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August 3, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Douglas D. Hage, M.D.
7020 Erie Road
Derby, NY 14047

RE: License No. 188832

Dear Dr. Hage:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 11-195. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect August 10, 2011.

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:

Bureau of Accounts Management
New York State Department of Health
Corning Tower, Room 1717
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12237

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

Sincerely,

REDACTED

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

cc: Terrence M. Connors, Esq.
Connors & Vilaro
1000 Liberty Building
424 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

**IN THE MATTER
OF
DOUGLAS HAGE, M.D.**

**CONSENT
ORDER**

BPMC No. 11-195

Upon the application of (Respondent) DOUGLAS HAGE, 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: 8/3/11

REDACTED

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

**IN THE MATTER
OF
DOUGLAS HAGE, M.D.**

**CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND
ORDER**

DOUGLAS HAGE, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about April 20, 1992, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 188832 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 7020 Erie Road, Derby, New York 14047, 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 do not contest the first specification, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

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

Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law §§ 230-a(7) and (9), I shall be subject to a fine in the amount of \$5,000, to be paid in full within 30 days of the effective date of this Order. Payments must be submitted to:

Bureau of Accounts Management
New York State Department of Health
Empire State Plaza
Corning Tower, Room 1717
Albany, New York 12237.

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 120 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

7/13/11

REDACTED

DOUGLAS PAGE, M.D.
RESPONDENT

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

DATE: 7/15/11

REDACTED

TERRENCE M. CONNORS, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 7-21-11

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LEE A. DAVIS
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 8/1/11

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KELLY W. SERVIS
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "A"

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

**IN THE MATTER
OF
DOUGLAS HAGE, M.D.**

**STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES**

DOUGLAS HAGE, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about April 20, 1992, by the issuance of license number 188832 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. Respondent provided medical care to Patient A (Patients are identified by name in Appendix A), a 32 year-old woman who presented at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center (NFMMC) on or about December 11, 2008 while 40 5/7 weeks pregnant, by ordering and managing Patient A's chemical augmentation of labor as the obstetrician in support of the attending family practitioner. Respondent's care of Patient A deviated from accepted standards of medical care as follows:
1. Respondent, who was responsible for performing a cesarean section if one was required, left Patient A in the care of the attending family practitioner at NFMMC and traveled a distance of 45-50 minutes from NFMMC when Patient A was 7 to 8cm dilated, despite knowledge of late fetal heart rate decelerations.
 2. Respondent inappropriately ordered an RN to instruct and supervise the attending Family Practitioner physician in an attempted vacuum extraction of the fetus, even though Respondent knew the physician had no training or experience with a vacuum extraction.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

NEGLIGENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(3) by practicing the profession of medicine with negligence on more than one occasion as alleged in the facts of two or more of the following:

1. A. and A.1, and A. and A.2

DATE:

July
~~June 21~~, 2011
Albany, New York

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Peter D. Van Buren
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct