# New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct



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June 27, 1997

# CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Gary L. Gaines, M.D. 1609 Sherman Drive Utica, New York 13501

RE: License No. 187066

Dear Dr. Gaines:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 97-152 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect upon receipt of this letter or seven (7) days after the date of this letter, whichever is earlier.

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.

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.

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**Executive Secretary** 

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Peter M. Hobaica, Esq. Hage & Hobaica 610 Charlotte Street Utica, New York 13501

Timothy J. Mahar, Esq.

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

IN THE MATTER

: SURRENDER

OF

ORDER

GARY L. GAINES, M.D. : BPMC # 97-152

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GARY L. GAINES, M.D., says:

On or about September 26, 1991, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 187066 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 1609 Sherman Drive, Utica, New York 13501 and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address.

I am currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice as a physician in the State of New York.

I understand that I have been charged with three specifications of professional misconduct as set forth in the Statement of Charges, annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A".

I am applying to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for an agreement to allow me to surrender my license as a

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physician in the State of New York and request that the Board issue this Surrender Order.

I hereby agree not to contest the first and second specifications and the factual allegations pertaining to those specifications as set forth in the Statement of Charges (Exhibit A) in full satisfaction of all of the specifications and allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges.

I understand that, in the event that this proposed agreement is not granted by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, nothing contained herein shall be binding upon me or construed to be an admission of any act of misconduct alleged or charged against me, such proposed agreement shall not be used against me in any way, and shall be kept in strict confidence during the pendency of the professional misconduct disciplinary proceeding; and such denial by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I agree to respond promptly to all requests for the records of my former patients and with due diligence shall provide such records to former patients when requested.

I agree that in the event the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct agrees with my proposal, this Order shall be

issued striking my name from the roster of physicians in the State of New York without further notice to me.

I am making this agreement of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion, or restraint of any kind or manner.

Subscribed before me this

/2 day of JUNE , 1997

JOHN BROSNAN Notary Public, State of New York Commissioned in Oneida County

My Commission Expires 11-13-57

AGREED TO:

PETER M. HOBAICA, Esq. of counsel to Hage & Hobaica Attørneys for Respondent

TIMOTHY J. MAHAR Assistant Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

Date: ///, 1997

ANNE F. SAILE

Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct

#### ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of GARY L. GAINES, M.D., to Surrender his license as a physician in the State of New York, which proposed agreement is made a part hereof, it is AGREED TO and

ORDERED, that the proposed agreement and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted; it is further

ORDERED, that the name of Respondent be stricken from the roster of physicians in the State of New York; it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall take effect as of the date of the personal service of this Order upon Respondent, upon receipt by Respondent of this Order via certified mail, or seven days after mailing of this Order via certified mail, whichever is earliest.

DATED: June 24, 1997

PATRICK F. CARONE, M.D., M.P.H.

Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER : STATEMENT

OF : OF

GARY L. GAINES, M.D. : CHARGES

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GARY L. GAINES, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on September 26, 1991 by the issuance of license number 187066 by the New York State Education Department.

# FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. Respondent, on various occasions since approximately Spring of 1996, has practiced medicine while impaired by drugs.
- B. Respondent, since approximately Spring of 1996, has been a habitual abuser of alcohol and/or dependent on or a habitual user of narcotics or barbiturates or amphetamines or hallucinogens or other drugs having similar effects, including, but not limited to, cocaine.

C. Respondent, during the period from approximately June through August of 1996, made inappropriate comments of a sexual nature to Hospital Employee A at Faxton Hospital in Utica, New York.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

# FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(7) [McKinney Supp. 1997] by reason of his practicing medicine while impaired by drugs in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in paragraph A.

#### SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(8) [McKinney Supp. 1997] by reason of his being a habitual abuser of alcohol and/or dependent on or a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens or other drugs having similar effects, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in paragraph B.

# THIRD SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(20) [McKinney Supp. 1997] by reason of his having engaged in conduct in the practice of medicine which evidences moral unfitness in the practice of medicine in that Petitioner charges:

3. The facts in paragraph C.

DATED:

, 1997 Albany, New York

PETER D. VAN BUREN Deputy Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct