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## **CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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### **RE: In the Matter of George Demetrius Georgeson, M.D.**

Dear Parties:

Enclosed please find the Determination and Order (No. 08-35) of the Hearing Committee in the above referenced matter. This Determination and Order shall be deemed effective upon the receipt or seven (7) days after mailing by certified mail as per the provisions of §230, subdivision 10, paragraph (h) of the New York State Public Health Law.

Five days after receipt of this Order, you will be required to deliver to the Board of Professional Medical Conduct your license to practice medicine together with the registration certificate. Delivery shall be by either certified mail or in person to:

Office of Professional Medical Conduct  
New York State Department of Health  
Hedley Park Place  
433 River Street - Fourth Floor  
Troy, New York 12180

If your license or registration certificate is lost, misplaced or its whereabouts is otherwise unknown, you shall submit an affidavit to that effect. If subsequently you locate the requested items, they must then be delivered to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct in the manner noted above.

As prescribed by the New York State Public Health Law §230, subdivision 10, paragraph (i), (McKinney Supp. 2007) and §230-c subdivisions 1 through 5, (McKinney Supp. 2007), "the determination of a committee on professional medical conduct may be reviewed by the Administrative Review Board for professional medical conduct." Either the licensee or the Department may seek a review of a committee determination.

Request for review of the Committee's determination by the Administrative Review Board stays penalties other than suspension or revocation until final determination by that Board. Summary orders are not stayed by Administrative Review Board reviews.

All notices of review must be served, by certified mail, upon the Administrative Review Board and the adverse party within fourteen (14) days of service and receipt of the enclosed Determination and Order.

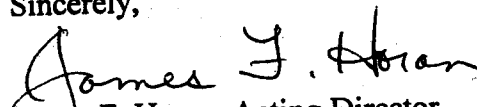
The notice of review served on the Administrative Review Board should be forwarded to:

James F. Horan, Esq., Administrative Law Judge  
New York State Department of Health  
Bureau of Adjudication  
Hedley Park Place  
433 River Street, Fifth Floor  
Troy, New York 12180

The parties shall have 30 days from the notice of appeal in which to file their briefs to the Administrative Review Board. Six copies of all papers must also be sent to the attention of Mr. Horan at the above address and one copy to the other party. The stipulated record in this matter shall consist of the official hearing transcript(s) and all documents in evidence.

Parties will be notified by mail of the Administrative Review Board's Determination and Order.

Sincerely,

  
James F. Horan, Acting Director  
Bureau of Adjudication

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Enclosure

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

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IN THE MATTER  
OF  
GEORGE DEMETRIUS GEORGESON, M.D.

DETERMINATION

AND

ORDER

BPMC #08-35

A hearing was held on February 21, 2008, at the offices of the New York State Department of Health ("the Petitioner"). The hearing process was initiated by a Notice of Hearing and a Statement of Charges, both dated January 8, 2008, regarding the Respondent, **George Demetrius Georgeson, M.D.** Pursuant to Section 230(10)(e) of the Public Health Law, **Walter T. Gilsdorf, M.D.**, Chairperson, **Jinli Yoo, M.D.**, and **Mr. Robert M. Briber**, duly designated members of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct ("the Board"), served as the Hearing Committee in this matter. **John Wiley, Esq.**, Administrative Law Judge, served as the Administrative Officer.

The Petitioner appeared by **Thomas Conway, Esq.**, General Counsel, by **Robert Bogan, Esq.**, of counsel. The Respondent did not appear at the hearing either in person or by counsel.

Evidence was received and transcripts of these proceedings were made.

After consideration of the entire record, the Hearing Committee issues this Determination and Order.

**BACKGROUND**

This case was brought pursuant to Public Health Law Section 230(10). The statute provides for an administrative hearing when a licensee is charged with the commission of

professional misconduct as that term is defined by Education Law Section 6530. In such cases, a three member hearing committee of the Board determines whether the charges against the licensee are supported by the evidence and, if so, the penalty to be imposed on the licensee.

In the instant case, the Respondent is charged with professional misconduct pursuant to Education Law Section 6530(1), (2) and (20). Copies of the Notice of Hearing and the Statement of Charges are attached to and incorporated in this Determination and Order as Appendix 1. The Statement of Charges sets forth the Petitioner's allegations and specifications against the Respondent.

#### **WITNESSES**

For the Petitioner: None

For the Respondent: None

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The following Findings of Fact were made after a review of the entire record in this matter. Numbers below in parentheses refer to exhibits, denoted by the prefix "Ex." These citations refer to evidence found persuasive by the Hearing Committee in arriving at a particular finding. All Hearing Committee findings were unanimous.

1. George Demetrius Georgeson, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on April 25, 1986, by the issuance of license number 166031 by the New York State Education Department (Petitioner's Ex. 4).
2. In June of 2004, the Respondent applied to the General Medical Council, Manchester, United Kingdom, for registration as a physician (Petitioner's Ex. 5).
3. In support of the application to the General Medical Council, the Respondent submitted, in June of 2005, purported letters of recommendation from Dr. J. Szony, Dr.

Hubert Renaud, Dr. G. d'Albignac and Dr. S. Gallet. All four letters were forgeries by the Respondent (Petitioner's Ex. 5).

4. On August 19, 2005, the General Medical Council granted registration as a physician to the Respondent (Petitioner's Ex. 5).

5. Subsequent to the Respondent's registration, the General Medical Council became aware of information that cast doubt on the genuineness of the documentation that the Respondent had submitted in support of his application. In response to inquiries by the General Medical Council, the Respondent submitted documentation that purportedly proved that the four letters of recommendation were genuine. He submitted a handwritten note purportedly from Dr. Szony confirming the original letter of recommendation. He also submitted a note purportedly from a Mme. M. Cousin, Head of Medical Affairs where Drs. Gallet, Renaud and d'Albignac were employed, that their letters of recommendation were genuine. Both of these documents submitted to prove that the letters of recommendation were not forgeries were also forgeries. (Petitioner's Ex. 5).

6. On July 22, 2005, the Respondent applied to the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health for entry onto the Specialist Register of Practitioners. In support of his application, the Respondent submitted a letter of recommendation purportedly from Dr. Carolyn F. Piel. The letter was dated July 22, 2005. Dr. Piel died in February of 2001.

### CONCLUSIONS

The Hearing Committee has determined that the factual allegations as set forth in the Statement of Charges were proven by a preponderance of the evidence and that all three specifications in the Statement of Charges are sustained.

## ANALYSIS

The Respondent did not appear at the hearing. The Administrative Law Judge ruled at the hearing that the Petitioner had satisfied the requirements of law for service of the Notice of Hearing and the Statement of Charges (Petitioner's Ex. 1) and that, therefore, the hearing could proceed despite the absence of the Respondent.

The evidence demonstrates that the Respondent is a person who cannot be trusted. He submitted six forged documents to the General Medical Council and another forged document to the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. He responded to inquiries from the General Medical Council about the four forged letters of recommendation with two more forgeries. His response to inquiries about his dishonesty was more dishonesty. The seven forged documents are convincing proof in support of the fraud and moral unfitness specifications of the Statement of Charges.

Because the Respondent did not appear at the hearing, the hearing record contains no evidence from him. There is no evidence of mitigating circumstances, rehabilitation, remorse or any other factor that could be helpful to the Respondent's case. The Petitioner recommended that the Respondent's license be revoked. Given the seriousness of the Respondent's dishonesty, the Hearing Committee concludes that no penalty short of revocation is sufficient to protect the public.

## ORDER

### **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. All three specifications in the Statement of Charges are sustained.
2. The Respondent's license to practice medicine in New York State is revoked.
3. This Order shall be effective upon service on the Respondent in accordance with the requirements of Public Health Law Section 230(10)(h).

DATED: Lafayette, New York  
July 26, 2008



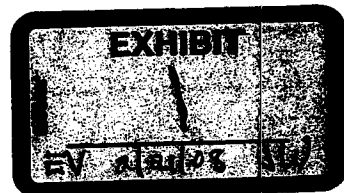
Walter T. Gilsdorf, M.D.  
Chairperson

Jinil Yoo, M.D.  
Robert M. Briber

# **APPENDIX I**



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



**IN THE MATTER**  
**OF**  
**GEORGE DEMETRIUS GEORGESON, M.D.**  
**CO-07-06-3570-A**

**NOTICE**  
**OF**  
**HEARING**

**TO: GEORGE DEMETRIUS GEORGESON, M.D.**  
**9730 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Forest Hills, NY 11374**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

A hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of New York Public Health Law §230 and New York State Administrative Procedure Act §§301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on February 21, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the Offices of the New York State Department of Health, Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, Fifth Floor, Troy, NY 12180 , and at such other adjourned dates, times and places as the committee may direct.

At the hearing, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, which is attached. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made and the witnesses at the hearing will be sworn and examined. You shall appear in person at the hearing and may be represented by counsel. You have the right to produce witnesses and evidence on your behalf, to issue or have subpoenas issued on your behalf in order to require the production of witnesses and documents, and you may cross-examine witnesses and examine evidence produced against you. A summary of the Department of Health Hearing Rules is enclosed.

The hearing will proceed whether or not you appear at the hearing. Please note that requests for adjournments must be made in writing and by telephone to the New York State Department of Health, Division of Legal Affairs, Bureau of Adjudication, Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, Fifth Floor South, Troy, NY 12180, ATTENTION: HON. SEAN D. O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ADJUDICATION, (henceforth "Bureau of Adjudication"), (Telephone: (518-402-0748), upon notice to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below, and at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Adjournment requests are not routinely granted as scheduled dates are considered dates certain. Claims of court engagement will require detailed Affidavits of Actual Engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation.

Pursuant to the provisions of New York Public Health Law §230(10)(c), you shall file a written answer to each of the charges and allegations in the Statement of Charges not less than ten days prior to the date of the hearing. Any charge or allegation not so answered shall be deemed admitted. You may wish to seek the advice of counsel prior to filing such answer. The answer shall be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, and a copy shall be forwarded to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below. Pursuant to §301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person. Pursuant to the terms of New York State Administrative Procedure Act §401 and 10 N.Y.C.R.R. §51.8(b), the Petitioner hereby demands disclosure of the evidence that the Respondent intends to introduce at the hearing, including the names of witnesses, a list of and copies of documentary evidence and a description of physical or other evidence which cannot be photocopied.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the committee shall make findings of fact, conclusions concerning the charges sustained or dismissed, and in the event any of the charges are sustained, a determination of the penalty to be imposed or appropriate action to be taken. Such determination may be reviewed by the Administrative Review Board for Professional Medical Conduct.

THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT YOU BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER SANCTIONS SET OUT IN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW §§230-a. YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York  
*Jan. 8*, 2008

  
PETER D. VAN BUREN  
Deputy Counsel  
Bureau of Professional  
Medical Conduct

Inquiries should be directed to:

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Associate Counsel  
New York State Department of Health  
Office of Professional Medical Conduct  
433 River Street - Suite 303  
Troy, New York 12180  
(518) 402-0828

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

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IN THE MATTER  
OF  
GEORGE DEMETRIUS GEORGESON, M.D.  
CO-07-06-3570-A

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STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES

GEORGE DEMETRIUS GEORGESON, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on April 25, 1986, by the issuance of license number 166031 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. On or about June 2004, Respondent applied to the General Medical Council, Manchester, England, (hereinafter "GMC") for Full Registration.
- B. Prior to Respondent's application for Full Registration being processed, on or about 22 July 2005, Respondent applied to the Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health (hereinafter "College"), for entry onto the Specialist Register of Practitioners (hereinafter "Specialist Register").
- C. Prior to 19 August 2005, the Register granted Respondent's application for Full Registration.
- D. In support of Respondent's application to the College of Specialist Registration, Respondent provided a reference, purporting to be from a Dr. Carolyn F. Piel "Professor of Pediatrics," of the "University of California, San Francisco."
- E. The reference purporting to be Dr. Piel was signed and dated 22 July 2005; Dr. Carolyn F. Piel died in February 2001, aged 82; the reference purporting to be from Dr. Piel was a forgery.
- F. In support of Respondent's application to the GMS for Full Registration, Respondent provided a number of references from colleagues, and in particular from:

- a. Dr. J. Szony, dated 14 June 2005;
- b. Dr. H. Renaud, dated 10 June 2005;
- c. Dr G. d'Albignac, dated 10 June 2005; and
- d. Dr. S. Gallet, dated 9 June 2005.

G. On or about 8 November 2005, the GMC wrote to a number of Respondent's referees, including Drs Szony, Renaud, d' Albignac and Gallet, in order to validate the reference provided.

H. In a letter received by the GMC on 21 November 2005, Respondent informed the GMC that:

- a. the letter of 8 November 2005 from the GMC to Dr. Szony had been received by Respondent; and
- b. Dr. Szony had left Hungary for the United States, and that Respondent did not have a forwarding address for Dr. Szony.

I. Respondent's letter enclosed a copy of the GMC letter of 8 November 2005, annotated in manuscript with the words "YES INDEED," accompanied by an illegible signature.

J. The reference from Dr. Szony, dated 14 June 2005, provided a contact address as: 6724 Szeged, Kortoltes u. 1/E, Hungary.

K. By letter to the GMC of 24 December 2005, Respondent informed the GMC that Respondent's address for correspondence had changed, and provided details of an address, which was the same address as that provided in the reference purporting to be from Dr. Szony, and as set out in Paragraph J, above.

L. Respondent failed to provide the GMC with a valid contact address for Dr. Szony, in order to enable the GMC to verify the authenticity of the reference purporting to be from Dr. Szony.

M. On or about 1 December 2005, the GMC received a copy of the GMC letter to Dr. Gallet of 8 November 2005, annotated with the following words in manuscript: "This is to certify, in the name of Drs Gallet, Renaud, d'Albignac, that it is true, head of Medical Affaires Mme M Cousin, Montlucon, le 25.11.05."

N. Enclosed with the letter described in Paragraph M, above, were copies of the reports purportedly provided by each of Dr. Renaud, Dr. Gallet and Dr. d'Albignac, also purportedly endorsed by Mme Cousin.

O. The documents referred to in Paragraphs F(b)(c) and (d) and M and N above were forgeries.

P. On or about April 1, 2006, as a result of the conduct set forth in Paragraph A through O, above, the French Regional Medical Counsel erased Respondent's name from their Register.

Q. On or about April 3, 2007, as a result of the conduct set forth in Paragraphs A through O, above the GMC immediately suspended Respondent's registration and thereafter revoked Respondent's registration.

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **FIRST SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(1) by obtaining the license fraudulently, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraph A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P and/or Q.

#### **SECOND SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(2) by practicing the profession fraudulently, in that Petitioner charges:


2. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P and/or Q.

**THIRD SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(20) by conduct in the practice of medicine which evidences moral unfitness to practice medicine, in that Petitioner charges:

3. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P and/or Q.

DATED: *Jan. 8*, 2007  
Albany, New York

  
PETER D. VAN BUREN  
Deputy Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct