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Nirav R. Shah, M.D., M.P.H.  
Commissioner

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Executive Deputy Commissioner

April 1, 2014

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

Suresh R. Parikh, M.D.

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Re: License No. 145098

Dear Dr. Parikh:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 14-79. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect April 8, 2014.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, 90 Church Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10007-2919, telephone # 212-417-4445.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure

**IN THE MATTER  
OF  
SURESH PARIKH, M.D.**

**CONSENT  
ORDER**

Upon the application of (Respondent) SURESH PARIKH, 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: 3/31/2014

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ARTHUR S. HENGERER, M.D.  
Chair  
State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

**IN THE MATTER  
OF  
SURESH PARIKH, M.D.**

**CONSENT  
AGREEMENT**

SURESH PARIKH, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about February 13, 1981, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 145098 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is REDACTED 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 two (2) 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 cannot successfully defend against at least one of the acts of misconduct alleged, and agree to the following penalty:

On the effective date of this order, my license to practice medicine shall be limited, pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a, to preclude patient contact and any practice of medicine, clinical or otherwise. I shall be precluded from diagnosing, treating, operating, or prescribing for any human disease, pain, injury, deformity, or physical condition. I shall be precluded from further reliance upon my license to practice medicine to exempt me from the licensure, certification or other requirements set forth in statute or regulation for the practice of any other profession licensed, regulated or certified by the Board of Regents, Department of Education, Department of Health or the Department of State.

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

That Respondent shall, within thirty (30) days of the Order's effective date, notify the New York State Education Department, Division of Professional Licensing Services, that Respondent's license status is "inactive," and shall provide proof of such notification to the Director of OPMC immediately upon having done so; and

Respondent shall, within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, return all official New York State prescriptions to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, and, in the event that Respondent holds a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Certificate for New York State, Respondent shall surrender Respondent's Certificate to DEA, within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, submissions to DEA shall be addressed to Diversion Program Manager, New York Field Division, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, 99 Tenth Avenue, New York, NY 10011. Further, within thirty (30) days of

returning these prescriptions and surrendering the Certificate, respondent shall provide documentary proof of these transaction(s) to the Director of OPMC; and

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.

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this 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 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; and

That Respondent shall comply with all conditions set forth in attached Exhibit "B" ("Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice").

I stipulate that my failure to comply with any conditions of this Order shall constitute misconduct as defined in 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 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 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 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. OPMC shall report this action to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards, and any other entities that the Director of OPMC shall deem appropriate.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and 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 ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

I am aware and agree that, regardless of prior communication, the attorney for the Department, the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, and the Chairperson of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct each reserve full discretion to enter into the Consent Agreement that I propose in this application, or to decline to do so.

DATE 03/24/2014

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SURESH PARIKH, M.D.  
RESPONDENT

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

DATE: March 27, 2014

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~~PAUL TSUI~~  
Assistant Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 3/31/14

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~~TO~~ KEITH W. SERVIS  
Director  
Office of Professional Medical Conduct



**EXHIBIT "A"**

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

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**IN THE MATTER**  
**OF**  
**SURESH PARIKH, M.D.**  
**BU-13-04-1560A**

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**STATEMENT**  
**OF**  
**CHARGES**

**SURESH PARIKH, M.D.**, the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on February 13, 1981, by the issuance of license number 145098 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. Respondent, provided care to Patient A (patient is identified in the attached appendix), a 53 year old man, on or about February 28, 2013 at BryLin Hospital, 1263 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14209. Specifically, Respondent was requested to assess surgical staples on Patient A's neck. Upon assessment, Respondent removed the surgical staples. Respondent's care and treatment of Patient A failed to meet accepted standards of medical care, in that:

1. Respondent, despite a marked physical difference between the proper and improper instrument, failed to recognize and utilize the proper instrument in his treatment of Patient A.
2. Respondent, despite the high likelihood of contact with Patient A's bodily fluids, failed to wear gloves in his treatment of Patient A.
3. Respondent's use of the improper instrument was not sterile, thereby exposing Patient A to an increased risk of infection and trauma to the wound area.
4. Respondent, after treating Patient A, left the improper instrument in a common area, exposing others to contact with Patient A's bodily fluids.

**SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES**

**FIRST 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:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A and A.1, A and A.2, and/or A and A.3.

**SECOND SPECIFICATION**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(47) by failing to use scientifically accepted barrier precautions and infection control practices as established by the department of health pursuant to section two hundred thirty-a of the public health law, as alleged in the facts of the following:

2. The facts in Paragraphs A and A.2, A and A.3, and/or A and A.4.

DATED: *March 27, 2014*  
~~2013~~  
Albany, New York

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Michael A. Hiser  
Deputy Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

## **EXHIBIT "B"**

### **Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice Following a Revocation, Surrender, Limitation or Suspension of a Medical License**

1. Licensee shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in New York State, or under Licensee's New York license, in accordance with the terms of the Order. In addition, Licensee shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application and from representing that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine.
2. Within 5 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall deliver Licensee's original license to practice medicine in New York State and current biennial registration to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204-2719.
3. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall notify all patients of the cessation or limitation of Licensee's medical practice, and shall refer all patients to another licensed practicing physician for continued care, as appropriate. Licensee shall notify, in writing, each health care plan with which the Licensee contracts or is employed, and each hospital where Licensee has privileges, that Licensee has ceased medical practice. Within 45 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall provide OPMC with written documentation that all patients and hospitals have been notified of the cessation of Licensee's medical practice.
4. Licensee shall make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of all patient medical records. Within 30 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall notify OPMC of these arrangements, including the name, address, and telephone number of an appropriate and acceptable contact persons who shall have access to these records. Original records shall be retained for at least 6 years after the last date of service rendered to a patient or, in the case of a minor, for at least 6 years after the last date of service or 3 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 include provisions to ensure that the information in the record is kept confidential and is available only to authorized persons. When a patient or a patient's 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 forwarded at a reasonable cost to the patient (not to exceed 75 cents per page.) Radiographic, sonographic and similar materials shall be provided at cost. A qualified person shall not be denied access to patient information solely because of an inability to pay.

5. In the event that Licensee holds a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certificate for New York State, Licensee shall, within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, advise the DEA, in writing, of the licensure action and shall surrender his/her DEA controlled substance privileges for New York State to the DEA. Licensee shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2 for New York State to the DEA. All submissions to the DEA shall be addressed to Diversion Program Manager, New York Field Division, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, 99 Tenth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.
6. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement of the New York State Department of Health. If no other licensee is providing services at Licensee's practice location, Licensee shall properly dispose of all medications.
7. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall remove from the public domain any representation that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine, including all related signs, advertisements, professional listings (whether in telephone directories, internet or otherwise), professional stationery or billings. Licensee shall not share, occupy, or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services.
8. Licensee shall not charge, receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for professional services rendered by Licensee or others while Licensee is barred from engaging in the practice of medicine. Licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered, and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf, prior to the Order's effective date.
9. If Licensee is a shareholder in any professional service corporation organized to engage in the practice of medicine, Licensee shall divest all financial interest in the professional services corporation, in accordance with New York Business Corporation Law. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days. If Licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional services corporation, the corporation must be dissolved or sold within 90 days of the Order's effective date.
10. Failure to comply with the above directives may result in a civil penalty or criminal penalties as may be authorized by governing law. Under N.Y. Educ. Law § 6512, it is a Class E Felony, punishable by imprisonment of up to 4 years, to practice the profession of medicine when a professional license has been suspended, revoked or annulled. Such punishment is in addition to the penalties for professional misconduct set forth in N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a, which include fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of charges

of which the Licensee is found guilty, and may include revocation of a suspended license.