



New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

433 River Street, Suite 303 • Troy, New York 12180-2299 • (518) 402-0863

Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H.Dr..P.H.
*Commissioner
NYS Department of Health*

Dennis P. Whalen
*Executive Deputy Commissioner
NYS Department of Health*

Dennis J. Graziano, Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

William P. Dillon, M.D.
Chair

Denise M. Bolan, R.P.A.
Vice Chair

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary

February 16, 2001

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Jeffrey Harris, M.D.

REDACTED

RE: License No. 120618

Dear Dr. Harris:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 01-41 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect February 16, 2001.

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

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 1258
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12237

Sincerely,

REDACTED

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Amy Kulb, Esq.
Jacobson and Goldberg
585 Stewart Avenue
Garden City, New York 11530

Daniel Guenzburger, Esq

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
JEFFREY HARRIS , M.D.

CONSENT
ORDER
BPMC No. 01-41

Upon the proposed agreement of JEFFREY HARRIS, M.D. (Respondent) for Consent Order, which application is made a part hereof, it is agreed to and ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted and so ORDERED, and 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 of the Consent Order to Respondent at the address set forth in this agreement or to Respondent's attorney by certified mail, or upon transmission via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 2/13/01

REDACTED

WILLIAM P. DILLON, M.D.
Chair
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
JEFFREY HARRIS, M.D.

CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND
ORDER

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF NASSAU) so.:

JEFFREY HARRIS, M.D., (Respondent) being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on or about July 3, 1974 I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 120618 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is REDACTED

and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with one Specification of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges is annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A".

I do not contest the Specification, in full satisfaction of the charges against me. I hereby agree that the following penalty shall be imposed:

Censure and Reprimand, 500 hours of community service, and a Ten thousand dollar (\$10,0000) fine.

In addition to the penalty to be imposed, I agree that the Consent Order for which I hereby apply shall impose the following Conditions, pursuant to Public Health Law §230.

That, except during periods, if any, of actual suspension, Respondent shall maintain current registration of Respondent's license with the New York State Education Department Division of Professional Licensing Services, and pay all registration fees. This condition shall be in effect beginning thirty days after the effective date of the Consent Order and will continue while the licensee possesses his license; and

That Respondent shall fully cooperate in every respect with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Order and in its investigation of all matters regarding Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to each and every request by OPMC to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Order. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide any and all documents and information within Respondent's control upon the direction of OPMC. This condition shall be in effect beginning upon the effective date of the Consent Order and will continue while the licensee possesses his license.

That for a period of three years beginning with the effective date of this order, Respondent shall be subject to the conditions set forth in attached Exhibit "B."

I hereby stipulate that any failure by me to comply with such conditions shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29)(McKinney Supp 2001).

I agree that in the event I am charged with professional misconduct in the future, this agreement and order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

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

I understand that, in the event that this Application is not granted by the Board, 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 Board shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by the Board 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 upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Consent

Order to me at the address set forth in this agreement, or to my attorney, or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my attorney, whichever is earliest.

I am making this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint of any kind or manner. In consideration of the value to me of the acceptance by the Board of this Application, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive any right I may have to contest the Consent Order for which I hereby apply, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the Application be granted.

REDACTED

DATED 1/15/01

~~JEFFREY HARRIS, M.D.~~
RESPONDENT

Sworn to before me
on this 11th day of
2001

REDACTED

NOTARY
JEFFREY A. GRANAT
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01GR8002381
Qualified in Nassau County
Commission Expires Feb. 17, 2002

The undersigned agree to the attached application of the Respondent and to the proposed penalty based on the terms and conditions thereof.

DATE: 1-4-01

REDACTED

AMY KOLB, ESQ.
Jacobson and Goldberg
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 2/1/01

REDACTED

DANIEL GUENZBURGER
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

DATE: 02/12/01

REDACTED

Dennis J. Graziano
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

"EXHIBIT A"

IN THE MATTER
OF
JEFFREY HARRIS, M.D.

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

JEFFREY HARRIS, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about July 3, 1974, by the issuance of license number 120618 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. In or about and between 1993 and 1995 the Respondent, an employee of Cedarhurst Medical Associates, treated Patients A through S at various facilities, primarily adult long term residential care facilities established and operated pursuant to the Social Services Law. On various occasions Respondent also treated patients at the office of Cedarhurst Medical Associates in Far Rockaway, New York. During the period of treatment regarding Patients A through S, Respondent:
1. Failed to make a record for each patient that accurately reflects his evaluation and treatment of the patient.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

FAILURE TO MAINTAIN RECORDS

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y.

Educ. Law §6530(32)(McKinney Supp. 2000) by failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the care and treatment of the patient, as alleged in the facts of:

1. Paragraphs A and A1.

DATED: December , 2000
New York, New York

REDACTED

ROY NEMERSON
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "B"

CONDITIONS

1. Respondent shall conduct himself in all ways in a manner befitting his professional status, and shall conform fully to the moral and professional standards of conduct and obligations imposed by law and by his profession.
2. Respondent shall submit written notification to the New York State Department of Health addressed to the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, 433 River Street, Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299; said notice is to include a full description of any employment and practice, professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within or without New York State, and any and all investigations, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility, within thirty days of each action.
3. Any civil penalty not paid by the date prescribed herein shall be subject to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by New York State. This includes but is not limited to the imposition of interest, late payment charges and collection fees; referral to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection; and non-renewal of permits or licenses [Tax Law section 171(27)]; State Finance Law section 18; CPLR section 5001; Executive Law section 32].
4. The conditions imposed pursuant to this Order shall be tolled during periods in which Respondent is not engaged in the active practice of medicine in New York State. Respondent shall notify the Director of OPMC, in writing, if Respondent is not currently engaged in or intends to leave the active practice of medicine in New York State for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or more. Respondent shall then notify the Director again prior to any change in that status. The period of conditions shall resume and any conditions that were not fulfilled shall be fulfilled upon Respondent's return to practice in New York State.
5. Respondent's professional performance may be reviewed by the Director of OPMC. This review may include, but shall not be limited to, a review of office records, patient records and/or hospital charts, interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and his staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
6. Respondent shall maintain legible and complete medical records which accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients. The medical records shall contain all information required by State rules and regulations regarding controlled substances.

7. Respondent shall practice medicine only when monitored by a licensed board certified physician, ("practice monitor") proposed by Respondent and subject to the written approval of the Director of OPMC.
- a. Respondent shall make available to the monitor any and all records or access to the practice requested by the monitor, including on-site observation. The practice monitor shall visit Respondent's medical practice at each and every location, on a random unannounced basis at least monthly and shall examine a selection (no less than 20) of records maintained by Respondent, including patient records, prescribing information and office records. The review will determine whether the Respondent's medical practice is conducted in accordance with the generally accepted standards of professional medical care. Any perceived deviation of accepted standards of medical care or refusal to cooperate with the monitor shall be reported within 24 hours to OPMC.
 - b. Respondent shall be solely responsible for all expenses associated with monitoring, including fees, if any, to the monitoring physician.
 - c. Respondent shall cause the practice monitor to report quarterly, in writing, to the Director of OPMC.
 - d. Respondent shall maintain medical malpractice insurance coverage with limits no less than \$2 million per occurrence and \$6 million per policy year, in accordance with Section 230(18)(b) of the Public Health Law. Proof of coverage shall be submitted to the Director of OPMC prior to Respondent's practice after the effective date of this Order. For purposes of this section, Respondent may satisfy the malpractice insurance requirements of Public Health Law 230(18)(b) if he is covered by a malpractice policy provided by his employer that provides an equivalent level of malpractice coverage to \$2 million per occurrence and \$6 million per policy year.
8. Respondent shall restrict his practice to a medical facility licensed pursuant to Article 28 of the Public Health Law or other supervised setting proposed by Respondent and subject to the approval of the OPMC.
9. The \$10,000.00 fine is payable in three installments. The first installment of \$3,333.34 shall be paid by of full within one-hundred twenty (120) days of the effective date of this Order. The second installment of \$3,333.33 shall be paid on or before February 1, 2002. The final installment of \$3,333.33 shall be paid on or before February 2, 2003. Payment must be submitted to:

Bureau of Accounts Management
New York State Department of Health
Empire State Plaza
Corning Tower, Room 1245
Albany, New York 12237

10. Respondent shall comply with all terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations and penalties to which he is subject pursuant to the Order and shall assume and bear all costs related to compliance. Upon receipt of evidence of noncompliance with, or any violation of these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate such proceedings against Respondent as may be authorized pursuant to the law.