

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
PETER HOPE, M.D.
CO-02-06-3128-A

COMMISSIONER'S
ORDER
AND
NOTICE OF
REFERRAL
PROCEEDING

TO: PETER HOPE, M.D.
Inmate Number 030168
Grafton County House of Corrections
3685 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverill, NH 03774

The undersigned, Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H., Dr. P.H., Commissioner of the New York State Department 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 duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another jurisdiction, the New Hampshire Board of Medicine, has disciplined the licensee, **PETER HOPE, M.D.**, Respondent, licensed to practice medicine in New York state on August 21, 1962, by license number 088063, for acts which if committed in this State, would have constituted the basis for summary action.

It is therefore,

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230(12)(b), that effective immediately, **PETER HOPE, M.D.**, Respondent, shall not practice medicine in the State of New York or in any other jurisdiction where that practice is dependent on a valid New York State license to practice medicine. This order shall remain in effect unless modified

or vacated by the Commissioner of Health pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230(12).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act Sections 301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board of Professional Medical Conduct, on the 23rd day of July, 2003 at 10:00 am in the forenoon at Hedley Park Place, 5th Floor, 433 River Street, Troy, New York. 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, that 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. Such evidence or sworn testimony shall be strictly limited to evidence and testimony relating to the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee. Where the charges are based on the conviction of state law crimes in other jurisdictions, evidence may be offered that would show that the conviction would not be a crime in New York state. The Committee also may limit the number of witnesses whose testimony will be received, as well as the length of time any witness will be permitted to testify. Respondent has the right cross-examine witnesses and examine evidence produced against him. A summary of the Department of Health Hearing Rules is enclosed. Pursuant to Section 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 Administrative Law Judge's Office, Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, 5th Floor, Troy, New York 12180 (518-402-0751), 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 that 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 MAY BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER
SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC
HEALTH LAW SECTION 230-A. YOU ARE
URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY FOR THIS
MATTER.**

DATED: Albany, New York

June 3, 2003


ANTONIA C. NOVELLO, M.D. M.P.H, Dr. P.H.,
Commissioner

Inquires should be addressed to:

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STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

PETER B. HOPE, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on August 21, 1962, by the issuance of license number 088063 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about May 1, 2002, the New Hampshire Board of Medicine (hereinafter "New Hampshire Board"), by an Order of Emergency License Suspension and Notice of Hearing, temporarily suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine, based on unprofessional treatment and boundary violations with a female patient, amounting to an imminent danger to life or health.

B. On or about March 7, 2003, the New Hampshire Board, by a Consent Decree, REVOKED Respondent's license to practice medicine and ordered him not to apply for medical licensure in New Hampshire or any other state at any time in the future, based on Respondent's unprofessional treatment and boundary violations with a female patient, as set forth in Paragraph A above.

C. On or about April 2, 2003, in the Superior Court, Carroll County, New Hampshire, Respondent was found guilty, based on a plea of guilty, of Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, a felony, and was sentenced to twelve (12) months confinement, six (6) months suspended, five (5) years probation upon release from confinement, and that he shall surrender his medical license and not practice medicine in New Hampshire.

D. The conduct resulting in the New Hampshire Board disciplinary action 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(17) (exercising undue influence on the patient);
2. New York Education Law §6530(20) (moral unfitness); and/or
3. New York Education Law §6530(31) (willfully harassing, abusing, or intimidating a patient either physically or verbally).

SPECIFICATIONS

FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(b) by 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:

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

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having his license revoked or having other disciplinary action taken, by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation or other disciplinary action, would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

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

DATED: *June 3*, 2003
Albany, New York



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