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

SARAH COMBS, M.D.

STATEMENT OF

CHARGES

SARAH COMBS, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about 1/10/2012, by the issuance of license number 263969 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about June 15, 2022, by a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, adopted by a September 14, 2022, Decision, Respondent, was publicly Reprimanded by the Medical Board of California Department of Consumer Affairs State of California (800-2020-067207) (hereinafter the "California Board"), and ordered Respondent, within 60-days (sixty) to enroll in educational courses which shall not be less than 40-hours (forty). This disciplinary action was based on information that the California Board could establish a prima facie case that in January 2016, Respondent committed repeated acts of negligence in her care and treatment of Patient A, which included failing to adequately test to assess for acute iron toxicity; failing to appropriately review and interpret the test results received; failing to properly assess and document the etiology of Patient A's continuing nausea and whether or not the nausea would persist; and failing to properly document Patient A's tachycardia.
- B. 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:

- New York State Education Law §6530(3) (Practicing the profession with negligence on more than one occasion); and/or
- 2. New York State Education Law §6530(32) (Failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient).

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES HAVING HAD DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(9)(d) by having the Respondent's license to practice medicine revoked, suspended or having other disciplinary action taken, or having the Respondent's application for a license refused, revoked or suspended or having voluntarily or otherwise surrendered the Respondent's 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(3) and (32)) as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. Paragraphs A, B, and B1 and/or A, B, and B2.

DATE:April 2, 2024 Albany, New York

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