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August 9, 2005

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Nanda Kishore Kar. M.D. 8 Montclair Court East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Re: License No. 195298

Dear Dr. Kar:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 05-166 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect August 16, 2005.

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 the 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:

Howard Richman, Esq. 747 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017

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

OF NANDA KISHORE KAR, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

BPMC No. 05-166

Upon the application of (Respondent) Nanda Kishore Kar, M.D. in the attached Consent Agreement and Order, which is made a part of this Consent Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Consent Agreement, and its terms, are adopted and it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either

- by mailing of a copy of this Consent Order, either by first class mail to
 Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or by certified
 mail to Respondent's attorney, OR
- upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney,
 Whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 8/9/2005

KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.

Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER OF

Nanda Kishore Kar, M.D.

CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND
ORDER

Nanda Kishore Kar, M.D., representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about March 31st, 1994, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 195298 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 8 Montclair Court, East Brunswick, N.J.08816, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of address.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with three (3) specifications of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit "A", is attached to and part of this Consent Agreement.

I agree not to contest the Statement Of Charges, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and further agree to the following penalty:

Pursuant to §230-a(2)(b) of the Public Health Law, my license to practice medicine in the State of New York shall be suspended wholly, except to the limited extent required for the licensee to successfully complete a course of retraining, as set forth below.

Until I commence such course, which shall be defined as set forth in Exhibit "C", this suspension shall have the force and effect of a suspension of my license, wholly, pursuant to §230-a(2)(a) of the Public Health Law

Pursuant to §230-a(8) of the Public Health Law I shall be required to complete a course of training as more fully set forth in Exhibit "C."

Pursuant to §230-a(9) of the Public Health Law, I shall be placed on probation for an indefinite period of time, subject to the terms set forth in the attached Exhibits "B" and "C". Such probation is to begin immediately on the effective date of this Order, and in no event shall terminate sooner than three (3) years after the successful completion of the required retraining program. Leave to request a termination of probation thereafter, and upon successful compliance with all terms of this Order, shall be made to the Director of OPMC, the granting of which petition is within the Director's reasonable discretion.

I shall be subject to a condition that I comply with Exhibit "D," "Guidelines For Closing a Medical Practice Following a Revocation, Surrender or Suspension (Of 6 Months or More) of a Medical License," attached hereto."

I further agree that the Consent Order shall impose the following conditions:

That Respondent shall maintain active registration of Respondent's license with the New York State Education, Department Division of Professional Licensing Services (except during periods of actual suspension), and shall pay all registration fees. This

condition shall take effect thirty (30) days after the Consent Order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent remains licensed in New York State; and

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Order and in its investigations of matters concerning Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with this Order. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC, as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Respondent's control, as directed. This condition shall take effect upon the Board's issuance of the Consent Order and will continue so long as Respondent remains licensed in New York State.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with any conditions of this Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29).

I agree that if I am charged with professional misconduct in future, this Consent Agreement and Order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding. I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand that if the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this Consent Agreement shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence; and the Board's denial shall be without prejudice to the pending disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final

determination pursuant to the Public Health Law.

I agree that, if the Board adopts this Consent Agreement, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Consent Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that this Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Consent Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Consent Agreement, or to my attorney by certified mail, OR upon facsimile transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The Order, this agreement, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patient identities, if any, redacted.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and Order are authorized by Public Health Law Sections 230 and 230-a and that the Board for Professional Medical Conduct and the Office of Professional Medical Conduct have the requisite powers to carry out all included terms. I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Consent Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Consent Order, and ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

DATED July 13, 2005

NANDA KISHORE KAR, M.D.

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The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

DATE: 7-13-05

HÓWARD RICHMAN, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 7/18 / 2005

To M. Rad

CHRISTINE M. RADMAN
Assistant Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

Exhibit "A"

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

NANDA KISHORE KAR, M.D.

OF CHARGES

Nanda Kishore Kar, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about March 31st, 1994, by the issuance of license number 195298 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. During periods between on or about November 6th, 1998 through on or about November 4th, 2001, Respondent was employed as an Emergency Department physician at The Mount Vernon Hospital and The Community Hospital Of Brooklyn, and a House Physician at Beth Israel Medical Center, Kings Highway Division where he treated Patients A, B and C. (The identities of Patients A-C are set forth in attached Appendix "A".)
 - 1. Respondent deviated from minimally acceptable standards of care in that he failed to appropriately evaluate and treat Patients A-C.
- B. From on or about February 17th,1999 through on or about October 1st, 2004, Respondent failed to provide true and accurate information to:
 - 1. The New York State Department Of Education.
 - a. Respondent provided this information knowingly.
 - 2. The institutions identified in attached Exhibit "A".

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION NEGLIGENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(3) by practicing the profession of medicine with negligence on more than one occasion as alleged in the facts of two or more of the following:

1. Paragraphs A and A1.

SECOND SPECIFICATION FALSE REPORT

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(21) by wilfully making or filing a false report, or failing to file a report required by law or by the department of health or the education department, as alleged in the facts of:

2. Paragraphs B, B1 and B1(a).

THIRD SPECIFICATION

Violation of Section 2805-k of the Public Health Law

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(14) by violating section twenty-eight hundred five-k of the Public Health Law, as alleged in the facts of:

3. Paragraphs B and B2.

DATED:

June 28, 2005 New York, New York

Roy Nemerson
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "B"

Terms of Probation

- 1. Respondent's conduct shall conform to moral and professional standards of conduct and governing law. Any act of professional misconduct by Respondent as defined by New York State Education Law §6530 or §6531 shall constitute a violation of probation and may subject Respondent to an action pursuant to New York State Public Health Law §230(19).
- 2. Respondent shall maintain active registration of Respondent's license (except during periods of actual suspension) with the New York State Education Department Division of Professional Licensing Services, and shall pay all registration fees.
- 3. Respondent shall provide the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, New York 12180-2299 with the following information, in writing, and ensure that such information is kept current: a full description of Respondent's employment and practice; all professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within and outside New York State; and all investigations, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility, within thirty (30) days of each action.
- 4. Respondent shall cooperate fully with, and respond in a timely manner to, OPMC requests to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Consent Order. Upon the Director of OPMC's request, Respondent shall meet in person with the Director's designee.
- 5. Respondent's failure to pay any monetary penalty by the prescribed date shall subject Respondent to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by New York State, including but 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 probation period shall toll when Respondent is not engaged in active medical practice in New York State for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or more. Respondent shall notify the Director of OPMC, in writing, if Respondent is not currently engaged in, or intends to leave, active medical practice in New York State for a consecutive thirty (30) day period. Respondent shall then notify the Director again at least fourteen (14) days before returning to active practice. Upon Respondent's return to active practice in New York State, the probation period will resume and Respondent shall fulfill any unfulfilled probation terms and such additional requirements as the Director may impose as reasonably relate to the matters set forth in Exhibit "A" or are necessary to protect the public health.
- 7. The Director of OPMC may review Respondent's professional performance. This review may include but shall not be limited to: a review of office records, patient records and/or hospital charts; and interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and staff at practice locations or OPMC

offices.

- 8. Respondent shall maintain complete and legible medical records that accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients and contain all information required by State rules and regulations concerning controlled substances.
- 9. Respondent shall enroll in and complete a required retraining program as set forth in this Order and Exhibit "C", which sets forth further terms of probation. Until satisfactory completion of such program, Respondent may not practice medicine except to the extent set forth in Exhibit "C." Compliance with all terms set forth in Exhibit "C" is required, as a term of probation.

PRACTICE SUPERVISOR

- 10. Respondent shall practice medicine only when supervised in his/her medical practice. The practice supervisor shall be on-site at all locations, unless determined otherwise by the Director of OPMC. The practice supervisor shall be proposed by Respondent and subject to the written approval of the Director. The practice supervisor shall not be a family member or personal friend, or be in a professional relationship which could pose a conflict with supervision responsibilities.
- 11. Respondent shall ensure that the practice supervisor is familiar with the Order and terms of probation, and willing to report to OPMC. Respondent shall ensure that the practice supervisor is in a position to regularly observe and assess Respondent's medical practice. Respondent shall cause the practice supervisor to report within 24 hours any suspected impairment, inappropriate behavior, questionable medical practice or possible misconduct to OPMC.
- 12. Respondent shall authorize the practice supervisor to have access to his/her patient records and to submit quarterly written reports, to the Director of OPMC, regarding Respondent's practice. These narrative reports shall address all aspects of Respondent's clinical practice including, but not limited to, the evaluation and treatment of patients, general demeanor, time and attendance, the supervisor's assessment of patient records selected for review and other such on-duty conduct as the supervisor deems appropriate to report.
- 13. Respondent shall maintain medical malpractice insurance coverage with limits no less than \$2 million per occurrence and \$6 million per policy year, in accordance with Section 230(18)(b) of the Public Health Law. Proof of coverage shall be submitted to the Director of OPMC prior to Respondent's practice after the effective date of this Order.
- 14. Respondent shall comply with this Order and all its terms, and shall bear all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of noncompliance with, or violation of, these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation of probation proceeding, and/or any other such proceeding authorized by law, against Respondent.

EXHIBIT "C"

CLINICAL COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT AND RETRAINING COURSE

- 1. Respondent shall obtain a clinical competency assessment performed by a program for such assessment as directed by the Director of OPMC. Respondent shall cause a written report of such assessment to be provided directly to the Director of OPMC.
 - a. Respondent shall be responsible for all expenses related to the clinical competency assessment and shall provide to the Director of OPMC proof of full payment of all costs that may be charged. This term of probation shall not be satisfied in the absence of actual receipt, by the Director, of such documentation, and any failure to satisfy shall provide a basis for a Violation of Probation proceeding.
- 2. At the direction of the Board and within 60 days following the completion of the clinical competency assessment (CCA) the Respondent shall identify a Preceptor, preferably a physician who is board certified in the same specialty, to be approved in writing, by the Director of OPMC. The Respondent shall cause the Preceptor to:
 - a. Develop and submit to the Director of OPMC for written approval a remediation plan, which addresses the deficiencies /retraining recommendations identified in the CCA. Additionally, this proposal shall establish a timeframe for completion of the remediation program.
 - b. Submit progress reports at periods identified by OPMC certifying whether the Respondent is fully participating in the personalized continuing medical education program and is making satisfactory progress towards the completion of the approved remediation plan.
 - c. Report immediately to the Director of OPMC if the Respondent withdraws from the program and report promptly to OPMC any significant pattern of non-compliance by the Respondent.
 - d. At the conclusion of the program, submit to the Director of OPMC a detailed assessment of the progress made by the Respondent toward remediation of all identified deficiencies.

Respondent shall be solely responsible for all expenses associated with these terms, including fees, if any, for the clinical competency assessment, the personalized continuing medical education program, or to the monitoring physician.

EXHIBIT "D"

GUIDELINES FOR CLOSING A MEDICAL PRACTICE FOLLOWING A REVOCATION, SURRENDER OR SUSPENSION (of 6 months or more) OF A MEDICAL LICENSE

- 1. Respondent shall immediately cease the practice of medicine in compliance with the terms of the Consent Order. Respondent shall not represent himself or herself as eligible to practice medicine and shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application.
- 2. Within fifteen (15) days of the Consent Order's effective date, Respondent shall notify all patients that he or she has ceased the practice of medicine, and shall refer all patients to another licensed practicing physician for their continued care, as appropriate.
- 3. Within thirty (30) days of the Consent Order's effective date, Respondent shall have his or her original license to practice medicine in New York State and current biennial registration delivered to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299.
- 4. Respondent shall arrange for the transfer and maintenance of all patient medical records. Within thirty (30) days of the Consent Order's effective date, Respondent shall notify OPMC of these arrangements, including the name, address, and telephone number of an appropriate contact person, acceptable to the Director of OPMC, who shall have access to these records. Original records shall be retained for patients for at least six (6) years after the last date of service, and, for minors, at least six (6) years after the last date of service or three (3) years after the patient reaches the age of majority, whichever time period is longer. Records shall be maintained in a safe and secure place that is reasonably accessible to former patients. The arrangements shall ensure that all patient information is kept confidential and is available only to authorized persons. When a patient or authorized representative requests a copy of the patient's medical record, or requests that the original medical record be sent to another health care provider, a copy of the record shall be promptly provided or sent at reasonable cost to the patient (not to exceed seventy-five cents per page.) Radiographic, sonographic and like materials shall be provided at cost. A qualified person shall not be denied access to patient information solely because of inability to pay.
- 5. Within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, if Respondent holds a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) certificate, Respondent shall advise the DEA in writing of the licensure action and shall surrender his or her DEA controlled substance certificate, privileges, and any used DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2, to the DEA.
- 6. Within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, Respondent shall return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement of the New York State Department of Health. Respondent shall have all prescription pads bearing Respondent's name destroyed. If no other licensee is providing services at Respondent's practice location, Respondent shall dispose of all medications.
- 7. Within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, Respondent shall

remove from the public domain any representation that Respondent is eligible to practice medicine, including all related signs, advertisements, professional listings whether in telephone directories or otherwise, professional stationery or billings. Respondent shall not share, occupy or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services.

- 8. Respondent shall not charge, receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for professional services rendered (by himself or others) while barred from practicing medicine. Respondent may receive compensation for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered, and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf, prior to the Order's effective date.
- 9. If Respondent is a shareholder in any professional service corporation organized to engage in the practice of medicine and Respondent's license is revoked, surrendered or suspended for six (6) months or more pursuant to this Order, Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days of the Order's effective date, divest himself/herself of all financial interest in such professional services corporation in accordance with New York Business Corporation Law. If Respondent is the sole shareholder in a professional services corporation, the corporation must be dissolved or sold within ninety (90) days of the Order's effective date.
- 10. Failure to comply with the above directives may result in civil or criminal penalties. Practicing medicine when a medical license has been suspended, revoked or annulled is a Class E Felony, punishable by imprisonment for up to four (4) years, under Section 6512 of the Education Law. Professional misconduct may result in penalties including revocation of the suspended license and/or fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of misconduct, under Section 230-a of the Public Health Law.