

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
RAO R. SURYADEVARA, M.D.

COMMISSIONER'S
ORDER AND
NOTICE OF
HEARING

PUBLIC

TO: Rao R. Suryadevara, M.D.
38-01 149th Street
Flushing, New York 11354

The undersigned, Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H., Dr.P.H., Commissioner of Health, after an investigation, upon the recommendation of a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, and upon the Statement of Charges attached hereto and made a part hereof, has determined that the continued practice of medicine in the State of New York by Rao R. Suryadevara, M.D., the Respondent, constitutes an imminent danger to the health of the people of this state.

It is therefore:

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230(12), that effective immediately Rao R. Suryadevara, M.D., 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).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on March 29, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the New York State Health Department, 5 Penn Plaza, New York, New York 10001, and at such other adjourned dates, times and places as the committee may direct. The Respondent may file an answer to the Statement of Charges with the

below-named attorney for the Department of Health.

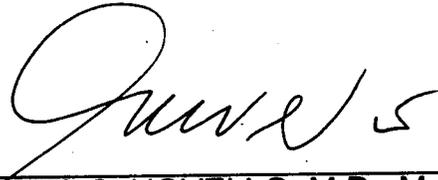
At the hearing, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, which is attached. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made and the witnesses at the hearing will be sworn and examined. The Respondent shall appear in person at the hearing and may be represented by counsel. The Respondent has the right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf, to issue or have subpoenas issued on his behalf for the production of witnesses and documents and to cross-examine witnesses and examine evidence produced against him. A summary of the Department of Health Hearing Rules is enclosed. Pursuant to §301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person.

The hearing will proceed whether or not the Respondent appears at the hearing. Scheduled hearing dates are considered dates certain and, therefore, adjournment requests are not routinely granted. Requests for adjournments must be made in writing to the New York State Department of Health, Division of Legal Affairs, Bureau of Adjudication, Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, Fifth Floor South, Troy, NY 12180, ATTENTION: HON. SEAN D. O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ADJUDICATION, and by telephone (518-402-0748), upon notice to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below, and at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Claims of court engagement will require detailed affidavits of actual engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the committee shall make findings of fact, conclusions concerning the charges sustained or dismissed, and, in the event any of the charges are sustained, a determination of the penalty or sanction to be imposed or appropriate action to be taken. Such determination may be reviewed by the administrative review board for professional medical conduct.

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. YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York
March 18, 2004



ANTONIA C. NOVELLO, M.D., M.P.H., Dr.P.H.
Commissioner
New York State Health Department

Inquiries should be directed to:

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Assistant Counsel
N.Y.S. Department of Health
Division of Legal Affairs
5 Penn Plaza, Suite 601
New York, New York 10001
(212) 268-6806

SECURITY NOTICE TO THE LICENSEE

The proceeding will be held in a secure building with restricted access. Only individuals whose names are on a list of authorized visitors for the day will be admitted to the building

No individual's name will be placed on the list of authorized visitors unless written notice of that individual's name is provided by the licensee or the licensee's attorney to one of the Department offices listed below.

The written notice may be sent via facsimile transmission, or any form of mail, but must be received by the Department **no less than two days prior to the date** of the proceeding. The notice must be on the letterhead of the licensee or the licensee's attorney, must be signed by the licensee or the licensee's attorney, and must include the following information:

Licensee's Name _____ Date of Proceeding _____

Name of person to be admitted _____

Status of person to be admitted _____
(Licensee, Attorney, Member of Law Firm, Witness, etc.)

Signature (of licensee or licensee's attorney)

This written notice must be sent to:

New York State Health Department
Bureau of Adjudication
Hedley Park Place
433 River Street, Fifth Floor South
Troy, NY 12180
Fax: 518-402-0751

IN THE MATTER
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STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

RAO R. SURYADEVARA, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about August 2, 1994, by the issuance of license number 196779 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. From a time unknown to the Department of Health until and including the present, Respondent has suffered from a psychiatric condition and/or mental disability which impairs Respondent's ability to practice medicine.
1. Respondent has practiced medicine, and continues to practice medicine, while suffering from a psychiatric condition and/or mental disability.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

PRACTICING WHILE IMPAIRED

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(7) by practicing the profession while impaired by alcohol, drugs, physical disability, or mental disability as alleged in the facts of the following:

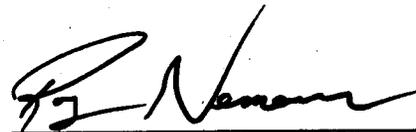
1. Paragraphs A and A1.

SECOND SPECIFICATION
HAVING A
PSYCHIATRIC CONDITION WHICH IMPAIRS
THE ABILITY TO PRACTICE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(8) by having a psychiatric condition which impairs the licensee's ability to practice as alleged in the facts of the following:

2. Paragraph A.

DATED: March 15, 2004
New York, New York



Roy Nemerson
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct