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May 26, 1999

**CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Karen Gorski, P.A.  
640 Oakwood Lane  
Huntersville, NC 28078

RE: License No. 001982

Dear Ms. Gorski:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 99-110 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect **May 26, 1999.**

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 to 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.  
Executive Secretary  
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Wilfred T. Friedman, Esq.  
The Bar Building  
36 West 44th Street  
New York, NY 10036

Robert Bogan, Esq.

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

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IN THE MATTER : SURRENDER  
OF : ORDER  
KAREN GORSKI, P.A. : BPMC # 99-110

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KAREN GORSKI, P.A., says:

On or about July 23, 1982, I was licensed to practice as a physician assistant in the State of New York having been issued License No. 001982 by the New York State Education Department. My address is 9014 Brentfield Road, 640 Oakwood Lane, Huntersville, NC 28078.

I understand that I have been charged with two (2) 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 physician assistant in the State of New York and request that the Board issue this Surrender Order.

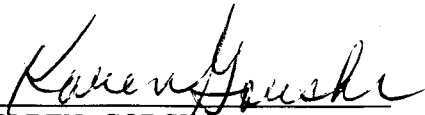
I agree not to contest the specifications set forth in the Statement of Charges.

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 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 physician assistants in the State of New York without further notice to me. I agree that this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Order to me at the address set forth above, or to my attorney, or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my attorney, whichever is earliest.

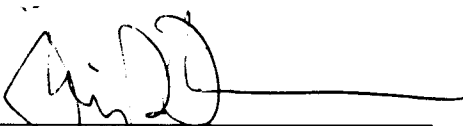
I am making this agreement of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion, or restraint of any kind or manner.

Date: 5/7, 1999

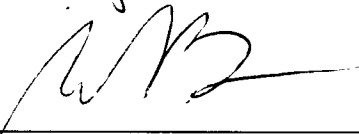
  
KAREN GORSKI, P.A.  
Respondent

AGREED TO:


Date: May 10, 1999

  
WILFRED T. FRIEDMAN, ESQ.  
Attorney for Respondent

Date: May 12, 1999

  
ROBERT BOGAN  
Assistant Counsel  
Bureau of Professional  
Medical Conduct

Date: May 18, 1999

  
ANNE F. SAILE  
Director, Office of  
Professional Medical Conduct

ORDER

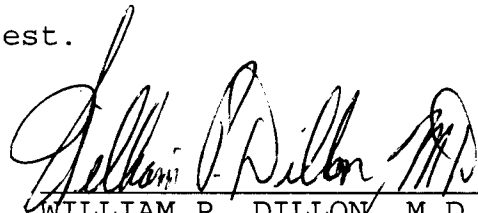
Upon the proposed agreement of KAREN GORSKI, P.A., to Surrender her license as a physician assistant in the State of New York, which proposed agreement is made a part hereof, it is AGREED TO and

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 physician assistants in the State of New York; it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of this Order to Respondent at the address set forth in this agreement or to Respondent's attorney, or upon transmissions via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.

DATED: 5/20/99



WILLIAM P. DILLON, M.D.  
Chair  
State Board for Professional  
Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT A

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

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IN THE MATTER : STATEMENT  
OF : OF  
KAREN GORSKI, P.A. : CHARGES

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Karen Gorski, P.A., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on July 23, 1982 by the issuance of license number 001982 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. On or about August 3, 1998, by a Consent Order, entered into by the North Carolina Medical Board, (hereinafter "North Carolina Board") and the Respondent, the North Carolina Board, among other things, reprimanded the Respondent, issued the Respondent a license to practice medicine as a physician assistant, directed the Respondent to refrain from the use of all mind or mood altering substances and controlled substances unless lawfully prescribed by someone other than herself, and directed the Respondent not to register with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency to prescribe controlled substances.

B. The Consent Order referred to in paragraph A above was predicated upon statements in the Consent Order that:

"on June 13, 1996, Ms. Gorski signed a North Carolina physician assistant license application in which she answered "No" to the following question: "Have you ever personally used or consumed any drugs or controlled substances other than those prescribed for you by a physician or dentist?," "this answer was false in that between approximately October 1994 and June 1996, while practicing as a physician assistant in Virginia, Ms. Gorski consumed approximately 9, 140 dosage units of Fioricet (butalbital, acetaminophen, and caffeine), Esgic (butalbital, acetaminophen, and caffeine), and Axocet (butalbital and acetaminophen); approximately 300 tablets of Triavil (perphenazine, amitriptyline, and hydrochloride); and approximately 330 tablets of Xanax (alprazolam) (a schedule IV substance under the Federal Controlled Substances Law), none of which were prescribed for her by a physician or dentist," "on August 12, 1996, the Board, unaware of Ms. Gorski's use of the above drugs without a legitimate prescription from a lawful prescriber, issued Ms. Gorski a license to practice as a physician assistant," "Ms. Gorski admits that she fraudulently or deceptively obtained a license," "Ms. Gorski admits that she fraudulently obtained the above-described drugs by (1) prescribing to herself prescriptions pre-signed by her supervising physician, (2) prescribing to one of her patients prescriptions pre-signed by her supervising physician and picked up at the pharmacy by Ms. Gorski, (3) prescribing to four fictitious patients prescriptions pre-signed by her supervising physician and picked up at the pharmacy by Ms. Gorski, and (4) having an office nurse call in a prescription in a name other

than hers which Ms. Gorski picked up at the pharmacy," "Ms. Gorski admits that as to Xanax (alprazolam), a schedule IV substance under the Federal Controlled Substance Law, the foregoing violates Section 843 (a)(3) of the Federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 801 et. seq.) ('It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally ... to acquire or obtain possession of a controlled substance by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception, or subterfuge ...')," "Ms. Gorski admits that she violated the Federal Controlled Substances Law," "in September 1997, while working as a physician assistant in North Carolina, Ms. Gorski fraudulently obtained a prescription for Fioricet (butalbital, acetaminophen, and caffeine)," "Ms. Gorski surrendered her license to practice medicine in North Carolina as a physician assistant on April 17, 1998," and "Ms. Gorski recently submitted a second physician assistant license application."

C. The conduct resulting in the North Carolina Board's disciplinary action against the Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State, pursuant to the following sections of New York State law:

1. N.Y. Education Law Section 6530 (1) [obtaining the license fraudulently];

2. N.Y. Education Law Section 6530 (2) [practicing fraudulently];

3. N.Y. Education Law Section 6530 (21) [willfully making or filing a false report];

4. N.Y. Education Law Section 6530 (7) [practicing the profession while impaired]; and/or



5. N.Y. Education Law Section 6530 (8) [being a habitual abuser of alcohol or dependent or a habitual abuser of drugs].

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**FIRST SPECIFICATION**

Respondent is guilty of violating N.Y. Education Law § 6530(9)(b) by reason of 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, in that the Petitioner charges the following:

1. The facts in paragraphs A, B, and/or C.

**SECOND SPECIFICATION**

Respondent is guilty of professional misconduct under N.Y. Education Law § 6530 (9)(d) by reason of his having had disciplinary action taken against her by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York State, in that the Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in paragraphs A, B, and/or C.

DATED: *February 26*, 1999  
Albany, New York

*Peter D. Van Buren*

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