# New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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October 20, 1995

# CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Cheun Hahn, M.D. 97-13 101st Avenue Ozone Park, New York 11416

RE: License No. 139955

Effective Date: 10/27/95

Dear Dr. Hahn:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 95-245 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 Empire State Plaza Tower Building-Room 438 Albany, New York 12237-0756

Sincerely,

Charles Vacanti, M.D.

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Chair

**Board for Professional Medical Conduct** 

**Enclosure** 

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

CHEUN HAHN, M.D.

SURRENDER ORDER BPMC #95-245

Upon the Application of CHEUN HAHN, M.D. (Respondent) to Surrender his/her license as a physician in the State of New York, which application is made a part hereof, it is

ORDERED, that the application 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.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 16 Detober 1995

CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.

Chairperson State Board for Professional

Medical Conduct

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

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CHEUN HAHN, M.D.

APPLICATION TO SURRENDER LICENSE

STATE OF NEW YORK )

COUNTY OF QUEENS )

CHEUN HAHN, M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

SS.:

On or about October 5, 1979, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 139955 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 97-13 101st Avenue, Ozone Park, N.Y., and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address.

I understand that I have been charged with eleven 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 permission to surrender my license as a physician in the State of New York on the grounds that I admit guilt to the second specification, practicing with incompetence on more than one occasion, in full satisfaction of the Statement of Charges.

I hereby make this application to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct and request that it be granted.

I understand that, in the event that the application 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 application 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 grants my application, an 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 Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion, or restraint of any kind or manner.

CHUEN HAHN, M.D. Respondent

Sworn to before me this

28 day of Japt

, 1995

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DAVID A. ZARETT
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 4890250
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Qualified in Nassau County G 7 Commission Expires March 30, 1989 NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

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**OF** 

# CHEUN HAHN, M.D.

**APPLICATION TO SURRENDER** LICENSE

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CHEUN HAHN, M.D. Respondent

DAVID ZARETT, Esq. Attorney for Respondent

Date: <u>/0/2</u>, 1995

**DIANNE ABELOFF** Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

Date: <u>Oct. 4</u>, 1995

KATHLEEN M. TANNER

Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

Date: 16 October, 1995

CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D. Chairperson State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

		STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT
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STATEMENT	:	IN THE MATTER
OF	:	OF
CHARGES	:	CHEUN HAHN, M.D.
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CHEUN HAHN, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on October 5, 1979 by the issuance of license number 139955 by the New York State Education Department.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. Respondent treated Patient A (all patients mentioned herein are more fully identified in Appendix A) a 29 year old female, in his office at 97-13 101st Avenue, Ozone Park, New York, on or about August 22, August 24, August 26, and September 8, 1992. Respondent's presenting complaint was loss of voice, fatigue and aches for approximately three (3) days duration. Respondent:
  - 1. Performed electrocardiogram without sufficient indication on or about August 22.

- 2. Ordered performance of chest x-ray without sufficient indication on or about August 22.
- Inappropriately prescribed Cipro for laryngitis on or about August 22.
- 4. Performed flexible sigmoidoscopy without sufficient indication on or about August 24.
- 5. Failed to provide patient with sufficient information regarding consent for flexible sigmoidoscopy on or about August 24.
- 6. Failed to treat an ovarian cyst on or about August 24 and thereafter.
- 7. Performed unnecessary breast examinations on or about August 24 and August 26.
- 8. Failed to adequately treat, or give referral for an enlarged thyroid on or about August 24 and thereafter.

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9. Failed to appropriately advise Patient A about her conditions, including Epstein Barr virus and a thyroid mass, on or about September 8.

- 10. Failed to maintain adequate medical records.
- B. Respondent treated Patient B, date of birth November 19, 1918, at his office from approximately November 14, 1981 to September 12, 1990. Respondent:
  - Failed to sufficiently investigate possible angina on or about September 11, 1990.
  - Failed to adequately investigate complaint of chest pain on or about September 11, 1990.
  - 3. Failed to attend to Patient B on or about September 12, 1990, after Patient B had complained of chest pain and was instructed by Respondent to meet him at St. John's Queens Hospital emergency room.
  - 4. Failed to maintain adequate medical records.
- C. Respondent treated Patient C, date of birth April 4, 1917, at his office from approximately July 11, 1990 to January 3, 1991, and at St. John's Queens Hospital from approximately September 26 to October 10, 1990. Respondent:

- Maintained patient on anti-coagulation therapy from approximately September 1990 to at least January 1991 without sufficient indication.
- Failed to adequately manage anti-coagulation therapy from approximately September 1990 to January 1991.
- 3. Failed to maintain adequate medical records.
- D. Respondent treated Patient D, date of birth March 4, 1936, at his office from approximately January 31, 1990 to January 2, 1991, and at St. John's Queens Hospital from approximately September 19 to 29, 1990. Respondent:
  - 1. Failed to adequately manage anti-coagulation therapy from approximately September 1990 to January 1991.
  - 2. Failed to maintain adequate medical records.

#### SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

### FIRST SPECIFICATION

PRACTICING WITH NEGLIGENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

Respondent is charged with practicing the medical profession with negligence on more than one occasion under N.Y. Educ. Law Section 6530(3) (McKinney Supp. 1995), in that Petitioner charges two or more of the following:

1. The facts contained in Paragraphs A and A1-A10, B and B1-B4, C and C1-C3, and/or D and D1-D2.

### SECOND SPECIFICATION

PRACTICING WITH INCOMPETENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

Respondent is charged with practicing the medical profession with incompetence on more than one occasion under N.Y. Educ. Law Section 6530(5) (McKinney Supp. 1995), in that Petitioner charges two or more of the following:

2. The facts contained in Paragraphs A and A1-A10, B and B1-B4, C and C1-C3 and/or D and D1-D2.

#### THIRD THROUGH SIXTH SPECIFICATIONS

## PRACTICING WITH GROSS NEGLIGENCE

Respondent is charged with practicing the medical profession with gross negligence under N.Y. Educ. Law Section 6530(4) (McKinney Supp. 1995), in that Petitioner charges:

- 3. The facts contained in Paragraphs A and A1-A10.
- 4. The facts contained in Paragraphs B and B1-B4.
- 5. The facts contained in Paragraphs C and C1-C3.
- 6. The facts contained in Paragraphs D and D1-D2.

#### SEVENTH THROUGH TENTH SPECIFICATIONS

#### PRACTICING WITH GROSS INCOMPETENCE

Respondent is charged with practicing the medical profession with gross incompetence on more than one occasion under N.Y. Educ. Law Section 6530(6) (McKinney Supp. 1995), in that Petitioner charges:

7. The facts contained in Paragraphs A and A1-A10.

- 8. The facts contained in Paragraphs B and B1-B4.
- 9. The facts contained in Paragraphs C and C1-C3.
- 10. The facts contained in Paragraphs D and D1-D2.

# ELEVENTH SPECIFICATION

FAILURE TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE RECORDS

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law Section 6530(32) (McKinney Supp. 1995), in that he failed to maintain records for Patients A-D which accurately reflected their evaluation and/or treatment.

Petitioner charges:

11. The facts contained in Paragraphs A and AlO, B and B4, C and C3, and D and D2.

DATED: New York, New York

anil 5, 1995

CHRIS STERN HYMAN

Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct