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

IN THE MATTER OF GEORGE PETER MENO, M.D.	COMMISSIONER'S SUMMARY ORDER

TO: GEORGE PETER MENO, M.D.
5 Dogwood Lane
Wilton, Connecticut 06897

The undersigned, Barbara A. DeBuono, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner of Health of the State of New York, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230 (McKinney 1990 and Supp. 1996 (as amended by Ch. 627 and 599 of the Laws of 1996), upon the recommendation of a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, has determined that the duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another jurisdiction has made a finding substantially equivalent to a finding that the practice of medicine by GEORGE PETER MENO, M.D. (the Respondent) in that jurisdiction constitutes an imminent danger to the health of its people or that Respondent has been disciplined by such an agency for acts which if committed in this state would have constituted a basis for summary action by the Commissioner pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230(12)(a) (McKinney 1990 and Supp. 1996 (as amended by Ch. 627 and 599 of the Laws of 1996), as is more fully set forth in the Statement of Charges attached hereto and made a part hereof.

It is therefore:

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230(12)(b) (McKinney 1990 and Supp. 1996 (as amended by Ch. 627 and 599 of the Laws of 1996), that effective immediately, Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of New York. This Order shall remain in effect unless modified or vacated by the

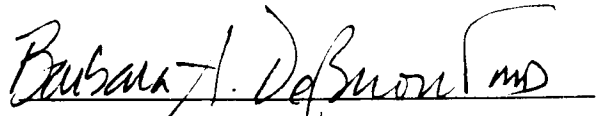
Commissioner of Health pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230(12) (McKinney 1990 and Supp. 1996 (as amended by Ch. 627 and 599 of the Laws of 1996)).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230 (McKinney 1990 and Supp. 1996 (as amended by Ch. 627 and 599 of the Laws of 1995)), and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401 (McKinney 1984 and Supp. 1996). The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on a date and at a location to be set forth in a written Notice of Summary Hearing to be provided to the Respondent either contemporaneously with this Summary Order or subsequently. Said written Notice may be provided in person, by mail, or by other means. If Respondent wishes to be provided said written notice at an address other than that set forth above, Respondent shall notify both the attorney whose name is set forth in this Order, and the Director of the Bureau of Adjudication, New York State Department of Health, Corning Tower Building, 25th Floor, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12237-0026.

THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT YOU BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW §230-a (McKinney Supp. 1996). YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York

7 October, 1996



BARBARA A. DeBUONO, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner of Health

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IN THE MATTER OF GEORGE PETER MENO, M.D.	STATEMENT OF CHARGES

GEORGE PETER MENO, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about December 6, 1988, by the issuance of license number 176933 by the New York State Education Department. He is not currently registered to practice medicine in New York State.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. By an Order dated March 19, 1996, the Connecticut Medical Examining Board, based on allegations of fact showing violations of law and which imperatively required emergency action in that the public health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the State of Connecticut was in clear and immediate danger, summarily suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in that State, pending final determination. Respondent's conduct resulting in the suspension included, *inter alia*:

1. The selling of prescriptions for, and/or the excessive prescribing of Percocet, Lorcet, Vicodin ES, and Fioricet with Codeine to eight specified patients;
2. The administration of excessive quantities of Demerol injections to one patient;
3. The prescribing of controlled substances to seven specified patients despite knowing or having reason to know that they were addicted;

4. Having engaged in sexual misconduct with one patient; and

5. Having advised two specified patients to apply a solvent called "DMSO" to the surface areas of their bodies despite a specific manufacturer's warning to the contrary.

B. By Consent Order dated June 18, 1996, based upon the factual allegations cited in paragraph A of this Statement of Charges, the Connecticut Board fined Respondent in the amount of $20,000, suspended his license for a minimum of two years with said suspension stayed after fifteen months, and imposed other probation, terms, conditions, and limitations related, *inter alia*, to Respondent's own psychiatric condition and use of alcohol and/or controlled substance.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

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HAVING HAD DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(9)(d)(McKinney Supp. 1996) by having his or her license to practice medicine revoked, suspended or having other disciplinary action taken, or having his or her application for a license refused, revoked or suspended or having voluntarily or otherwise surrendered his or her license after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action involving the license or refusal, revocation or suspension of an application for a

license or the surrender of the license would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, namely N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(2),(3),(4),(5),(6),(20) and/or (35) (McKinney Supp. 1996), as alleged in the facts of the following

1. Paragraph A and each of its subparagraphs and/or Paragraph B.

DATED: October , 1996
New York, New York

ROY NEMERSON
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct