



New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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October 8, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Iskander Kassis, M.D.
2601 Princeton Drive
Vestal, New York 13850

RE: License No. 149676

Dear Dr. Kassis:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 97-242 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect upon receipt of this letter or seven (7) days after the date of this letter, whichever is earlier.

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension of this license, you are required to deliver to the Board the license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of the Order.

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

Sincerely,

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Thomas A. Saitta, Esq.
Aswad & Ingraham
46 Front Street
Binghamton, New York 13905

Jude B. Mulvey, Esq.

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

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IN THE MATTER : CONSENT
OF : AGREEMENT
ISKANDER ILYAS KASSIS, M.D. : AND ORDER
: BPMC #97-242

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ISKANDER ILYAS KASSIS, M.D., says:

On or about April 16, 1982, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued license number 149676 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 2601 Princeton Drive, Vestal, New York and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address.

I understand that I have been charged with specification(s) of professional misconduct as set forth in the Statement of Charges, annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit A.

I admit guilt to the third specification.

I hereby agree to the following penalty: Censure and Reprimand.

I agree that in the event that I am charged with professional misconduct in the future, this agreement and order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I agree that, as a condition of this Order, I will maintain

current registration of my license with the New York State Education Department, Division of Professional Licensing Services, and pay all registration fees. This condition will remain in effect except during periods of actual suspension, if any, imposed by this Order. This condition shall be in effect beginning thirty days after the effective date of this Order and will continue until the full term of the Order has run, and until any associated period of probation and all probation terms have been completed and satisfied. I understand that any failure by me to comply with this condition shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29).

I understand that, in the event that the Board does not grant this application, nothing contained herein shall be binding upon me or construed to be an admission of any act of misconduct alleged or charged against me; such application shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence during the pendency of the professional misconduct disciplinary proceeding; and such denial by the Board shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I agree that, in the event the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct grants my application, an order of the Chairperson of the Board shall be issued in accordance with same.

I make this application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint of any kind or manner.

Iskander I Kassis

ISKANDER ILYAS KASSIS, M.D.
RESPONDENT

Subscribed before me this 18th
day of September, 1997.

Thos. A. Saitta

NOTARY PUBLIC

THOMAS A. SAITTA
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 4735485
Residing in Broome County
My Commission Expires 5/31/99

AGREED TO:

DATE: 9/18/97

Thos. A. Saitta
THOMAS SAITTA, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 9/23/97

Jude Brearton Mulvey
JUDE BREARTON MULVEY
ASSISTANT COUNSEL
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

DATE: 9/27/97

Anne F. Saile
ANNE F. SAILE
DIRECTOR
Office of Professional
Medical Conduct

ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of ISKANDER ILYAS KASSIS, M.D. (Respondent) for Consent Order, which proposed agreement is made a part hereof, it is AGREED TO and

ORDERED, that the proposed agreement and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted; and it is further

ORDERED, that this order shall take effect as of the date of the personal service of this order upon Respondent, upon receipt by Respondent of this order via certified mail, or seven days after mailing of this order by certified mail, whichever is earliest.

DATED:

9/30/97

Patrick F. Carone, M.D.

PATRICK F. CARONE, M.D., M.P.H.
Chair
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

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

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IN THE MATTER : STATEMENT
OF : OF
ISKANDER ILYAS KASSIS, M.D. : CHARGES

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ISKANDER ILYAS KASSIS, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on April 16, 1982, by the issuance of license number 149676 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1. Respondent was suspended for one week without pay from United Health Services Hospital (hereinafter "the Hospital"), Johnson City, New York, on or about February 25, 1997 for attempting to fraudulently bill an insurance carrier for a patient under his care.

2. More specifically, Respondent attempted to obtain medical care for an uninsured family member by instructing the family member to appear at the Hospital perinatal and/or radiology departments for tests to be conducted under the false name of Nada Kassis, an individual who had insurance coverage. Respondent provided orders and submitted inaccurate billing records for blood work and an ultrasound to this family member under the name Nada Kassis.

SPECIFICATIONS

FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(2) (McKinney Supp. 1997) by reason of having practiced the profession fraudulently or beyond its authorized scope, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in paragraphs 1 and/or 2.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(20) (McKinney Supp. 1997) by reason of having engaged in conduct in the practice of medicine which evidences moral unfitness to practice medicine, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in paragraphs 1 and/or 2.

THIRD SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(21) (McKinney Supp. 1997) by reason of willfully making or filing a false report, in that Petitioner charges:

3. The facts in paragraphs 1 and/or 2.

DATED: _____, 1997
Albany, New York

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