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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

E. Marta Sachey, Esq.
NYS Department of Health
Empire State Plaza -
Corning Tower - Room 2589
Albany, New York 12237

Tol-Ung Yoon, M.D.
9 Malaga Drive
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

RE: In the Matter of Tol-Ung Yoon, M.D.

Dear Ms. Sachey and Dr. Yoon:

Enclosed please find the Determination and Order (No. BPMC-97-71) of the Hearing Committee in the above referenced matter. This Determination and Order shall be deemed effective upon the receipt **or** seven (7) days after mailing by certified mail as per the provisions of §230, subdivision 10, paragraph (h) of the New York State Public Health Law.

Five days after receipt of this Order, you will be required to deliver to the Board of Professional Medical Conduct your license to practice medicine if said license has been revoked, annulled, suspended or surrendered, together with the registration certificate. Delivery shall be by either **certified mail or in person** to:

Office of Professional Medical Conduct
New York State Department of Health
Hedley Park Place
433 River Street - Fourth Floor
Troy, New York 12180

If your license or registration certificate is lost, misplaced or its whereabouts is otherwise unknown, you shall submit an affidavit to that effect. If subsequently you locate the requested items, they must then be delivered to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct in the manner noted above.

As prescribed by the New York State Public Health Law §230, subdivision 10, paragraph (i), and §230-c subdivisions 1 through 5, (McKinney Supp. 1992), "the determination of a committee on professional medical conduct may be reviewed by the Administrative Review Board for professional medical conduct." Either the licensee or the Department may seek a review of a committee determination.

Request for review of the Committee's determination by the Administrative Review Board stays penalties **other than suspension or revocation** until final determination by that Board. Summary orders are not stayed by Administrative Review Board reviews.

All notices of review must be served, by **certified mail**, upon the Administrative Review Board **and** the adverse party within fourteen (14) days of service and receipt of the enclosed Determination and Order.

The notice of review served on the Administrative Review Board should be forwarded to:

James F. Horan, Esq., Administrative Law Judge
New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Adjudication
Hedley Park Place
433 River Street, Fifth Floor
Troy, New York 12180

The parties shall have 30 days from the notice of appeal in which to file their briefs to the Administrative Review Board. Six copies of all papers must also be sent to the attention of Mr. Horan at the above address and one copy to the other party. The stipulated record in this matter shall consist of the official hearing transcript(s) and all documents in evidence.

Parties will be notified by mail of the Administrative Review Board's
Determination and Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyrone T. Butler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tyrone T. Butler, Director
Bureau of Adjudication

TTB:crc
Enclosure

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

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**IN THE MATTER
OF
TOL-UNG YOON, M.D.**

**DETERMINATION
AND
ORDER
BPMC-97-71**

A Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges, both dated November 27, 1996, were served upon the Respondent, **TOL-UNG YOON, M.D.** **KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.** (Chair), **WILLIAM FALON, M.D.** and **TRENA DeFRANCO**, duly designated members of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, served as the Hearing Committee in this matter pursuant to Section 230(10)(e) of the Public Health Law. **CHRISTINE C. TRASKOS, ESQ.**, Administrative Law Judge, served as the Administrative Officer. A hearing was held on January 22, 1997. The Department of Health appeared by **HENRY M. GREENBERG, GENERAL COUNSEL**, by **E. MARTA SACHEY, ESQ.**, Associate Counsel. The Respondent did not appear and was not represented by counsel. Evidence was received and witnesses sworn and heard and transcripts of these proceedings were made.

After consideration of the entire record, the Hearing Committee issues this Determination and Order.

STATEMENT OF CASE

This case was brought pursuant to Public Health Law Section 230(10)(p). The statute provides for an expedited hearing where a licensee is charged solely with a violation of Education Law Section 6530(9). In such cases, a licensee is charged with misconduct based upon a prior criminal conviction in New York or another jurisdiction, or upon a prior administrative adjudication regarding conduct which would amount to professional misconduct, if committed in New York. The scope of an expedited hearing is limited to a determination of the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee.

In the instant case, Respondent is charged with professional misconduct pursuant to Education Law Section 6530(9)(b). A copy of the Notice of Referral Proceeding and Statement of Charges is attached to this Determination and Order in Appendix I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The following Findings of Facts were made after a review of the entire record in this matter. Numbers in parenthesis refer to transcript page numbers or exhibits. These citations represent evidence found persuasive by the Hearing Committee in arriving at a particular finding. Conflicting evidence, if any, was considered and rejected in favor of the cited evidence.

1. Respondent was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on November 28, 1975 by the issuance of license number 125980 by the New York State Education Department.
(Pet. Ex. #4)

2. The New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, by Final Order dated June 27, 1996, found Respondent guilty of professional misconduct, revoked Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery and imposed a \$7,500 civil penalty. (Pet .Ex. #5)

3. More specifically, the Board found inter alia, that Respondent failed to respond or timely respond to sixteen hospital calls requiring his medical services at South Jersey Hospital Systems which constituted repeated negligence in violation of N.J.S.A 45: 1-21 (d) and (e), (Pet. Ex. #5)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The following conclusions were made pursuant to the Findings of Fact listed above. All conclusions resulted from a unanimous vote of the Hearing Committee unless noted otherwise.

The Hearing Committee unanimously concluded that the Department has sustained its burden of proof. The preponderance of the evidence demonstrates that Respondent was disciplined by the New Jersey State Board of Medical examiners for delayed response or failing to respond to hospital calls requiring his medical services on sixteen occasions. Section 6530(9)(b) of the Education Law defines professional misconduct as "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." As a result, the Hearing Committee voted to sustain the Specification of professional misconduct contained within the Statement of Charges.

DETERMINATION AS TO PENALTY

The Hearing Committee, pursuant to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth above, unanimously determined that Respondent's license to practice medicine in New York State should be revoked. This determination was reached upon due consideration of the full spectrum of penalties available pursuant to statute, including revocation, suspension and/or probation, censure and reprimand, and the imposition of monetary penalties.

Respondent did not appear at the hearing and no mitigating factors were offered on his behalf. The Hearing Committee notes that Respondent also failed to respond to the charges brought before the New Jersey Board. In discussing Respondent's misconduct, the New Jersey Board stated:

"We believe his conduct and lack of responsiveness and accountability puts into question the safety of his entire practice of medicine. In light of the offense and respondent's complete failure to respond to the complaint, or present any defense or mitigating circumstances, we find the conduct sufficiently serious to warrant revocation or respondent's license to practice medicine in New Jersey."

(Pet .Ex. #5, Final Order p. 4)

The Hearing Committee concurs with the New Jersey Board, in particular, that "such conduct by Respondent demonstrates chronic and callous neglect and manifests a disregard for the health, safety and welfare of each of the patients involved in these delays or non-responses." (Pet. Ex. 5, Complaint p. 4) The Hearing Committee concludes that such indifference to patient health and safety will not be tolerated by the State of New York. Under the totality of the circumstances, revocation is the only appropriate sanction in this instance.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Specification of professional misconduct contained within the Statement of Charges (Petitioner's Exhibit #1) is **SUSTAINED**.
2. Respondent's license to practice medicine in New York State be and hereby is **REVOKED**.
3. This Order shall be effective upon the Respondent or the Respondent's attorney by certified or registered mail.

DATED: Syracuse, New York

March 13, 1997


KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.
(Chair)

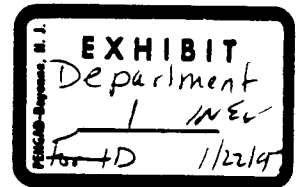
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APPENDIX I



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

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IN THE MATTER : NOTICE OF
OF : REFERRAL
TOL-UNG YOON, M.D. : PROCEEDING

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TO: Tol-Ung Yoon, M.D.
9 Malaga Drive
Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

An adjudicatory proceeding will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law Section 230(10)(p) and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act Sections 301-307 and 401. The proceeding will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Committee) on the 22nd day of January, 1997 at 10:00 in the forenoon of that day at the Hedley Park Place, 5th Floor Hearing Room, 433 River Street, Troy, New York 12180.

At the proceeding, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, which is attached. A stenographic record of the proceeding will be made and the witnesses at the proceeding will be sworn and examined.

You may appear in person at the proceeding and may be represented by counsel. You may produce evidence or sworn testimony on your behalf. Such evidence or sworn testimony shall be strictly limited to evidence and testimony relating to the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee. Where the charges are based on the conviction of state

law crimes in other jurisdictions, evidence may be offered which would show that the conviction would not be a crime in New York State. The Committee also may limit the number of witnesses whose testimony will be received, as well as the length of time any witness will be permitted to testify.

If you intend to present sworn testimony, the number of witnesses and an estimate of the time necessary for their direct examination must be submitted to the New York State Department of Health, Division of Legal Affairs, Bureau of Adjudication, Hedley Park Place, 5th Floor, 433 River Street, Troy, New York 12180, ATTENTION: HON. TYRONE BUTLER, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ADJUDICATION, (henceforth "Bureau of Adjudication") as well as the Department of Health attorney indicated below, on or before January 8, 1997.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Public Health Law §230(10)(p), you shall file a written answer to each of the Charges and Allegations in the Statement of Charges no later than ten days prior to the hearing. Any Charge or Allegation not so answered shall be deemed admitted. You may wish to seek the advice of counsel prior to filing such an answer. The answer shall be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicted above, and a copy shall be forwarded to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below. You may file a brief and affidavits with the Committee. Six copies of all such papers you wish to submit must be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication at the address indicated above on or before January 8, 1997 and a copy of all papers must be served on the same date on the Department of Health attorney indicated below. Pursuant to Section 301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure

Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person.

The proceeding may be held whether or not you appear. Please note that requests for adjournments must be made in writing to the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, with a copy of the request to the attorney for the Department of Health, whose name appears below, at least five days prior to the scheduled date of the proceeding. Adjournment requests are not routinely granted. Claims of court engagement will require detailed affidavits of actual engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation. Failure to obtain an attorney within a reasonable period of time prior to the proceeding will not be grounds for an adjournment.

The Committee will make a written report of its findings, conclusions as to guilt, and a determination. Such determination may be reviewed by the administrative review board for professional medical conduct.

SINCE THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT SUSPENDS OR REVOKES YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE AND/OR IMPOSES A FINE FOR EACH OFFENSE CHARGED, YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York
November 27, 1996

11/27/96

Peter D. Van Buren

PETER D. VAN BUREN
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional
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IN THE MATTER : STATEMENT
OF : OF
TOL-UNG YOON, M.D. : CHARGES

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Tol-Ung Yoon, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on November 28, 1975 by the issuance of license number 125980 by the New York State Education Department. Respondent is not currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice medicine in New York State.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1. The New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, by Final Order dated June 27, 1996, found Respondent guilty of professional misconduct, revoked Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery and imposed a \$7,500 civil penalty.
2. More specifically, the Board found, inter alia, that Respondent failed to respond or timely respond to sixteen hospital calls requiring his medical services at South Jersey Hospital Systems which constituted repeated negligence in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (d) and (e).

3. The conduct underlying the New Jersey Board's finding that Respondent was guilty of professional misconduct would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under N.Y. Education Law §6530(3) [negligence on more than one occasion] (McKinney Supp. 1996).

SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under N.Y. Education Law §6530(9)(b) (McKinney Supp. 1996) by reason of his 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 the facts in Paragraphs 1 through 3.

DATED: *November 27*, 1996
Albany, New York

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