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July 6, 2010

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Robert J. Accettola, M.D.

Re: License No. 148020

Dear Dr. Accettola:

Enclosed is a copy of BPMC #10-118 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect July 13, 2010.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure

cc: Joseph T. McFadden, Jr., Esq.

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
Robert J. Accettola, M.D.

CONSENT
ORDER
BPMC # 10-118

Upon the application of **Robert J. Accettola, M.D.**, (Respondent), in the attached Consent Agreement, 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 or email transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: July 6, 2010

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

IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

OF

AGREEMENT

ROBERT J. ACCETTOLA, M.D.
CO-09-03-1620-A

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

That on or about October 30, 1981, I was licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York and issued license number 148020 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is _____, and I will advise the Director (Director) of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) 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 two (2) Specifications of professional misconduct, based solely on the February 17, 2007, Virginia Board of Medicine, Amended Order.

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 sanction:

Censure and Reprimand.

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

That Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of New York Education 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 New York Education Law § 6502(4) to avoid registration and payment of fees. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the effective date of the Consent Order and will continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State; and

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the OPMC in its administration and enforcement of the 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 Agreement. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director, 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 the Consent Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York Education Law § 6530(29).

I agree that, if I am charged with professional misconduct in future, this Consent Agreement and the Consent 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 New York 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 the 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 or email transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The 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 of Health website.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and Consent Order are authorized by New York Public 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, administratively and/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, OPMC, and the Chair of the Board each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed Consent 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.

AFFIRMED:

DATED: 6/23/10

ROBERT J. ACCETTOLA, M.D.
Respondent

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

DATE: 25 June 2010

ROBERT BOGAN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: July 1, 2010

KEITH W. SERVIS
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

IN THE MATTER
OF
ROBERT J. ACCETTOLA, M.D.
CO-09-03-1620-A

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

ROBERT J. ACCETTOLA, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on October 30, 1981, by the issuance of license number 148020 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about February 17, 2007, the Virginia Board of Medicine (hereinafter "Virginia Board"), by an Amended Order, (hereinafter "Virginia Order"), REPRIMANDED Respondent, based on intentional or negligent conduct in the practice of any branch of the healing arts that causes or is likely to cause injury to a patient or patients.

B. The conduct resulting in the Virginia Board disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York state, pursuant to the following section of New York state Law:

1. New York Education Law §6530(3) (negligence on more than one occasion);
2. New York Education Law §6530(4) (gross negligence); and/or
3. New York Education Law §6530(32) (failure to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient).

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:

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

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

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

DATED: *April 8*, 2010
Albany, New York

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