

## Department of Health

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Acting Executive Deputy Commissioner

December 15, 2023

#### CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Sidharth Panchamia, M.D.

Re: License No. 241141

Dear Dr. Panchamia:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Modification Order No. 23-267. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect December 22, 2023.

You are required to deliver your license and registration within 5 days of the effective date of the surrender provision to: c/o Physician Monitoring Unit, NYS DOH - OPMC, Riverview Center, Suite 355, 150 Broadway, Albany, NY 12204-2719.

If your license is framed, please remove it from the frame and <u>only send the parchment paper</u> on which your name is <u>printed</u>. Our office is unable to store framed licenses.

If the document(s) are lost, misplaced or destroyed, you are required to submit to this office an affidavit to that effect. Please complete and sign the affidavit before a notary public and return it to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct. The enclosed Board Order checklist requires your review and compliance as it relates to your Order.

Please direct any questions to: NYS DOH - OPMC, Riverview Center, Suite 355, 150 Broadway, Albany, NY 12204-2719, telephone # (518) 402-0846.

Sincerely,



David Besser, M.D. Executive Secretary Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

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

BPMC No. 23-267

# IN THE MATTER OF SIDHARTH PANCHAMIA, M.D.

MODIFICATION ORDER

Upon the proposed Application for a Modification Order of Sidharth Panchamia, 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, and it is further

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.

DATE: 12/14/2023

THOMAS T. LEE, M.D.

Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

## IN THE MATTER OF SIDHARTH PANCHAMIA, M.D.

MODIFICATION AGREEMENT AND ORDER

Sidharth Panchamia, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about July 21, 2006, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the

State of New York and issued License No. 241141 by the New York State Education

Department.

I am currently subject to BPMC Order # BPMC 23-090 (Attachment I) (henceforth "Original Order"), which was issued upon an Application For Consent Order signed by me on April 21, 2023 (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(1), I shall be subject to a Censure and Reprimand.

The sanction imposed shall be modified to read as follows:

- to permit me to surrender my license as a physician and to preclude my practice of medicine in the State of New York;
- to substitute a surrender of my license for so much of the penalty as remains for me to serve, as set forth in the Original Order (attached "Attachment I");
- to release me from the condition set forth in the Original Order requiring that I register and continue to be registered with the New York State Education Department and pay all registration fees. By its terms, the condition continues so long as I remain a licensee in New York State; upon the effective date of this Modification Order and the surrender of my license, this condition and requirement shall cease;
- to subject me to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached document entitled "Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice Following a Revocation, Surrender, Limitation or Suspension of a Medical License" (henceforth "Attachment II", which is attached);

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.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director of the Office of 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 12/6/2023

SIDHARTH DANCHAMIA, M.D. Respondent

The undersigned agree to Respor proposed penalty, terms and conditions.	4 ndent's attached Modification Agreement and to its
DATE:	, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent
DATE: <u>12/11/2023</u>	COURTNEY BERRY Associate Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct
DATE: <u>12/13/2023</u>	for SHELLY WANG BANDAGO Director Office of Professional Medical Conduct

#### ATTACHMENT I

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## Department of Health

KATHY HOCHUL Governor JAMES V. McDONALD, M.D., M.P.H. Acting Commissioner MEGAN E. BALDWIN Acting Executive Deputy Commissioner

April 27, 2023

#### CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Sidharth Panchamia, M.D.

Re: License No. 241141

Dear Dr. Panchamia:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 23-090. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect May 4, 2023.

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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David Besser, M.D. Executive Secretary Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

NEWYORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

BPMC No. 23-090

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CONSENT

ORDER

OF

IN THE MATTER

SIDHARTH PANCHAMIA, M.D.

Upon the application of Sidharth Panchamia, 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 malling of a copy of this Consent Order, either by first class mall to Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or by certifled mail to Respondent's attorney, OR

upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney,

whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: 4/27/2023

THOMAS T. LEE, M.D.

Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

CONSENT AGREEMENT SIDHARTH PANCHAMIA, M.D.

Sidharth Panchamia, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about July 21, 2006, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and Issued License No. 241141 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.

I understand 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 and part of this Consent Agreement.

I agree not to contest the allegations, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a(1), I shall be subject to a Censure and Reprimand.

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.

Respondent, by making this application, asserts that Respondent does not currently practice medicine in New York State or in any setting or jurisdiction where that practice is predicated upon Respondent's New York State medical license ("New York Practice"). As a Condition of this Order, should Respondent decide to resume practicing medicine in New York, Respondent shall, before beginning such practice, provide 90 days advance written notice to the Director of OPMC. Respondent may not begin practicing medicine in New York until after Respondent receives the Director's written acknowledgment that this Condition has been satisfied, and shall be subject to any further Conditions the Director may impose upon Respondent's New York Practice based on matters underlying this Consent Agreement and/or any circumstances or information known to the Director at the time of Respondent's proposed return to New York Practice. Respondent, by making this Application, stipulates that the Director shall be authorized in the Director's sole discretion to impose whatever further Conditions the Director deems appropriate upon Respondent's return to practice in New York, and Respondent further stipulates that Respondent's failure to comply with these Conditions shall constitute misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29).

Respondent shall comply fully with the December 20, 2021 Final Order and September 9, 2021 Settlement Agreement of the State of Florida Board of Medicine and any extension or modification thereof.

Respondent shall provide a written authorization for the State of Florida Board of Medicine 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 Florida Order.

That 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 Consent Order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State; and

That 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 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 the Licensee's profile information within six months prior to the expiration date of the licensee's registration period. Licensee shall submit changes to the Licensee's 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 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

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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

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical 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. Educ. Law § 6530(29).

I agree that, If I am charged with professional misconduct in 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 N.Y. Pub. 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 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 or other confidential information, if any, redacted. 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.

I stipulate 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. 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 I ask 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.

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Sidharth Panchamia, M.D. RESPONDENT

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The undersigned agree to Responder proposed penalty, terms and condition	pondent's attached Consent Agreement and ns.	to Its
DATE:	Attorney for Respondent	, ESQ.
DATE: <u>4/24/23</u>	Deborah Beth Medows Associate Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct	-
DATE: <u>4-26-23</u>	SHELLY WANG BANDAGO  Director  Office of Professional Medical Conduct	<b>-</b>

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

#### IN THE MATTER

OF

SIDHARTH PANCHAMIA, M.D.

STATEMENT OF

CHARGES

Sidharth Panchamia, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about July 21, 2006, by the issuance of license number 241141 by the New York State Education Department.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. Or about December 20, 2021, the State of Florida Board of Medicine (hereinafter "the Florida Board") issued a Final Order, which assessed costs in the amount of \$8,058.96 and approved, adopted and incorporated by reference a Settlement Agreement, dated on or about September 9, 2021, which issued a reprimand against Respondent's license; imposed a \$7,500 administrative fine; mandated reimbursement of costs; and required Respondent to document completion of a Board-approved medical records course, three hours of Continuing Medical Education in treatment of patients with disabilities, and three hours of Continuing Medical Education in risk management.
- B. The Settlement Agreement referenced an Administrative Complaint, dated on or about August 21, 2017, the allegations of which the Respondent neither admitted nor denied. The Complaint alleged misconduct with respect to one patient, who was hearing and speech impaired and used an

interpreter and tablet for communication during all preoperative meetings. The patient presented to the Respondent in the surgery room for signed consent of cervical transforaminal epidural steroid injection ("CESI") at right C4 and C5. Respondent deviated from the standard of care by: failing to have an interpreter in the surgery room during the patient's evaluation and treatment so that Respondent could effectively communicate with the patient; failing to administer local anesthesia prior to performing the first epidural injection; improperly electing to perform a CESI above C6-C7; performing a wrong-site procedure and/or a wrong procedure; failing to create or maintain complete records of fluoroscopic images of Respondent's initial attempts to inject at the C5-C6 interspace; by documenting one or more times prior to the April 6, 2016 procedure, that he was performing a two-level TFESI on the right at C4 and C5 interspace; and by documenting in the procedure report that Respondent performed a ILESI at the C5-6 interspace and additionally at C7-T1.

<u>:</u>:

- 1. The conduct resulting in the Florida Medical Board Order and the associated Settlement would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State, pursuant to the following section of New York State Law:
- a. N.Y. Education Law § 6530 (26) (Performing professional services which have not been duly authorized by the patient or his or her legal representative), as alleged in the facts of:
  - i. Paragraphs A and B.
- b. N.Y. Education Law § 6530 (32) (Failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient), as alleged in the facts of:
  - i. Paragraphs A and B.

#### SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

#### HAVING A 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 of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action involving the license or refusal, revocation 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 (26) and (32) as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A and B.

DATE: March 21 2023 New York, New York

> Henry Weintraub Chief Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

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#### **ATTACHMENT II**

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 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 providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application and from representing that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine.
- Within 5 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall deliver Licensee's original license to practice medicine in New York State and current biennial registration to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204-2719.
- 3. 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 licensed practicing physician for continued care, as appropriate. Licensee shall notify, in writing, each health care plan with which the Licensee contracts or is employed, and each hospital where Licensee has privileges, that Licensee has ceased medical practice. Within 45 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall provide OPMC with written documentation that all patients and hospitals have been notified of the cessation of Licensee's medical practice.
- Licensee shall make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of all 4. patient medical records. Within 30 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.

- 5. 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 Licensee's DEA controlled substance privileges for New York State to the DEA. Licensee shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms 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. Licensee shall destroy all prescription pads bearing Licensee's name. If no other licensee is providing services at Licensee's practice location, Licensee shall properly dispose of all medications.
- 7. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall remove from the public domain any representation that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine, including all related signs, advertisements, professional listings (whether in telephone directories, internet or otherwise), professional stationery or billings. Licensee shall not share, occupy, or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services.
- 8. 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 engaging in the practice of medicine. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Failure to comply with the above directives may 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 license has been suspended, revoked or annulled. Such punishment is in addition to the penalties for professional misconduct set forth 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 guilty and may include revocation of a suspended license.