



New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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Commissioner of Health

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Chair

August 13, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Chandra M. Katta, M.D.
1433 Bernice Street
Morgan City, Louisiana 70380

RE: License No. 161693

Effective Date: 08/20/96

Dear Dr. Katta:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 96-185 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
Empire State Plaza
Tower Building-Room 438
Albany, New York 12237-0756

Sincerely,

Charles Vacanti, M.D.
Chair
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Harold J. Rhodes, Esq.
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Guarantee Bank Building, Suite 3289
Morgan City, Louisiana 70381

Timothy Mahar, Esq.

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

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IN THE MATTER :
OF : ORDER
CHANDRA M. KATTA, M.D. : BPMC #96-185

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Upon the Application of CHANDAR M. KATTA, M.D., to Surrender his license as a physician in the State of New York, which application is made a part hereof, it is

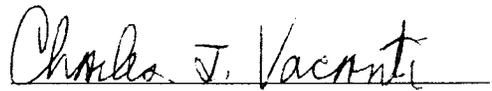
ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted; it is further

ORDERED, that the name of Respondent be stricken from the roster of physicians in the State of New York; 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 via certified mail, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED,

DATED: 9 August 1996



CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.
Chairperson
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 : APPLICATION TO
OF : SURRENDER
CHANDRA M. KATTA, M.D. : LICENSE

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STATE OF LOUISIANA)

SS.:

PARISH OF ST. MARY)

CHANDRA M. KATTA, M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and
says:

On or about March 18, 1985, I was licensed to practice
medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been
issued License No. 161693 by the New York State Education
Department.

I am not currently registered with the New York State
Education Department to practice as a physician in the State of
New York.

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

I am applying to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for permission to surrender my license as a physician in the State of New York.

I hereby plead no contest to the allegations and one Specification set forth in the Statement of Charges (Exhibit A).

I hereby make this application to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct and request that it be granted.

I understand that, in the event that the application is not granted by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, 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 State Board for Professional Medical Conduct shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct 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 shall be issued striking my name from the roster of physicians in the State of New York without further notice to me.

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

Chandra M. Katta, M.D.

CHANDRA M. KATTA, M.D.
Respondent

Sworn to before me this

18th day of July, 1996

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

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

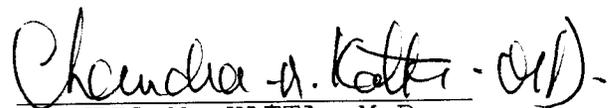
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OF : SURRENDER
CHANDRA M. KATTA, M.D. : LICENSE

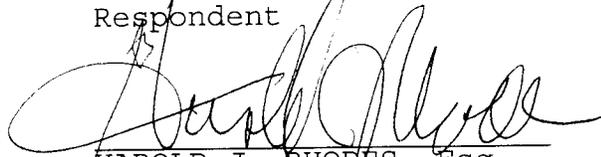
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The undersigned agree to the attached application of the Respondent to surrender his license.

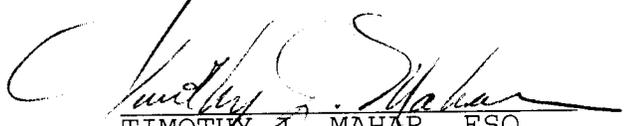
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CHANDRA M. KATTA, M.D.
Respondent

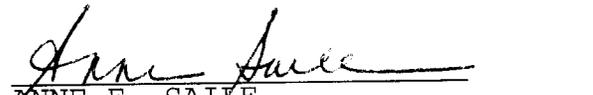
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HAROLD J. RHODES, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

Date: August 4, 1996


TIMOTHY J. MAHAR, ESQ.
Assistant Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

Date: Aug 6, 1996


ANNE F. SAILE
ACTING DIRECTOR
Office of Professional Medical
Conduct

Date: 9 August, 1996


CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.
Chairperson, 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
CHANDRA M. KATTA, M.D. : CHARGES

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CHANDRA M. KATTA, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on March 18, 1985 by the issuance of license number 161693 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1. On or about August 24, 1995, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (Louisiana Board) entered into a Consent Order with Respondent (No. 93-I-002-X), imposing the following discipline upon Respondent's Louisiana medical license:
 - a. The suspension of Respondent's medical license for five years, all of which is stayed except for the first six months;
 - b. A period of probation during the stayed suspension with terms requiring, among other things, a prohibition against prescribing legally controlled dangerous substances, regardless of schedule, as defined in 21 CFR §1308 and/or Louisiana Statutes Annotated 40:964. The prohibition does not extend to medications

prescribed for institutional or hospital inpatients;

c. Respondent's attendance and completion of 50 credit hours of continuing medical education per year for the next five years;

d. Payment of a five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollar fine.

2. The conduct upon which the Louisiana Board imposed discipline on Respondent's medical license included prescriptions written by Respondent for a number of patients for what Louisiana authorities described as "a variety of legally controlled dangerous substances *** in suspicious quantities over an excessive period of time". Respondent's medical records included objective evidence of substance abuse by certain patients, as found by the Louisiana Board.

3. The conduct upon which the Louisiana Board disciplined Respondent would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(3) [practicing the profession with negligence on more than one occasion]; and/or N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(4) [practicing the profession with gross negligence on a particular occasion]; and/or N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(5) [practicing the profession with incompetence on more than one occasion]; and/or N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(6) [practicing the profession with gross incompetence].

