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June 12, 2000

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Elgio R. Quijano, M.D. 96-10 Metropolitan Avenue Forest Hills, New York 11375

> RE: License No. 113714

Dear Dr. Quijano:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 00-173 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect June 15, 2000.

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.

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Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

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

OF

ELIGIO R. QUIJANO, JR., M.D.

ORDER
BPMC No. 00-173

Upon the proposed agreement of ELIGIO R. QUIJANO, JR., M.D. (Respondent) for Consent Order, which application is made a part hereof, it is agreed to and

ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted and so ORDERED, and 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 the Consent Order to Respondent at the address set forth in this agreement or to Respondent's attorney by certified mail, or upon transmission via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 6/7/00

State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER OF ELIGIO R. QUIJANO, JR., M.D.

CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND
ORDER

BOMC No. 00-173

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF) ss.:

ELIGIO R. QUIJANO, JR., M.D., (Respondent) being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on or about August 1, 1972, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No.113714 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 96-10 Metropolitan Avenue, Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my 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 is annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A".

I do not contest the Third and Fourth Specifications of the Statement of Charges, in full satisfaction of the charges against me. I hereby agree to the following penalty:

A three year period of suspension, commencing June 1, 2000, of which the first three months shall be a period of actual suspension and the remaining thirty-three months shall be a period of stayed suspension, and two years of probation that shall begin upon completion of the period of actual suspension.

I further agree that the Consent Order for which I hereby apply shall impose the following conditions:

That, except during periods of actual suspension,
Respondent shall maintain current registration of
Respondent's license with the New York State Education
Department Division of Professional Licensing Services,
and pay all registration fees. This condition shall be in
effect beginning thirty days after the effective date of the
Consent Order and will continue while the licensee
possesses his license; and

That Respondent shall fully cooperate in every respect with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Order and in its investigation of all matters regarding Respondent.

Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to each and every request by OPMC to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Order.

Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide any and all documents and information within Respondent's control upon the direction of OPMC. This condition shall be in effect beginning upon the effective date of the Consent Order and will continue while the licensee possesses his license.

I hereby stipulate that any failure by me to comply with such conditions shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29).

I agree that in the event I am charged with professional misconduct in the future, this agreement and order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

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. I agree that such order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Consent Order to me at the address set forth in this agreement, or to my attorney, or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my attorney, whichever is earliest.

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.

DATED \$26 2000

Sworn to before me on this 26 day of 2000

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LEONARD ROSENBERG
Notery Public, State of New York
No. 30-02R04731796
Qualified in Nassau County
Commission Expires September 30, 4994

2000

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

DATE: 5/26/2000

LEONARD ROSENBERG, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent

DATE: May 30, 2000

MARCIA E. KAPLAN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

DATE: June 6, Dow

ANNE F. SAILE

Director/

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "A"

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

ELIGIO R. QUIJANO, JR., M.D.

STATEMENT OF

CHARGES

ELIGIO R. QUIJANO, JR., M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about August 1, 1972, by the issuance of license number 113714 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. In or about July, 1998, Respondent mis-identified the proper side of Patient A's chest that contained a mass and performed a wrong-sided operation, a right thoracotomy, on Patient A, who had a mass in the left upper lung field.
- B. Two days after surgery, Respondent knowingly, and with intent to mislead, falsely noted in the operative report for the July 1998 surgery a description of a faintly appearing shadow in the right hemi-thorax.

FIRST SPECIFICATION GROSS NEGLIGENCE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(4)(McKinney Supp. 2000) by practicing the profession of medicine with gross negligence as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. Paragraph A.

SECOND SPECIFICATION FRAUDULENT PRACTICE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(2)(McKinney Supp. 2000) by practicing the profession of medicine fraudulently as alleged in the facts of the following:

2. Paragraph B.

THIRD SPECIFICATION UNWARRANTED TESTS/TREATMENT

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(35)(McKinney Supp. 2000) by ordering of excessive tests, treatment or use of treatment facilities not warranted by the condition of the patient, as alleged in the facts of:

3. Paragraph A.

FOURTH SPECIFICATION FAILURE TO MAINTAIN RECORDS

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(32)(McKinney Supp. 2000) by failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the care and treatment of the patient, as alleged in the facts of:

4. Paragraph B.

DATED:

May , 2000 New York, New York

ROY NEMERSON Deputy Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "B"

Terms of Probation

- 1. Respondent shall conduct himself in all ways in a manner befitting his professional status, and shall conform fully to the moral and professional standards of conduct and obligations imposed by law and by his profession.
- 2. Respondent shall submit written notification to the New York State Department of Health addressed to the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, 433 River Street, Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299; said notice is to include a full description of any employment and practice, professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within or without New York State, and any and all investigations, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility, within thirty days of each action.
- 3. Any civil penalty not paid by the date prescribed herein shall be subject to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by New York State. This includes but is 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].
- The period of probation shall be tolled during periods in which Respondent is not engaged in the active practice of medicine in New York State. Respondent shall notify the Director of OPMC, in writing, if Respondent is not currently engaged in or intends to leave the active practice of medicine in New York State for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or more. Respondent shall then notify the Director again prior to any change in that status. The period of probation shall resume and any terms of probation which were not fulfilled shall be fulfilled upon Respondent's return to practice in New York State.
- 5. Respondent's professional performance may be reviewed by the Director of OPMC. This review may include, but shall not be limited to, a review of office records, patient records and/or hospital charts, interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and his staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
- 6. Respondent shall maintain legible and complete medical records which accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients. The medical records shall contain all information required by State rules and regulations regarding controlled substances.

Respondent shall comply with all terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations and penalties to which he is subject pursuant to the Order and shall assume and bear all costs related to compliance. Upon receipt of evidence of noncompliance with, or any violation of these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation of probation proceeding and/or any such other proceeding against Respondent as may be authorized pursuant to the law.