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March 19, 2010

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Taksin Ratnarathorn, M.D.

Redacted Address

Re: License No. 111533

Dear Dr. Ratnarathorn:

Enclosed is a copy of Modification BPMC #08-39 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect March 26, 2010.

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 and return it to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, 433 River Street, Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299

Sincerely,

Redacted Signature

Katherine A. Hawkins, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

IN THE MATTER
OF
TAKSIN RATNARATHORN, M.D.

MODIFICATION
ORDER
BPMC No. 08-39

Upon the proposed Application for a Modification Order of **TAKSIN RATNARATHORN, M.D.**, (Respondent), that is made a part of this Modification Order, it is agreed and

ORDERED, that the attached Application and its terms are adopted and it is further

ORDERED, that this Modification Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Modification Order to Respondent at the address in the attached Application or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney or upon transmission via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 3-17-2010

Redacted Signature

KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.
Chair
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

IN THE MATTER
OF
TAKSIN RATNARATHORN, M.D.

APPLICATION FOR
MODIFICATION ORDER

TAKSIN RATNARATHORN, M.D., (Respondent) being duly sworn deposes and says:

That on or about January 25, 1972, I was licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York, having been issued license number 111533 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is Redacted Address

I am currently subject to Consent Agreement and Order BPMC No. #08-39, (hereinafter "Original Order"), annexed hereto, made a part, hereof, and marked as Exhibit 1, that was issued on March 10, 2008.

I have not practiced medicine in New York state in many years, and I do not intend to return to practice medicine in New York state, as I have retired from the practice of medicine.

I apply, hereby, therefore, to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for a Modification Order (hereinafter "Modification Order"), modifying the Original Order, as follows: to delete the paragraph in the Original Order that states:

"That Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of N.Y. Educ Law § 6502 including but not limited to the requirements that a licensee shall register and continue to be registered with the New York State Education Department (except during periods of actual suspension) and that a licensee shall pay all registration fees. Respondent shall not exercise the option provided in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6502(4) to avoid registration and payment of fees. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the consent order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State; and"

substituting for the above paragraph:

" Respondent shall never practice medicine in New York state as a physician, activate his registration to practice medicine as a physician in New York state or seek to reapply for a license to practice medicine as a physician in New York state."

The Modification Order to be issued will not constitute a new disciplinary action against me, but will substitute the proposed language for the above described language in the Original Order.

I make this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint, and seek the anticipated benefit of the requested Modification. In consideration of the value to me of the acceptance of the Board of this Application, I knowingly waive the right to contest the Original Order or the Modification Order for which I apply, both administratively and judicially, and ask that the Board grant this Application.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct, the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct each retain complete discretion to either enter into the proposed Agreement and Modification Order, based upon my application, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

AFFIRMED:

DATED: 3/8/2010

Redacted Signature

TAKSIN RATNARATHORN, M.D.
Respondent

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The undersigned agree to the attached Application of Respondent and to the proposed penalty based on the terms and conditions thereof.

DATE: 15 March 2010

Redacted Signature

ROBERT BOGAN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 3/16/10

Redacted Signature

KEITH W. SERVIS
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct



EXHIBIT 1

New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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Michael A. Gonzalez, R.P.A.
Vice Chair
Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary

March 11, 2008

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Taksin Ratnarathorn, M.D.

Redacted Address

Re: License No. 111533

Dear Dr. Ratnarathorn:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 08-39 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect March 18, 2008.

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 and return it to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, 433 River Street, Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299

Sincerely,

Redacted Signature

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
OF
TAKSIN RATNARATHORN, M.D.

CONSENT
ORDER

BPMC No. #08-39

Upon the application of TAKSIN RATNARATHORN, 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 Consent 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.

DATE: 3/10/08

Redacted Signature

KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.
Chair
State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

IN THE MATTER
OF
TAKSIN RATNARATHORN, M.D.

CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND
ORDER

TAKSIN RATNARATHORN, M.D., representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about January 25, 1972, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 111533 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is Redacted Address, 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 (Board) has charged me with three 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 Second Specification, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

Pursuant to § 230-a (9) of the Public Health Law, I shall be placed on probation for a period of three years, subject to the terms set forth in Exhibit "B" attached below;

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

That Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of N.Y. Educ Law § 6502 including but not limited to the requirements that a licensee shall register and continue to be registered with the New York State Education Department (except during periods of actual suspension) and that a licensee shall pay all registration fees. If Respondent exercises the option provided in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6502(4) to avoid registration and payment of fees, he shall so notify the New York State Education Department. Respondent shall not reactivate his license without giving the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct 90 days written notice. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the Consent Order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee 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 Consent 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 Consent 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 Consent Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. 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 N.Y. Pub. 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 Consent 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 Consent Order, this agreement, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patient identities, if any, redacted. As public documents, they may be posted on the Department's website.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and Consent Order are authorized by N.Y. Pub. Health Law §§ 230 and 230-a, and that the Board and OPMC 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 I ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director of OPMC and the Chair of the Board each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed agreement and Consent Order, based upon my application, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

DATE

2/2/2008

Redacted Signature

TAKSIN RATHNARATHORN, M.D.
RESPONDENT

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

DATE: _____

[none]

Attorney for Respondent

DATE: March 3 2008

Redacted Signature

PAUL STEIN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 3/6/08

Redacted Signature

KEITH W. SERVIS
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

IN THE MATTER
OF
TAKSIN RATNARATHORN, M.D.

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

TAKSIN RATNARATHORN, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about January 25, 1972, by the issuance of license number 111533 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. From in or about March, 2003 through in or about October, 2003, Respondent, a radiologist, ordered and/or interpreted mammograms and ultrasounds of Patient A's breasts at the Staten Island Medical Group, 4771 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, New York 10302 or 1050 Clove Road, Staten Island, NY 10301. On or about January 18, 2005, Patient A underwent a right mastectomy for breast cancer.
1. Respondent failed to timely diagnose Patient A's breast cancer.
 2. Respondent failed to appropriately target Patient A's ultrasound to the region of mammographic concern on April 3, 2003.
 3. Respondent failed to perform spot views during Patient A's mammogram of October 2, 2003.
 4. Respondent failed to correctly label Patient A's calcifications in the report of October 2, 2003.
 5. Respondent failed to compare Patient A's mammogram of October 2, 2003 with prior studies of 2002 and 1999.
 6. Respondent failed to maintain an adequate record for Patient A.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

GROSS NEGLIGENCE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(4) by practicing the profession of medicine with gross negligence on a particular occasion as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. Paragraphs A and A1-6.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

NEGLECT 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:

2. Paragraphs A and A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, and/or A6.

THIRD SPECIFICATION

FAILURE TO MAINTAIN RECORDS

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(32) by failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the care and treatment of the patient, as alleged in the facts of:

3. Paragraphs A and A6.

DATE: New York, New York
January 14, 2008

Redacted Signature

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 N.Y. Educ. Law §§ 6530 or 6531 shall constitute a violation of probation and may subject Respondent to an action pursuant to N.Y. Pub. 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 this 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, arrests, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility. Respondent shall notify OPMC, in writing, within 30 days of any additions to or changes in the required information.
 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 § 171(27); State Finance Law § 18; CPLR § 5001; Executive Law § 32].
 6. The probation period shall toll when Respondent is not engaged in active medical practice in New York State for a period of 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 30 day period. Respondent shall then notify the Director again at least 14 days before returning to active practice. Upon Respondent's return to active practice in New York State, the probation period shall 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 as are necessary to protect the public health.
- CLINICAL COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT**
7. 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 within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Order.

- 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.
8. 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.

PRACTICE MONITOR

9. Within thirty days of the effective date of the order, Respondent shall practice medicine only when monitored by a licensed physician, board certified in an appropriate specialty, ("practice monitor") proposed by Respondent and subject to the written approval of the Director of OPMC.
 - a. Respondent shall make available to the monitor any and all records or access to the practice requested by the monitor, including on-site observation. The practice monitor shall visit Respondent's medical practice at each and every location, on a random unannounced basis at least monthly and shall examine a selection (no fewer than 20) of records maintained by Respondent, including patient records, prescribing information and office records. The review will determine whether the Respondent's medical practice is conducted in accordance with the generally accepted standards of professional

medical care. Any perceived deviation of accepted standards of medical care or refusal to cooperate with the monitor shall be reported within 24 hours to OPMC.

- b. Respondent shall be solely responsible for all expenses associated with monitoring, including fees, if any, to the monitoring physician.
 - c. Respondent shall cause the practice monitor to report quarterly, in writing, to the Director of OPMC.
 - d. 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.
10. 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, hospital charts, and/or electronic records; and interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
 11. 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.
 12. Respondent shall enroll in and complete a continuing education program as directed by the Director of OPMC. This continuing education program is subject to the Director of OPMC's prior written approval and shall be completed within the first year of the probation period.
 13. Respondent shall comply with this Consent Order and all its terms, and shall bear all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of noncompliance with, or a 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.