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February 21, 2002

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Shakir Hushen P. Mukhi, M.D. 48 Ridge Road Searingtown, New York 11507

RE: License No. 187169

Dear Dr. Mukhi:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 02-58 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect February 21, 2002.

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

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a fine, please write the check payable to the New York State Department of Health. Noting the BPMC Order number on your remittance will assist in proper crediting. Payments should be directed to the following address:

Bureau of Accounts Management New York State Department of Health Corning Tower, Room 1258 Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12237

Sincerely,

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Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D. Executive Secretary Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Amy Kulb, Esq. Jacobson and Goldbreg, LLP 585 Stewart Avenue Garden City, New York 11530

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

IN THE MATTER

CONSENT ORDER

OF

SHAKIR HUSHEN P. MUKHI, M.D.

BPMC No. 02-58

Upon the application of (Respondent) Shakir Hushen P. Mukhi, M.D. in the attached Consent Agreement and Order, which is made a part of this Consent Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Consent Agreement, and its terms, are adopted and SO ORDERED, and it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either

- by mailing of a copy of this Consent Order, either by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, OR
- upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, Whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATED

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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMEN

AGREEMENT AND ORDER

SHAKIR HUSHEN P. MUKHI, M.D.

SHAKIR HUSHEN P. MUKHI, M.D., representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about October 31, 1991, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 187169 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 48 Ridge Road, Searingtown, New York, 11507, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of address.

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

A copy of the Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit "A", is attached to and part of this Consent Agreement.

I agree not to contest the allegations set forth in support of the Second Specification, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

> that I will be subject to a two year suspension of my license, stayed, with probation for the period of the stayed suspension;

that I will be subject to a fine in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2000), pursuant to Section 230-a(7) and (9) of the Public Health Law,

to be paid within 30 days of the effective date of this order, subject to the terms set forth in Exhibit "B," attached hereto;

that I will be required to complete an educational course in medical ethics;

and, that I will be required to complete an educational course concerning appropriate interpersonal boundaries and the nature and inappropriateness of the sexual harrassment of other individuals, within six months of the effective date of this order, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit "B," attached hereto.

I further agree that the Consent Order shall impose the following conditions:

That Respondent shall maintain current registration of licensure with the New York State Education Department Division of Professional Licensing Services (except during periods of actual suspension), and shall pay all registration fees. This condition shall take effect thirty (30) days after the Consent Order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent remains licensed in New York State; and

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Order and in its investigations of matters concerning Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with this Order. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC, as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Respondent's control, as directed. This condition shall take effect upon the Board's issuance of the Consent Order and will continue so long as Respondent remains licensed in New York State.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with any conditions of this Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29).

I agree that if I am charged with professional misconduct in future, this Consent Agreement and Order **shall** be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand that if the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this Consent Agreement shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence; and the Board's denial shall be without prejudice to the pending disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination pursuant to the Public Health Law.

I agree that, if the Board adopts this Consent Agreement, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Consent Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that this Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Consent Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Consent Agreement, or to my attorney by certified mail, OR upon facsimile transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first.

I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement of my own free will and not

under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Consent Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Consent Order, and ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

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DATED 01 30 02

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The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

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DATE: 2/15/02

AMY KOLB, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent

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Associate Counsel / Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

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EXHIBIT A

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

SHAKIR HUSHEN P. MUKHI, M.D.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

SHAKIR HUSHEN P. MUKHI, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about October 31, 1991, by the issuance of license number 187169 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about August 17, 1998, Respondent made inappropriate sexual advances towards hospital Coworker A.
- B. On or about August 28, 1998, Respondent was informed that he must resign his employment at Catholic Medical Center or his employment would be terminated. On or about August 31, 1998, Respondent resigned his position as a supervising attending physician in the ambulatory care unit at St. Joseph's Hospital of the Catholic Medical Center.
 - On or about February 23, 1999, Respondent applied for appointment/reappointment to the medical staff at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center.
 - a. When asked whether his employment on any hospital medical staff had ever been voluntarily or involuntarily relinquished, Respondent checked "NO;"
 - When asked whether his employment on any hospital medical staff had ever been voluntarily or involuntarily relinquished or modified to avoid investigation,

sanctions or disciplinary actions, Respondent checked "NO."

- 2. On or about October 1, 1998, Respondent applied for medical staff privileges at Parkway Hospital.
 - a. When asked on the application whether any association, employment, privileges or practice at any hospital had ever been suspended, restricted, terminated, curtailed or not renewed, Respondent checked "No."
- On or about May 16, 1999, Respondent completed his registration remittance document to remain licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York.
 - In response to the question whether "any hospital or licensed facility [has] restricted or terminated your professional training, employment, or privileges, or have you voluntarily resigned or withdrawn from such association to avoid the imposition of such action due to professional misconduct, unprofessional conduct, incompetency, or negligence" since he last filed a registration application, Respondent checked "No."

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(20) by engaging in conduct in the practice of the profession of medicine that evidences moral unfitness to practice as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. Paragraph A; and/or Paragraphs B, B1, B1a, B1b, B2, B2a, B3, and/or B3a.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

FRAUDULENT PRACTICE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(2) by practicing the profession of medicine fraudulently as alleged in the facts of the following:

2. Paragraphs B, B1, B1a, B1b, B2, B2a, B3, and/or B3a.

DATED: January , 2002 New York, New York

> Roy Nemerson Deputy Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "B"

Terms of Probation

- 1. Respondent's conduct shall conform to moral and professional standards of conduct and governing law. Any act of professional misconduct by Respondent as defined by New York State Education Law §6530 or §6531 shall constitute a violation of probation and may subject Respondent to an action pursuant to New York State Public Health Law §230(19).
- 2. Respondent shall provide the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, New York 12180-2299 with the following information, in writing, and ensure that such information is kept current: a full description of Respondent's employment and practice; all professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within and outside New York State; and all investigations, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility, within thirty (30) days of each action.
- 3. Respondent shall cooperate fully with, and respond in a timely manner to, OPMC requests to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Consent Order. Upon the Director of OPMC's request, Respondent shall meet in person with the Director's designee.
- 4. Respondent's failure to pay any monetary penalty by the prescribed date shall subject Respondent to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by New York State, including but not limited to: the imposition of interest, late payment charges and collection fees; referral to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection; and non-renewal of permits or licenses [Tax Law section 171(27)]; State Finance Law section 18; CPLR section 5001: Executive Law section 32].
- 5. Unless otherwise specified herein, any fine imposed is payable in full within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order. Payments must be submitted to:

Bureau of Accounts Management New York State Department of Health Empire State Plaza Corning Tower, Room 1245 Albany, New York 12237

- 6. The probation period shall toll when Respondent is not engaged in active medical practice in New York State for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or more. Respondent shall notify the Director of OPMC, in writing, if Respondent is not currently engaged in, or intends to leave, active medical practice in New York State for a consecutive thirty (30) day period. Respondent shall then notify the Director again at least fourteen (14) days before returning to active practice. Upon Respondent's return to active practice in New York State, the probation period will resume and Respondent shall fulfill any unfulfilled probation terms.
- 7. The Director of OPMC may review Respondent's professional performance. This review may include but shall not be limited to: a review of office records, patient records and/or hospital charts; and interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and Respondent's staff at practice locations or OPMC offices

- 8. Respondent shall maintain complete, legible medical records that accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients and contain all information required by State rules and regulations concerning controlled substances.
- 9. Respondent shall enroll in and complete a continuing education program in the area of professional ethics subject to the Director of OPMC's prior written approval and shall be completed within the probation period, unless the Order specifies otherwise.
- 10. Respondent shall complete an educational course concerning appropriate interpersonal boundaries and the nature and inappropriateness of the sexual harrassment of other individuals. Said educational program shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Director of OPMC and shall be completed within the time specified in the Order, unless the Director of OPMC approves an extension in writing.
- 11. Respondent shall comply with this Order and all its terms, and shall bear all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of noncompliance with, or violation of, these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation of probation proceeding, and/or any other such proceeding authorized by law, against Respondent.