

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

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.

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


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