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November 15, 2010

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

Madhuranath Rao, M.D.  
2095 Kensington Avenue  
Snyder, NY 14226

RE: License No. 121748

Dear Dr. Rao:

Enclosed is a copy of Order BPMC #10-231 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect November 22, 2010.

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 1717  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12237

Sincerely,

REDACTED

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

cc: Mark G. Farrell, Esq.  
4455 Transit Road, Suite 2C  
Williamsville, NY 14221

**IN THE MATTER  
OF  
MADHURANATH RAO, M.D.**

**CONSENT  
ORDER**

BPMC No. #10-231

Upon the application of Madhuranath Rao, 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: 11-13-2018

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

**IN THE MATTER**  
**OF**  
**MADHURANATH RAO, M.D.**

**CONSENT**  
**AGREEMENT**  
**AND**  
**ORDER**

Madhuranath Rao, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about September 16, 1974, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 121748 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 2095 Kensington Avenue, Synder, New York 14226, 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 five 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 plead no contest to the first specification, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

A two year stayed suspension of my medical license, with two years of probation and a practice monitor in accordance with the terms set forth in Exhibit B, here to.

I shall pay a fine of \$1,000 in accordance with the terms in Exhibit B.

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. 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 120 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 10/18/10

REDACTED

MADHURANATH RAO, M.D.  
RESPONDENT

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

DATE: 10/18/10

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MARK T. FARRELL, ESQ.  
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 10/21/10

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TIMOTHY J. MAHAR  
Associate Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 11/12/10

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KEITH W. SERVIS  
Director  
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT A

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

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
MADHURANATH RAO, M.D.

STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES

Madhuranath Rao, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about September 16, 1974, by the issuance of license number 121748 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. Respondent provided medical care to Patient A during the period from March 12, 2005 through April 14, 2005 at the DeGraff Memorial Hospital in Tonowanda, New York. During Patient A's hospital admission from March 12, 2005 through March 18, 2005, (March 12, 2005 admission), Respondent performed an open cholecystectomy on Patient A. At the time of discharge on March 18, 2005, Patient A was noted, among other things, to be nauseous and to have had emesis. Patient A was readmitted to DeGraff Hospital on March 19, 2005 and was subsequently diagnosed with a small bowel obstruction. Respondent performed a small bowel resection and tube gastrostomy, among other procedures. Respondent care of Patient A deviated from accepted standards of care as follows:
1. Respondent failed to adequately evaluate Patient A prior to discharge during the March 12, 2005 admission.
  2. Respondent improperly discharged Patient A from the hospital during the March 12, 2005 admission.



3. Respondent failed to timely perform surgery on Patient A for bowel obstruction during the March 19, 2005 admission.
  4. Respondent failed to maintain an adequate medical history for Patient A.
- B. Respondent provided medical care to Patient B during the period from December 9, 2007 through December 14, 2007 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Cheektowaga, New York. On December 10, 2007, Respondent performed an incision and drainage of an abscess in Patient B's right perirectal area. On December 12, 2007, Respondent performed a further incision and drainage in the same area. Respondent's care of Patient B deviated from accepted standards of care as follows:
1. Respondent failed to perform an adequate incision and drainage procedure on December 10, 2007.
  2. Respondent failed to adequately evaluate Patient B following the December 10, 2007 incision and drainage procedure.
  3. Respondent failed to adequately treat Patient B following the December 10, 2007 incision and drainage procedure.
  4. Respondent failed to maintain an adequate medical record for Patient B.
- C. Respondent provided medical care to Patient C during the period from September 18, 2007 through September 24, 2007 at Kenmore Mercy Hospital in Buffalo, New York for small bowel obstruction. Respondent's medical care of Patient C deviated from accepted standards of medical care as follows:

1. Respondent at various times failed to adequately evaluate Patient C.
  2. Respondent at various times failed to timely and/or adequately treat and/or manage Patient C's small bowel obstruction.
  3. Respondent improperly discharged Patient C from the hospital on September 19, 2007.
  4. Respondent failed to maintain an adequate medical record for Patient C.
- D. Respondent failed to disclose his conviction on January 9, 1996 for violating section 1192 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law on an application to renew the registration of his medical license and/or on applications to renew hospital staff membership.

## **SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES**

### **FIRST SPECIFICATION**

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 paragraphs: A and A.1, A and A.2, A and A.3, A and A.4, B and B.1, B and B.2, B and B.3, B and B.4, C and C.1, C and C.2, C and C.3, and/or C and C.4.

### **SECOND SPECIFICATION**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(5) by practicing the profession of medicine with incompetence on more than one occasion as alleged in the facts of two or more of the following paragraphs: A and A.1, A and A.2, A and A.3, A and A.4, B and B.1, B and B.2, B and B.3, B and B.4, C and C.1, C and C.2, C and C.3, and/or C and C.4.

### **THIRD SPECIFICATION**

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:

3. The facts as alleged in paragraphs A and A.1 and/or A and A.2.

#### FOURTH SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(6) by practicing the profession of medicine with gross incompetence as alleged in the facts of the following:

4. The facts as alleged in paragraphs A and A.1 and/or A and A.2.

#### FIFTH SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(21) by willfully making or filing a false report as alleged in the facts of paragraph D.

DATE:

*October*  
~~August~~ 21, 2010  
Albany, New York

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PETER D. VAN BUREN  
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. Respondent shall pay a \$1,000 fine in full within 30 days of the effective date of this order. Payment is to be made to the following:

Bureau of Accounts Management  
New York State Department of Health  
Corning Tower, Room 1717  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12237
7. 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.

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Respondent shall enroll in and complete a continuing education program in the area of general surgery. This continuing education program is subject to the Director of OPMC's prior written approval and shall be completed within the first 90 days of the probation period.

#### PRACTICE MONITOR

12. Within thirty days of the Consent Order's effective date, 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. Any medical practice in violation of this term shall constitute the unauthorized practice of medicine.
  - 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.

13. At the direction of the Director of OPMC, Respondent shall submit to evaluations by a board-certified psychiatrist, licensed mental health practitioner or other health care professional or program designated by the Director (hereafter "Evaluator.") Respondent shall provide the Evaluator with a copy of this Order and copies of all previous treatment records. OPMC, at its discretion, may provide information or documentation from its investigative files concerning Respondent to Respondent's Evaluator. The Evaluator shall report to the Director regarding Respondent's condition and fitness or incapacity to practice medicine. Respondent shall comply with all treatment recommendations based upon the evaluation; failure to comply with such treatment recommendations shall constitute professional misconduct.
14. 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.