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September 25, 2002

## CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Gerardo C. Sabal, Jr., M.D. 317 West Crofton Street Chandler, AZ 85225

RE:

License No. 136310

Dear Dr. Sabal:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 02-292 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect September 25, 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

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

#### IN THE MATTER

OF

## SURRENDER ORDER

GERARDO C. SABAL, JR., M.D. CO-02-01-0192-A

BPMC No. 02-292

GERARDO C. SABAL, JR., M.D., says:

On or about October 20, 1978, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 136310 by the New York State Education Department. I currently reside at 317 West Crofton Street, Chandler, AZ 85225.

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 or manner.

Date: 12 , 2002

GERARDO C. SABAL, JR., M.D. Respondent

AGREED TO:

Date: 550,2002

Date: 18 | extender 2,2002

ROBERT BOGAN Associate Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

**DENNIS J. GRAZIANO** 

Director

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

**STATEMENT** 

OF

OF

GERARDO C. SABAL, JR., M.D. CO-02-01-0192-A

**CHARGES** 

**GERARDO C. SABAL, JR., M.D.,** the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on October 20, 1978, by the issuance of license number 136310 by the New York State Education Department.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A On or about October 12, 2001, the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter "Arizona Board"), by a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order (hereinafter "Arizona Order"), placed Respondent on probation for six (6) months with terms and conditions and required that he obtain twenty (20) hours of CME to include ten (10) hours of medical record keeping and ten (10) hours of pharmacology, based on failure to obtain a patient's prior medical records, failure to question a patient about prior treating physicians, incorrectly assuming a patient had recently come to the United States from the Philippines and had not been seen by any other physician in the United States, failure to maintain an adequate patient record, failure to inquire into a patient's medical history, and prescribing a contraindicated medication.

- B. The conduct resulting in the Arizona 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);
  - New York Education Law §6530(4) (gross negligence); and/or
- 3. New York Education Law §6530(32) (failing to maintain accurate patient 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 resulting in the disciplinary action would constitute professional misconduct under the laws New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

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

#### SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the 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: Jugar 26, 2002 Albany, New York

PETER D. VAN BUREN

**Deputy Counsel** 

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

#### ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of **GERARDO C. SABAL, JR., 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: 9/23 ,2002

WILLIAM P. DILLON, M.D.

Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct