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Charles J. Vacanti, M.D. Chair

January 16, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

George Q. Kuo, M.D. 17-23 E. Broadway Suite 607 New York, New York 10002

RE: License No. 186071

Dear Dr. Kuo:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 97-25 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 Hedley Park Place, Suite 303 433 River Street Troy, New York 12180

Sincerely,

Charles Vacanti, M.D.

Chair

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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Enclosure

cc: Nathan Dembin, Esq. & Associates 225 Broadway

Suite 1400

New York, New York 10007

L vid W. Smith, Esq.

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

IN THE MATTER OF

GEORGE QIAO KUO, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

BPMC #97-25

Upon the application of GEORGE QIAO KUO, M.D. (Respondent) for Consent Order, which application is made a part hereof, it is

ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted and so ORDERED, and 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 by certified mail, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 8 January 1997

CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.

Chairperson

State Board for Professional

Medical Conduct

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

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APPLICATION
FOR
CONSENT ORDER

STATE OF NEW YORK)	
COUNTY OF		SS.

GEORGE QIAO KUO, M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on or about July 1, 1991, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 186071 by the New York State Education Department.

I am currently registered with the New York state Education Department to practice as a physician in the State of New York.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with eight specifications of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges is annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A".

I admit guilt to the Fourth through Seventh Specifications, in full satisfaction of the charges against me.

I hereby agree to be subject to the following sanctions:

- 1. A Censure and Reprimand.
- 2. I shall be ordered to perform 100 hours of <u>pro bono</u> community service in medical facility approved by OPMC. Such service is to be performed within two (2) years of the date of the Order approving this Application at the rate of no less that 50 hours per year. A failure to comply with this condition, if proven in a proceeding pursuant to PHL §230, shall constitute professional misconduct as set forth in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(29).

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

I understand that, in the event that this Application is not granted by the Board, 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 Board shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I agree that, in the event the Board grants my Application, as set forth herein, an order of the Chairperson of the Board shall be issued in accordance with same.

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I am making this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint of any kind or manner. In consideration of the value to me of the acceptance by the Board of this Application, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive any right I may have to contest the Consent Order for which I hereby apply, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the Application be granted.

GEORGE QIAO KUO, M.D. RESPONDENT

Sworn to before me this

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NOTARY PUBLIC

NATHAN L. DEMBIN
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 24-5013220
Qualified in Kings County
Commission Expires July 15, 19

APPLICATION FOR

CONSENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER **OF** GEORGE QIAO KUO, M.D.

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

The undersigned agree to the attached application of the Respondent and to the proposed penalty based on the terms and conditions thereof.

DATE: (2/9/56

GEORGE QÍAO KUO, M.D.

Respondent

DATE: /2/17/96

NATHAN DEMBIN, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent

DAVID W. SMITH Associate Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

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ANNE F. SAILE Acting Director Office of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 8 January

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

EXHIBIT "A"

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

GEORGE QIAO KUO, M.D.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

GEORGE QIAO KUO, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about July 1, 1991, by the issuance of license number 186071 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. Between in or about January, 1993 and in or about February, 1993,
 Respondent treated Patient A in his office at 17-23 E. Broadway, New York
 City, for uterine fibroids and other medical conditions.
 - 1. On or about February 8, 1993, Respondent operated on Patient A at New York Downtown Hospital for infertility and uterine fibroids and other conditions but failed to perform or caused to be performed an adequate pre-operative infertility work-up or note such work-up, in any.
 - 2. In connection with such operation, Respondent inappropriately diagnosed the size of of the myomatous uterus as 14-15 weeks when, in fact, it was only 10 weeks.
 - 3. Respondent inappropriately performed a laparotomy on Patient A.

- B. Between in or about December, 1993 and February, 1995, Respondent treated Patient B for vaginal pain and other medical conditions at his office at 17-23 E. Broadway, New York City.
 - Respondent operated on Patient B on or about December 5,
 1993 at New York Downtown Hospital for vaginal pain but failed to perform or cause to be performed an adequate pre-operative work-up or note such work-up, if any.
 - Respondent inappropriately diagnosed Patient B with a possible ruptured ectopic pregnancy.
- C. Between in or about January, 1993 and January, 1994, Respondent treated Patient C for abdominal pain and other medical conditions at his office at 17-23 E. Broadway, New York City.
 - 1. On or about February 8, 1993, Respondent operated on Patient C at New York Downtown Hospital but failed to perform or cause to be preformed an adequate pre-operative work-up or note such work-up, if any.
 - Respondent inappropriately confused the patient chart of Patient
 C with another of his patients and performed the wrong operation
 on Patient C.
- D. between in or about November, 1993 and March, 1994, Respondent treated Patient D for heavy menstrual bleeding and other medical conditions at a HIP

clinic in New York City.

- 1. On or about January 31, 1991, Respondent operated on Patient D for an ovarian tumor at New York Downtown Hospital. During the surgery, Patient D suffered a large blood loss but Respondent failed to oversee the patient's welfare and failed to adequately assure that blood replacement took place in a timely fashion.
- E. Between in or about March, 1994, Respondent treated Patient E for ectopic pregnancy and other medical conditions at his office at 17-23 E. Broadway, New York City.
 - On or about March 28, 1994, Respondent inappropriately operated on Patient E for an ectopic pregnancy at New York Downtown Hospital.
 - 2. Respondent failed to perform or cause to be performed an adequate pre-operative work-up or note such work-up, if any.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION NEGLIGENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(3)(McKinney Supp. 1996) by practicing the profession of medicine with negligence on more than one occasion as alleged in the facts of two or more of the following:

i. Paragraphs A and A1-3; B and B1-2; C and C1-2; D and D1; and/or E and E1-2.

SECOND SPECIFICATION INCOMPETENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(5)(McKinney Supp. 1996) by practicing the profession of medicine with incompetence on more than one occasion as alleged in the facts of two or more of the following:

2. Paragraphs A and A1-3; B and B1-2; C and C1-2; D and D1; and/or E and E1-2.

THIRD SPECIFICATION

GROSS NEGLIGENCE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(4)(McKinney Supp. 1996) by practicing the profession of medicine with gross negligence as alleged in the facts of the following:

3. Paragraphs C and C1-2.

FOURTH THROUGH SEVENTH SPECIFICATIONS

FAILING TO MAINTAIN RECORDS

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(32)(McKinney Supp. 1996) by failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient as alleged in the facts of the following:

- 4. Paragraphs A and A1.
- 5. Paragraphs B and B1.
- 6. Paragraphs C and C1.
- 7. Paragraphs E and E1-2.

DATED:

January , 1996 New York, New York

> ROY NEMERSON Deputy Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct