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October 10, 2003

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Robert Dean Coddington, M.D.
68370 Rolling Acres
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

Re: License No. 082285

Dear Dr. Coddington:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 03-271 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect October 17, 2003.

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 to the 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

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

IN THE MATTER

SURRENDER

OF

ORDER

**ROBERT DEAN CODDINGTON, M.D.
CO-03-02-0695-A**

BPMC No. 03-271

ROBERT DEAN CODDINGTON, M.D., says:

On or about March 23, 1959, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 082285 by the New York State Education Department. I currently reside at 68370 Rolling Acres, St. Clairsville, OH 43950.

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 the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with one (1) 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 an agreement to allow me to surrender my license as a physician in the State of New York and request that the Board issue this Surrender Order.

I, hereby, agree not to contest the one (1) specification set forth in the Statement of Charges (Exhibit A).

I understand that in the event that this proposed agreement 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 proposed agreement 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 Board grants my Application, as set forth herein, an order of the Chairperson of the Board shall be issued in accordance with same upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Order to me at the address set forth above or to my attorney or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my attorney, whichever is first.

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

Date: Sept 26, 2003


ROBERT DEAN CODDINGTON, M.D.
Respondent

AGREED TO:

Date: 06 October, 2003


ROBERT BOGAN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

Date: 07 Oct, 2003


DENNIS J. GRAZIANO
Director, Office of Professional
Medical Conduct

ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of **ROBERT DEAN CODDINGTON, M.D.**, to Surrender his license as a physician in the State of New York, 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; it is further

ORDERED, that the name of the Respondent be stricken from the roster of physicians in the State of New York; it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy to Respondent at the addresses set forth in this agreement or to Respondent's attorney or upon transmission via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.

DATED: 10/9, 2003


MICHAEL A. GONZALEZ, R.P.A.
Vice Chair
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
ROBERT DEAN CODDINGTON, M.D.,
CO-03-02-0695-A

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

ROBERT DEAN CODDINGTON, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on March 23, 1959, by the issuance of license number 082285 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about July 10, 2002, the State Medical Board of Ohio (hereinafter "Ohio Board"), by a letter (hereinafter "Ohio Letter"), advised Respondent of intent to take disciplinary action against his license to practice medicine and surgery, based on inter alia, prescribing controlled substances and other dangerous drugs to patients, with a history of addiction, for a period of years, without having performed appropriate examinations of the patients or having maintained appropriate medical records.

B. On or about October 9, 2002, the Ohio Board, by an Interim Agreement, (hereinafter "Ohio Agreement"), required that Respondent not prescribe either opioids or narcotics to his patients in any form until the charges, set forth in the Ohio Letter, described in Paragraph A above, were finally resolved.

C. On or about March 31, 2003, the Ohio Board, by a Voluntary Retirement from the Practice of Medicine and Surgery, (hereinafter "Ohio Surrender"), accepted the surrender of Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery and required him to permanently surrender his license to practice medicine and surgery in all other jurisdictions within forty-five (45) days, based on the allegations set forth in the Ohio Letter, described in Paragraph A above.

D. The conduct resulting in the Ohio Board disciplinary actions against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York state, pursuant to the following sections of New York state law:

1. New York Education Law §6530(3) (negligence on more than one occasion);
2. New York Education Law §6530(4) (gross negligence); and/or
3. New York Education Law §6530(32) (failure to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient).

SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530(9)(d) by voluntary surrendering his license to practice medicine after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the voluntary surrender would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, C, and/or D.

DATED: *Oct. 2*, 2003
Albany, New York


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