoked Respondent's Physician and Surgeon's certificate. This discipline was based on findings that Respondent violated probation by failing to refrain from the use of

controlled substances, which included a positive test for cocaine metabolite five weeks after his probation started.

E. The conduct resulting in the California Board's disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State pursuant to the following Section of New York State Law:

1. New York State Education Law § 6530(29) (Violating any term of probation or condition or limitation imposed on the licensee pursuant to section two hundred thirty of the public health law).

### **SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES**

#### **FIRST SPECIFICATION**

#### **CRIMINAL CONVICTION (Other Jurisdiction)**

Respondent violated Education Law § 6530(9)(a)(iii) by being convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under the law of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a crime under New York state law (namely New York Penal Law §§ 220.03 and 220.50) as alleged in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraph A.



**SECOND SPECIFICATION**

**HAVING HAD DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(9)(d) by having his or her license to practice medicine revoked, suspended or having other disciplinary action taken, or having his or her application for a license refused, revoked or suspended or having voluntarily or otherwise surrendered his or her license after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency or another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action involving the license or refusal, revocation or or suspension of an application for a license or the surrender of the license would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state (namely N.Y. Educ. Law §§ 6530(9)(a)(iii), (20), and (29)) as alleged in the facts of the following:

2. The facts in Paragraphs B and C and C.1, B and C and C.2 and/or D and E and E.1.

**THIRD SPECIFICATION**

**HAVING BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. 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 (namely N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29)) as alleged in the facts of the following:

3. The facts in Paragraphs D and E and E.1.

DATE: May 13, 2020  
Albany, New York



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