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May 23, 2006

### CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Katherine O'Hanlan, M.D. 40 Buckeye Portola Valley, CA 94028-8015

Re: License No. 166939

Dear Dr. O'Hanlan:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 06-119 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect May 30, 2006.

If the penalty imposed by this Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension, you are required to deliver your license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of this 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

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT	
IN THE MATTER	CONSENT
OF	ORDER
KATHERINE O' HANLAN, M.D.	BPMC No. #06-119

Upon the application of **KATHERINE O' HANLAN, M.D.,** (Respondent) 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: 5-22-06

KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.

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Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

**OF** 

AGREEMENT

KATHERINE O' HANLAN, M.D. CO-05-05-2521-A

AND ORDER

**KATHERINE O' HANLAN, M.D.,** (Respondent) representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about August 1, 1988, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 166939 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 40 Buckeye, Portola Valley, CA 94028, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address thirty (30) days, thereof.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with two (2) 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 do not contest Factual Allegations A and B(3) and the Second Specification, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

Three (3) years suspension of my New York State medical license, thirty-five (35) months, stayed, with one (1) month active, to run concurrent and coterminous with the March 24, 2005, Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, Decision, and any modifications thereof.

Three (3) years probation, tolled, in accordance with Exhibit B, attached, hereto.

Respondent shall comply fully with the March 24, 2005, Decision of the California Board and any extension or modification thereof.

Respondent shall provide a written authorization for the California Board to provide the Director of OPMC with any/all information or documentation as requested by OPMC to enable OPMC to determine whether Respondent is in compliance with the California Order.

Respondent shall submit semi-annually a signed Compliance Declaration to the Director of OPMC, which truthfully attests whether Respondent has been in compliance with the California Order during the declaration period specified.

Should I return to the practice of medicine in New York state or in any other jurisdiction where that practice is predicated on my New York state medical license to practice prior to my license being fully restored by the State of California, I shall provide ninety (90) days notice in writing, to the Director, OPMC. The Director in his sole discretion, may impose whatever limitations, or further conditions, he deems reasonable.

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 all 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 the 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 atterney, whichever is first. The Order, this agreement, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patients 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.

AFFIRMED:

DATED: 5/5/06

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KATHERINE O' HANLAN, M.E
Respondent

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

DATE:

ROBERT BOGAN

Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

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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

KATHERINE O' HANLAN, M.D. CO-05-05-2521-A

**CHARGES** 

**KATHERINE O' HANLAN, M.D.**, Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on August 1, 1988, by the issuance of license number 166939 by the New York State Education Department.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. On or about March 24, 2005, 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 her on three (3) years probation on terms and conditions, that include, inter alia, that she is suspended from the active practice of medicine for thirty (30) days, that she enroll in twenty (20) hours of educational programs or courses each year of the probation, that she successfully complete an ethics course, that she continue in psychotherapy as required during probation, and that she pay \$10,000.00 costs on investigation and prosecution, based on dishonest, corrupt or fraudulent acts.
- 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 State Education Law §6530 (2) (practicing the profession fraudulently or beyond its authorized scope);
  - 2. New York State Education Law §6530 (20) (moral unfitness); and/or
- 3. New York State Education Law §6530 (24) (practicing beyond the scope permitted by law).

# SPECIFICATIONS FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law Section 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 Paragraphs A and/or B.

#### SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State Education Law Section 6530 (9)(d) by having her license to practice medicine revoked or having other disciplinary action taken 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 the Petitioner charges:

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

DATED: April 1/ ,2006

PETER D. VAN BUREN

Deputy Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

# **EXHIBIT B**Terms of Probation

- 1. Respondent shall conduct herself in all ways in a manner befitting her professional status, and shall conform fully to the moral and professional standards of conduct and obligations imposed by law and by his profession.
- 2. Respondent shall submit written notification to the New York State Department of Health addressed to the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, New York 12180-2299; said notice is to include a full description of any employment and practice, professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within or without New York State, and any and all investigations, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility, within thirty days of each action.
- Respondent shall fully cooperate with and respond in a timely manner to requests from OPMC to
  provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Order.
  Respondent shall personally meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC as requested
  by the Director.
- 4. The period of probation shall be tolled during periods in which Respondent is not engaged in the active practice of medicine in New York State. Respondent shall notify the Director of OPMC, in writing, if Respondent is not currently engaged in or intends to leave the active practice of medicine in New York State for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or more. Respondent shall then notify the Director again prior to any change in that status. The period of probation shall resume and any terms of probation which were not fulfilled shall be fulfilled upon Respondent's return to practice in New York State.
- Respondent's professional performance may be reviewed by the Director of OPMC. This review
  may include, but shall not be limited to, a review of office records, patient records and/or hospital
  charts, interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and hher staff at practice locations or
  OPMC offices.
- Respondent shall maintain legible and complete medical records which accurately reflect the
  evaluation and treatment of patients. The medical records shall contain all information required by
  State rules and regulations regarding controlled substances.
- 7. Respondent shall enroll in and complete a continuing education program in the area of professional ethics. Said continuing education program shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Director of OPMC and be completed within the first year of probation.
- 8. Respondent shall comply with all terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations and penalties to which she is subject pursuant to the Order and shall assume and bear all costs related to compliance. Upon receipt of evidence of noncompliance with, or any violation of these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation of probation proceeding and/or any such other proceeding against Respondent as may be authorized pursuant to the law.