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October 5, 2007

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Venkatarao Kamani, M.D.
6108 Waitsfield Drive
Jamesville, New York 13078

RE: License No. 219270

Dear Dr. Kamani:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 07-217 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect October 11, 2007.

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:

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
VENKATARAO KAMANI, M.D.

CONSENT
ORDER

BPMC No. 07-217

Upon the application of (Respondent) Venkatarao Kamani, 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.

DATED: 10-4-2007



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

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
VENKATARAO KAMANI, M.D.

CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND
ORDER

Venkatarao Kamani, M.D., representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about September 19, 2000, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 219270 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 6108 Waitsfield Drive, Jamesville, New York 13078, 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 three 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, Second and Third Specifications, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a(2), my license to practice medicine in New York State shall be suspended for thirty-six months, said suspension to be stayed;

Pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law § 230-a(7), I shall be subject to a fine in the amount of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, to be paid in full

within 30 days of the effective date of this Order. Payment of the fine imposed is also a term of probation. Payments must be submitted to:

Bureau of Accounts Management
New York State Department of Health
Empire State Plaza
Corning Tower, Room 1245
Albany, New York 12237

Pursuant to New York Pub. Health Law § 230-a(9), I shall be placed on probation for thirty-six months, subject to the terms set forth in attached 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 30 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.

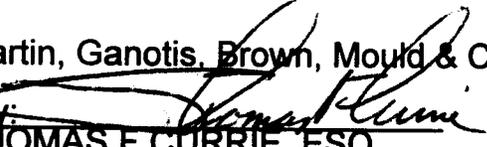
DATED: 9/13/07



VENKATARAO KAMANI, M.D.
RESPONDENT

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

DATED: 9/13/07

Martin, Ganotis, Brown, Mould & Currie, P.C.
By: 
THOMAS F. CURRIE, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

DATED: 9/17/07


JEFFREY J. CONKLIN, ESQ.
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATED: 10/1/07


KEITH W. SERVIS
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

IN THE MATTER
OF
VENKATARAO KAMANI, M.D.

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

VENKATARAO KAMANI, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about September 19, 2000, by the issuance of license number 219270 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. Respondent provided medical care to Patient A (hereinafter identified in the attached Appendix A) at the Crouse Hospital One day Surgery Center, Syracuse, New York, on the 26th day of September, 2005, at which time said patient was scheduled to undergo a left-sided transforaminal epidural spinal block. Respondent's care and treatment of Patient A failed to meet accepted standards of medical practice in that:
1. Patient a Respondent performed a transforaminal epidural spinal block on the right side of Patient A;
 2. Respondent intentionally altered the hospital record of Patient A so as to indicate that the transforaminal epidural spinal block was scheduled to be performed on the right side of said patient; and

3. Respondent performed a transforaminal epidural spinal block on the right side of Patient A, which procedure had not been duly authorized by said patient.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

(Gross Negligence)

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under New York Education Law Section 6530 (4) by reason of his having practiced the profession with gross negligence, in that Petitioner charges the following:

1. The facts alleged in paragraphs A and A1.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

(Fraud)

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under New York Education Law Section 6530 (2) by reason of his having practiced the profession fraudulently, in that Petitioner charges the following:

1. The facts alleged in paragraphs A and A2.

THIRD SPECIFICATION

(Performing Professional Services Not Authorized By The Patient)

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under New York Education Law Section 6530 (26) by reason of his having performed professional services which had not been authorized by the patient, in that Petitioner charges the following:

1. The facts alleged in paragraphs A and A3.

DATED: September 17, 2007
Albany, New York


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. 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.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Respondent shall enroll in and complete a continuing education program in the area of ethics. This continuing education program is subject to the Director of OPMC's prior written approval and shall be completed within the first year of the probation period.
10. 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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ansel R. Marks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "M".

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

cc: Thomas F. Currie, Esq.
Martin, Ganotis, Browb, Mould & Currie P.C.
5790 Widewaters Parkway
DeWitt, New York 13214