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February 7, 2002

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Nazar Al-Bussam, M.D. 32 Santo Barbara Drive Ranchos Polos-Verdes, CA 90274

RE: License No. 119000

Dear Dr. Al-Bussam:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 02-48 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect February 7, 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 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:

Paul Spackman, Esq. Iungerick & Spackman Suite 201 Almar Plaza 28441 Highridge Road Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274 STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

SURRENDER

ORDER

BPMC No. 02-48

OF

NAZAR AL-BUSSAM, M.D. CO-01-06-3186-A

NAZAR AL-BUSSAM, M.D., says:

On or about March 1, 1974, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 119000 by the New York State Education Department. I currently reside at 32 Santa Barbara Drive, Ranchos Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

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 have not practiced medicine in New York state since 1975 and I do not intend to return to practice medicine in New York state. I, therefore, 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 Factual Allegations A, B(1), and B(5) and 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 melift 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.

lagree 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 issuence 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 amorney or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my amorney, whichever is first.

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

Date: //// 2002

AGREED TO:

Date: /// 2002

Date 16 January 2002

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NAZAR AL-BUSSAM, M.D. Respondent

PAUL SPACKMAN, Esq. Attomsy for Respondent

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Director, Office of Professional
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

STATEMENT

OF

OF

NAZAR AL-BUSSAM, M.D. CO-01-06-3186-A

CHARGES

NAZAR AL-BUSSAM, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on March 1, 1974, by the issuance of license number 119000 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about March 9, 1998, the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, (hereinafter "California Board"), by a Decision (hereinafter "California Decision"), revoked Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate, stayed the revocation, and placed him on probation for three (3) years with terms and conditions, that include successful completion a PACE program and an ethics course, monitoring of his practice, and to pay \$18,000.00 costs, based on initiating aggressive chemotherapy, not warranted by clinical data presented, for two (2) patients.
- B. The conduct resulting in the California Board disciplinary action 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(4) (gross negligence);
 - 3. New York Education Law §6530(5) (incompetence on more than one occasion);
 - 4. New York Education Law §6530(6) (gross incompetence); and/or
- 5. New York Education Law §6530(35) (ordering excessive tests, treatment or use of treatment facilities not warranted by the condition of the patient).

SPECIFICATIONS FIRST SPECIFICATION

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

1. The facts in Paragraph A and/or B.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) having his license revoked or having other disciplinary action taken against him 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 constitute professional misconduct under the laws New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

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

DATED: *Ollobu 30*, 2001 Albany New York

PETER D. VAN BUREN

Deputy Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of **NAZAR AL-BUSSAM**, **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.

WILLIAM P. DILLON, M.D.

Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct