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January 12, 2001

***CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED***

Richard W. Thomas, M.D.  
200 Carolyn Court  
Minerva, Ohio 44657

RE: License No. 143313

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 01-7 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect January 12, 2001.

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: Robert Bogan, M.D.

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

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**IN THE MATTER**  
**OF**  
**RICHARD J. THOMAS, M.D.**  
**CO-00-07-3183-A**

**SURRENDER**  
**ORDER**  
BPMC No, 01-7

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**RICHARD J. THOMAS, M.D.**, says:

On or about August 22, 1980, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 143313 by the New York State Education Department. I currently reside at 3209 Ivory Road, Carrollton, OH 44615.

I am not 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 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 in the State of New York and request that the Board issue this Surrender Order.

I, hereby, agree not to contest the two (2) specifications set forth in the Statement of Charges (Exhibit A).


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

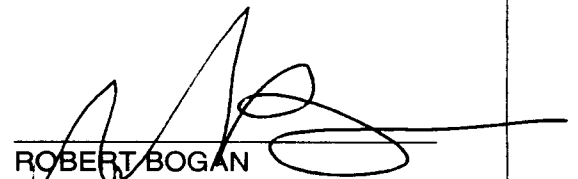
I am making this agreement of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint of any kind of manner.

Date: 1/5/2001, 2000

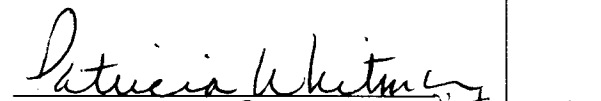
  
RICHARD W. THOMAS, M.D.  
Respondent

AGREED TO:

Date: 01/08/01, 2000 <sup>13</sup>

  
ROBERT BOGAN  
Associate Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical  
Conduct

Date: 1/9, 2000

  
ANNE F. SAILE Patricia E. Whitman  
Deputy Director, Office of 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**  
**OF**  
**RICHARD W. THOMAS, M.D.**

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**STATEMENT**  
**OF**  
**CHARGES**

**RICHARD W. THOMAS, M.D.**, the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on August 22, 1980, by the issuance of license number 143313 by the New York State Education Department.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. On or about May 10, 2000, the State Medical Board of Ohio, (hereinafter "Ohio Board"), by an Entry of Order (hereinafter "Ohio Order"), PERMENTANTLY REVOKED Respondent's certificate to practice medicine, stayed the revocation and indefinitely suspended his certificate, based upon excessive and inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances and dangerous drugs without performing appropriate histories and physical examinations, failure to evaluate and assess patients, failure to document evaluations, assessments, and treatment, and failure to maintain accurate patient records.

B. The conduct resulting in the Ohio Board's disciplinary actions against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York state, pursuant to the following sections of New York state law:

1. New York Education Law §6530(3) (negligence on more than one occasion);
2. New York Education Law §6530(5) (incompetence on more than one occasion);
3. New York Education Law §6530(16) (failure to comply with federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations); and/or

4. New York Education Law §6530(32) (failure to maintain accurate records).

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **FIRST SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(b) by 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 Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in paragraph A and/or B

#### **SECOND SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530 (9)(d) by having his license revoked or having other disciplinary action taken after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation or other disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

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

DATED: *Dec. 7*, 2000  
Albany, New York



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

**ORDER**

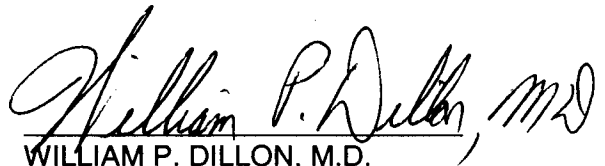
Upon the proposed agreement of **RICHARD W. THOMAS, M.D.**, to Surrender his license as a physician in the State of New York, which proposed agreement is made a part hereof, it is AGREED TO and

ORDERED, that the proposed agreement and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted; it is further

ORDERED, that the name of the Respondent be stricken from the roster of physicians 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 to Respondent at the addresses set forth in this agreement or to Respondent's attorney or upon transmission via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.

DATED: 1/10/01, 2000

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