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

Sue Kelly  
Executive Deputy Commissioner

August 15, 2011

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

Steven Allen Blau, M.D.

REDACTED

Re: License No. 150694

Dear Dr. Blau:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 11-200. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect August 22, 2011.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, 433 River Street, Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180, telephone # (518)402-0863.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure

cc: Bruce F. Gilpatrick, Esq.  
Heidell, Pittoni, Murphy & Bach, LLP  
30 Oak Street  
Stamford, Connecticut 06905

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

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
STEVEN BLAU, M.D.

CONSENT  
ORDER

BPMC#: 11-200

Upon the application of STEVEN BLAU, 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: August 12, 2011

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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  
STEVEN BLAU, M.D.

CONSENT  
AGREEMENT  
AND  
ORDER

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

That on or about July 2, 1982, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 150694 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 ONE specification of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit "A", is attached to and part of this Consent Agreement.

I assert that I cannot successfully defend against the act of misconduct alleged, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law Sec. 230-a(1), I shall be subject to a Censure and Reprimand.

Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law Sec. 230-a(8), I shall be required to enroll in and complete a continuing education program in the area of

accepted barrier precautions and infection control practices. This continuing education program is subject to the Director of OPMC's prior written approval and shall be completed within 90 days following the effective date of this order. Certification of completion of the approved program must be provided to the Director of OPMC within 10 days of receipt of same by the Respondent.

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.

DATE 7-21-11

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STEVEN BLAU, M.D.  
RESPONDENT

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

DATE: 7/15/11

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BRUCE GILPATRICK, ESQ.  
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 8/2/11

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CLAUDIA MORALES BLOCH  
Associate Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 8/12/11

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KEITH W. SERVIS  
Director  
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
STEVEN BLAU, M.D.

STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES

STEVEN BLAU, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about July 2, 1982, by the issuance of license number 150694 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. Respondent, on or about March 9, 2006, during the course of a surgical procedure on Patient A, whose identity is annexed as Appendix A, was stuck with a suture needle and failed to appropriately follow needle stick precautions.

**SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES**

**FAILURE TO USE ACCEPTED INFECTION CONTROL PRACTICES**

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, as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. Paragraph A.

DATE:

*AUS*  
~~June~~ 2, 2011 *(AMB)*  
New York, New York

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ROY NEMERSON  
Deputy Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

**EXHIBIT "A"**