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CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Robert Eldon Wright, M.D.

RE: License No. 225386

Dear Dr. Wright:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 08-189 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect October 7, 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 to:

Board for Professional Medical Conduct New York State Department of Health Hedley Park Place, Suite 303 433 River Street Troy, New York 12180

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a fine, please write the check payable to the New York State Department of Health. Noting the BPMC Order number on your remittance will assist in proper crediting. Payments should be directed to the following address:

Bureau of Accounts Management New York State Department of Health Corning Tower, Room 1258 Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12237

Sincerely,

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.

Executive Secretary

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

cc: Wilfred T. Friedman, P.C. 60 East 42nd Street, 40th Floor New York, New York 10165

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF I STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL COM	
IN THE MATTER	CONSENT
OF	ORDER
ROBERT WRIGHT, M.D.	# 08-189
Upon the application of (Respondent), ROBERT Agreement and Order, which is made a part of this Conse ORDERED, that the Consent Agreement, and it	ent Order, it is
ORDERED, that this Consent Order shall be effective either by mailing of a copy of this Consent Order, either	
by first class mail to Respondent at the address by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, or	in the attached Consent Agreement or
upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Re	espondent's attorney, whichever is first.
SO ORDERED.	
DATED: 9-29-2008	Redacted Signature
D/11 LD	KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.

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

ROBERT WRIGHT, M.D. CO-07-08-4354-A AND ORDER

ROBERT WRIGHT, M.D., (Respondent), representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about June 28, 2002, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 225386 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 my address within thirty (30) days, thereof.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Board) 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 do not contest the three (3) Specifications and agree to the following penalty:

My license shall be suspended for an indefinite period but no less than 12 months. I shall be subject to a condition that I comply with attached Exhibit "C" ("Guidelines for Closing a Medical Practice Following Medical License Revocation, Surrender or Suspension of Six Months or More"). Upon compliance with all the conditions of this Consent Order, but no sooner than 12 months from the effective date of this Consent Order, I may petition the Board for a Modification Order staying the indefinite suspension of my license; and a

\$2,500 fine.

The fine is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order to the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Accounts Management, Revenue Unit, Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Room 1258, Albany, NY 12237-0016

I understand and agree:

That any Modification Order the Board may issue, in the exercise of its reasonable discretion, may include terms of probation, and/or further conditions on my practice.

That the Board will exercise its reasonable discretion upon my petition for a Modification Order, through a Committee on Professional Conduct, after a proceeding in which I have met a burden of proof and persuasion, as further set forth in attached Exhibit "B."

That the Committee's exercise of discretion shall not be reviewable by the Administrative Review Board.

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

That Respondent shall return all official New York State prescriptions to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, and shall surrender Respondent's Controlled Substance Registration Certificate to the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, within 30 days of the Consent Order's effective date. Further, within 30 days of returning these prescriptions and surrendering this Registration, Respondent shall provide the Director of OPMC ("Director") with written evidence, satisfactory to the Director, that Respondent has complied with this condition.

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;

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with OPMC in its administration and enforcement of this Consent Order and in its investigation of all matters concerning Respondent. Respondent shall respond promptly to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Consent Order. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC, and shall promptly provide OPMC with 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 New York State Education Law § 6530(29).

If I am charged with professional misconduct in future, I stipulate, hereby, and agree that this Application and Consent Order and/or related Modification Orders, shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding as part of the Department's case-in-chief, at the sole discretion of the Department.

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 Consent Order shall take effect upon 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. This Consent Order, this Consent 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 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 I ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct 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: August 19, 200 8

Redacted Signature

ROBERT WRIGHT, M.D. Respondent

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

DATE

Redacted Signature

ROBERT BOGAN,

Associate Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 9

Redacted Signature

KETH W. SERVIS

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

ROBERT WRIGHT, M.D. CO-07-08-4354-A

CHARGES

ROBERT WRIGHT, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on June 28, 2002, by the issuance of license number 225386 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. From on or about February 18, 2005, to the present, Respondent, was and is subject to Nondiscplinary Order of Conditions Pursuant to §230 of the Public Health Law (hereinafter "New York Order"), with the New York State, Department of Health, State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (hereinafter "New York Board"), wherein he was and is required to, inter alia, 1) comply fully with the September 6, 2004, Stipulation For Interim Cessation of Practice of the Colorado State Board and any extension or modification thereof; 2) submit, semi-annually, a signed Compliance Declaration to the Director of OPMC, which truthfully attests whether Respondent has been in compliance with the Colorado Order during the declaration period specified; 3) conduct himself in all ways in a manner befitting his professional status, and shall conform fully to the moral and professional standards of conduct and obligations imposed by law and by his profession; and 4) submit written notification of the New York State Department of Health... any and all investigations, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution, facility, or government within thirty days of each action.
- B. On or about July 12, 2007, the State Board of Medical Examiners, State of Colorado (hereinafter "Colorado Board"), by an Order of Suspension Pursuant to 12-36-118(5)(g)(IV), C.R.S. (hereinafter Colorado Order 1"), suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine, based on his failure to comply with the terms of a January 18, 2005, Stipulation and Agency Order by having a positive drug test on June 26, 2007.

- C. On or about March 13, 2008, the Colorado Board, by an Order to Vacate Suspension (hereinafter "Colorado Order 2"), vacated Colorado Order 1, based on Respondent being in substantial compliance with Colorado Order 1.
- D. From on or about February 18, 2005, to present, Respondent has not submitted written notification to the New York Board of the action set forth in Paragraph B, above.
- E. The conduct resulting in the Colorado 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(8) (being a habitual abuser of alcohol, or being dependent on or a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, or other drugs having similar effects, except for a licensee who is maintained on an approved therapeutic regimen which does not impair the ability to practice, or having a psychiatric condition which impairs the licensee's ability to practice);
 - 2. New York Education Law §6530(20) (moral unfitness); and or
- New York Education Law §6530(29) (violating any term or condition or limitation imposed on the licensee).

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 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:

The facts in Paragraphs B and/or D.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having his license to practice medicine suspended and/or having other disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the suspension and/or other disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

The facts in Paragraphs B and/or D.

THIRD SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530(29) by violating any term of probation or condition or limitation imposed on the licensee, in that Petitioner charges:

3. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, D, and/or E.

DATED: June 24, 2008
Albany, New York

Redacted Signature

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

EXHIBIT "B"

- 1. The suspension of Respondent's license shall be terminated only after Respondent makes a showing to the satisfaction of a Committee on Professional Conduct (Committee) of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Board) that Respondent has successfully complied with or completed a course of therapy and ongoing evaluation and is no longer incapacitated for the practice as a physician, and a Committee makes a determination that Respondent is both fit and clinically competent to practice as a physician. Respondent shall provide the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) with a proposed treatment plan for advice as to whether it is generally appropriate; however, the determination of successful compliance with or completion of a course of therapy, and the determination that Respondent is no longer incapacitated for the active practice as a physician, shall be made solely by the Committee.
- 2. After Respondent completes at least 12 months of suspension pursuant to the terms of this Consent Order, and upon Respondent's request, a Committee shall be convened to hear and evaluate Respondent's showing, as set forth in paragraph 1 above. The Board will make reasonable attempts to convene a Committee within 90 days of Respondent's request; however, Respondent's request shall not be perfected until the Director of OPMC receives all the required documentation, and complies with all the Conditions, set forth in paragraph 3 below. The Board shall determine the procedural nature of the proceeding through the exercise of the Director of OPMC's reasonable discretion upon consultation with Counsel, Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct (Counsel). Proceedings before a Committee shall not be in the nature of a hearing pursuant to N. Y. Pub. Health Law § 230, but shall instead be informal and intended only to address any facts, evidence, information, circumstances, or issues relating to the advisability of terminating Respondent's license suspension. The Committee shall be given access to evidence including, but not limited to:
 - Any evidence pertaining to Respondent's compliance with the condition imposed.
 - b. Any evidence that the Director or Counsel deems appropriate.
- 3. Upon requesting that a Committee be convened, pursuant to paragraph 2, Respondent shall provide the Director of OPMC with the following:
 - The signed acknowledgment and curriculum vitae from the proposed sobriety monitor referred to in paragraph 5c.
 - The signed acknowledgment and curriculum vitae from the proposed supervising physician referred to in paragraph 5d.
 - c. The signed acknowledgment and curriculum vitae from the proposed health care professional referred to in paragraph 5e.
 - d. Certified true and complete copies of all evaluation and treatment records relating to Respondent's substance abuse/dependence, psychological, psychiatric and/or mental health treatment, whether in an in-patient, out-patient, after-care or consultation setting; the certified records shall be forwarded directly to OPMC by the treatment providers, facilities and evaluators. The records shall reflect all treatment and evaluation provided, and shall include the results of all

tests conducted to evaluate Respondent's fitness and clinical competence to practice medicine, whether the treatment, evaluation and testing occurred before, or while, the suspension was in effect.

- e. Documentation of Respondent's participation in the program(s) of the Committee for Physicians' Health of the Medical Society of the State of New York or other equivalent program(s). Documentation shall include but not be limited to verification of compliance and results of forensically valid alcohol/drug screening.
- Fully executed waivers of patient confidentiality concerning any previous and prospective treatment records.
- g. A current, independent, in-depth chemical dependency and psychiatric evaluation by a board-certified psychiatrist specializing in addiction medicine.
- Upon request of the Director of OPMC, Respondent shall attend, participate in and cooperate with an interview with designated personnel from the OPMC.

Provision of the documents listed in this paragraph shall not, alone, constitute a showing that Respondent is no longer incapacitated for active practice as a physician.

- At least 14 days before the scheduled date of the proceeding referred to in paragraph 2, Respondent shall provide OPMC with the following:
 - Certified true and complete copies of records updating treatment and alcohol/drug screening since the date of the original submissions referred to in paragraph 3d.
 - b. Evidence that Respondent has maintained adequate knowledge and competence to practice as a physician; this evidence shall include documentation of continuing medical education and, at the Director of OPMC's request, a report of an independent evaluation of Respondent's medical knowledge and competence.

Submission of the evidence listed in this paragraph shall not, alone, constitute a showing that Respondent is no longer incapacitated for active practice as a physician.

- 5. If the Chair of the Committee issues an Order finding that Respondent has successfully completed the prescribed course of treatment and has regained fitness and competence to practice medicine, and therefore terminates the suspension of Respondent's license, the Order shall further impose a period of probation, pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a, during which Respondent's practice as a physician shall be subject to conditions imposed for a period of no less than five years. The minimum conditions shall include the following:
 - Respondent shall be required to comply with the terms of a continuing after-care treatment plan addressing the major problems associated with Respondent's illness.
 - At the direction of the Director of OPMC, Respondent shall submit to periodic interviews with, and evaluations by, a board-certified psychiatrist or other licensed mental health practitioner designated by the Director. This practitioner

shall report to the Director regarding Respondent's condition and Respondent's fitness or incapacity to practice as a physician.

- c. Respondent's sobriety will be monitored by a health care professional proposed by Respondent and approved, in writing, by the Director of OPMC ("sobriety monitor"). The sobriety monitor shall not be a personal friend. The sobriety monitor shall be familiar with Respondent's history of chemical dependence, with this suspension and with the terms of probation to be set forth. The sobriety monitor shall acknowledge willingness to comply with the monitoring terms by executing the acknowledgment provided by OPMC.
 - i. Respondent shall remain drug and alcohol free.
 - The sobriety monitor shall see Respondent at least twice during each month.
 - iii. The sobriety monitor shall direct Respondent to submit to unannounced tests of Respondent's blood, breath and/or urine for the presence of drugs or alcohol and shall report to OPMC within 24 hours if at any time a test is positive or is refused by Respondent. Respondent shall avoid all substances that may cause positive urine drug screens such as poppy seeds, mouthwash, cough medicine, etc. Any positive result shall be considered a violation of probation.
 - iv. The sobriety monitor shall report to OPMC any non-compliance with the imposed conditions.
 - v. Respondent shall ensure that the sobriety monitor submits quarterly reports to OPMC certifying Respondent's compliance, or detailing Respondent's failure to comply, with each of the conditions imposed. The reports shall include the results of all body fluid and/or breath tests for drugs and/or alcohol performed during that quarter.
- d. Respondent's medical practice shall be supervised by a licensed physician ("practice supervisor") proposed by Respondent and approved, in writing, by the Director of OPMC. The supervising physician shall be familiar with Respondent's history of impairment and with the Order and its conditions. The supervising physician shall supervise Respondent's compliance with the conditions of practice imposed by the Order. The supervising physician shall be in a position to regularly observe and assess Respondent's medical practice. The supervising physician shall oversee Respondent's prescribing, administering, dispensing, inventorying and wasting of controlled substances. The supervising physician shall acknowledge willingness to comply with the supervision terms by executing the acknowledgment provided by OPMC.
 - Respondent shall ensure that the supervising physician submits quarterly reports to OPMC regarding the quality of Respondent's medical practice, any unexplained absences from work and certifying Respondent's compliance with each condition imposed, or detailing Respondent's failure to comply.

- The supervising physician shall report any suspected impairment, inappropriate behavior, questionable medical practices or possible misconduct to OPMC.
- e. Respondent shall continue in treatment with a health care professional or program ("health care professional") proposed by Respondent and approved, in writing, by the Director of OPMC, for as long as the health care professional determines it is necessary.
 - Respondent shall ensure that the health care professional submits quarterly reports to OPMC certifying that Respondent is in compliance with treatment, or detailing Respondent's failure to comply.
 - ii. The health care professional shall report to OPMC immediately if Respondent is non-compliant with the treatment plan or demonstrates any significant pattern of absences.
 - iii. The health care professional shall acknowledge willingness to comply with the reporting requirements with respect to treatment by executing the acknowledgment provided by OPMC.
- 6. The terms set forth in paragraph 5 are the minimum probation terms related to fitness to practice to be imposed on Respondent upon the termination of Respondent's license suspension, and other terms may be added by the Committee. All compliance costs shall be Respondent's responsibility. Respondent's failure to comply with any condition imposed at the time of suspension termination may result in disciplinary action against Respondent with charges of professional misconduct as defined by the New York State Education Law, including but not limited to N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29).
- 7. If a Committee denies a petition by Respondent for license suspension termination, Respondent shall be barred from requesting that a Committee be convened to hear a petition for license suspension termination for 9 months from the date of the denial.
- 8. In addition to the terms set out in paragraph 5, and any other terms added by the Committee, upon the termination of Respondent's license suspension, Respondent shall also be subject to the following standard terms of probation:
 - Respondent's conduct shall conform to moral and professional standards of conduct and governing law.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Any civil penalty not paid by Respondent by the prescribed date shall subject Respondent to all legal provisions pertaining to debt collection, including the imposition of interest, late payment charges and collection fees, referral of the

debt to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection, and the non-renewal of permits or licenses. [Tax Law § 171(27); State Finance Law § 18; CPLR § 5001; Executive Law § 32].

- d. 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.
- e. 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, hospital charts, and/or electronic records, as well as interviews and/or periodic visits with Respondent and staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
- f. Respondent shall adhere to federal and state guidelines and professional standards of care with respect to infection control practices. Respondent shall ensure education, training and oversight of all office personnel involved in medical care, with respect to these practices.
- g. 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.
- h. Respondent shall comply with this Consent Order and all its terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations and penalties and shall be responsible for all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of non-compliance with the Consent Order, or any violation of its terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation of probation proceeding and/or any other proceeding against Respondent authorized by law.

EXHIBIT "C"

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

- Respondent shall immediately cease the practice of medicine in compliance with the terms of the Surrender Order. Respondent shall not represent that Respondent is eligible to practice medicine and shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application.
- Within 15 days of the Surrender Order's effective date, Respondent shall notify all
 patients that Respondent has ceased the practice of medicine, and shall refer all
 patients to another licensed practicing physician for their continued care, as appropriate.
- Within thirty days of the Surrender Order's effective date, Respondent shall deliver Respondent's original license to practice medicine in New York State and current biennial registration to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299.
- Respondent shall arrange for the transfer and maintenance of all patient medical 4. records. Within thirty days of the Surrender 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 years after the last date of service, and, for minors, for at least six years after the last date of service or three 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 75 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.
- Within 15 days of the Surrender 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 Respondent's DEA controlled substance certificate, privileges, and any used DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2, to the DEA.
- Within 15 days of the Surrender 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 15 days of the Surrender 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.
- Respondent shall not charge, receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for professional services rendered (by Respondent 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 Surrender 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 months or more pursuant to this Order, Respondent shall, within ninety days of the Order's effective date, divest completely 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 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 years, under § 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 § 230-a of the Public Health Law.