



New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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August 7, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Richard Pasquale Ruffolo, M.D.
35 Vista Terrace
New Haven, Connecticut 16501

RE: License No. 081061

Dear Dr. Ruffolo:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 98-165 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect **August 14, 1998.**

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
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

cc: Peter Van Buren, Esq.

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

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IN THE MATTER : SURRENDER
OF : ORDER
RICHARD PASQUALE RUFFOLO, M.D. : BPMC # 98-165

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RICHARD PASQUALE RUFFOLO, M.D., says:

On or about August 8, 1959, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 081061 by the New York State Education Department.

I am currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice as a physician in the State of New York with a registration address of 35 Vista Terrace, New Haven, Connecticut 06515.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with three specifications of professional misconduct as set forth in the Statement of Charges, annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A".

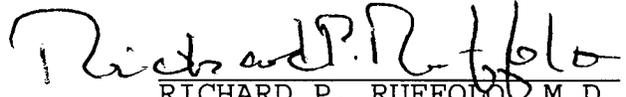
I am applying to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for an agreement to allow me to surrender my license as a physician in the State of New York and request that the Board issue this Surrender Order.

I hereby agree not to contest the allegations and three specifications 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. I agree that such order shall be effective as of the date of the personal service of this order upon me, upon mailing of this order to me at the address set forth in this agreement or to my attorney by certified mail, or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my attorney, whichever is earliest.

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


RICHARD P. RUFFOLO M.D.
Respondent RD

AGREED TO:

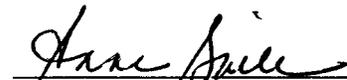
Date: _____, 1998

_____, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

Date: July 29, 1998


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

Date: July 30, 1998


ANNE F. SAILE
Director, Office of
Professional Medical Conduct

ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of RICHARD PASQUALE RUFFOLO, 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 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.

DATED:

July 4, 1998

Patrick F. Carone
Vice Chair

PATRICK F. CARONE, M.D., M.P.H.
Chair
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
RICHARD PASQUALE RUFFOLO, M.D. : CHARGES

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RICHARD PASQUALE RUFFOLO, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on August 8, 1959, by the issuance of license number 081061 by the New York State Education Department. The Respondent is currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice medicine from an address at 35 Vista Terrace, New Haven, Connecticut, 06515.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1. On or about June 6, 1998, Respondent entered into a Consent Order on Petition No.980305-001-048 with the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, Bureau of Regulatory Services whereby his license to practice as a physician in the Connecticut was permanently restricted and then suspended for a period of one year. The permanent restrictions included him never prescribing or dispensing controlled substances, never seeking reinstatement of his controlled substances registrations, and never practice medicine in a setting which does not include other physicians. Concurrently, Respondent's license was placed on probation for 4 years under terms and conditions.

2. In the Connecticut Consent Order, Respondent admitted

the allegations contained in a Statement of Charges in Petition Number 980305-001-048. The five counts admitted by the Respondent charged the Respondent with writing prescriptions for Percocet in the names of persons who were not patients of the Respondent's, with obtaining controlled substances by fraud and deceit, and with failing to maintain accurate and/or adequate controlled substance records.

SPECIFICATIONS

FIRST SPECIFICATION

DISCIPLINE IN ANOTHER STATE

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(9)(b) by reason of his having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the finding was based 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 1, and/or 2.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

HAVING DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(9)(d) by reason of his having disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary

agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York State, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in paragraphs 1, and/or 2.

DATED: *July 29*, 1998
Albany, New York


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