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

**IN THE MATTER
OF
MICHAEL CHAIT, M.D.**

**SURRENDER
ORDER**
BPMC No. #09-96

Upon the application of MICHAEL CHAIT, M.D. to Surrender his license as a physician in the State of New York, which is made a part of this Surrender Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Surrender, and its terms, are adopted and it is further

ORDERED, that Respondent's name be stricken from the roster of physicians in the State of New York; it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either

- by mailing of a copy of this Surrender Order, either by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Surrender Application or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, OR
- upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney,

Whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: 5-15-2009

Redacted Signature

KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.
Chair
State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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SURRENDER
of
LICENSE

MICHAEL CHAIT, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about September 27, 1990, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York and issued License No. 184042 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is Redacted Address, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of address.

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

A copy of the Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit "A", is attached to and part of this Surrender of License.

I am applying to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for permission to surrender my license as a physician in the State of New York on the grounds that I admit to guilt to the Third Specification and I assert that I do not contest the allegations set forth in First and Second Specifications, in full satisfaction of the charges against me. *as intended* *PH* *PHB*

I ask the Board to accept my Surrender of License, and I agree to be bound by all of the terms set forth in attached Exhibit "B".

I understand that, if the Board does not accept my Surrender of License, none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of misconduct alleged; this application shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence; and the Board's denial shall be without prejudice to the pending disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination pursuant to the Public Health Law.

I agree that, if the Board accepts my Surrender of License, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Surrender Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that this Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Surrender Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Surrender of License, or to my attorney by certified mail, or upon facsimile transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The Surrender Order, this agreement, and all attached exhibits shall be public documents, with only patient identities, if any, redacted. As public documents, they may be posted on the Department's website(s).

I ask the Board to accept this Surrender of License, which I submit of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's acceptance of this Surrender of License, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Surrender Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, and I agree to be bound by the Surrender Order.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct each retain complete discretion either to enter

into the proposed agreement and Order, based upon my application, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

Redacted Signature

DATE 4/3/2009

MICHAEL CHAIT, M.D.
RESPONDENT

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Surrender of License and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

DATE: 4-3-09

Redacted Signature

RONALD BEKOFF, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 5/5/09

Redacted Signature

CLAUDIA MORALES BLOCH
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 5/13/09

Redacted Signature

KEITH W. SERVIS
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

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STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

MICHAEL CHAIT, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about September 27, 1990, by the issuance of license number 184042 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about April 3, 2009, Respondent, upon entering a plea of guilty in Suffolk County Court, was convicted of committing acts constituting crimes under New York state law, to wit: Conspiracy in the Second Degree, Grand Larceny in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree.
- B. From on or about January 1, 2007 through on or about March 16, 2007, Respondent wrote numerous prescriptions to persons presenting as patients for Schedule II Controlled substances, to wit: OxyContin and Dilaudid. Respondent wrote these prescription:
1. In bad faith in the course of his practice of medicine,
 2. ~~Without obtaining a history, conducting a physical examination and without appropriate medical indication and/or justification.~~

Handwritten initials:
RJA
RJB
CMB

Exhibit "A"

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

FRAUDULENT PRACTICE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(2) by practicing the profession of medicine fraudulently as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. B & B1

SECOND SPECIFICATION

NEGLIGENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

*2500
ROY
CMB*
~~Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(3) by practicing the profession of medicine with negligence on more than one occasion as alleged in the facts of two or more of the following:~~

2. B & B2

THIRD SPECIFICATION

CRIMINAL CONVICTION (N.Y.S.)

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(9)(a)(i) by having been convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under New York state law as alleged in the facts of the following:

3. A

DATE: March 31, 2009
New York, New York

Redacted Signature

Roy Nemerson
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "B"

Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice Following a Revocation, Surrender, Limitation or Suspension of a Medical License

1. Licensee shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in New York State or under his or her New York license in accordance with the terms of the Order. In addition, Licensee shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application and from representing himself as being eligible to practice medicine.
2. Licensee shall have delivered to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street 4th Floor, Troy, NY 12180-2299 his original license to practice medicine in New York State and current biennial registration within five (5) days of the effective date of the Order.
3. Licensee shall within fifteen (15) days of the Order notify his patients of the cessation or limitation of the licensee's medical practice and will refer all patients to another licensed practicing physician for their continued care, as appropriate. Licensee shall notify each health care plan with which the licensee contracts or is employed, and each hospital where he or she has privileges in writing of the cessation or limitation of the licensee's medical practice. Licensee shall, within 45 days of the effective date of the Order shall provide OPMC with written documentation that all patients and hospitals have been notified of the cessation or limitations of licensee's medical license.
4. Licensee shall make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of the medical records of his or her patients. Within thirty days of the effective date of the Order, Licensee shall notify OPMC of these arrangements including the appropriate and acceptable contact person's name, address, and telephone number who shall have access to these records. Original records shall be retained for at least six years after the last date of service rendered to a patient or, in the case of a minor, for at least six years after the last date of service or three years after the patient reaches the age of majority whichever time period is longer. Records shall be maintained in a safe and secure place, which is reasonably accessible to former patients. The arrangements shall include provisions to ensure that the information on the record is kept confidential and made available only to authorized persons. When a patient or and/or his or her representative requests a copy of the patient's medical record or requests that the original medical record be forwarded to another health care provider, a copy of the record shall be promptly provided or forwarded at a reasonable cost to the patient (not to exceed seventy-five cents per page.) Radiographic, sonographic and like materials shall be provided at cost. A qualified person shall not be denied access to patient information solely because of their inability to pay.
5. In the event that Licensee holds a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certificate, Licensee shall within fifteen (15) days advise the DEA in writing of the licensure action and shall surrender any DEA controlled substance privileges issued pursuant to your NYS license to the DEA. Licensee shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2 to the DEA.

6. Licensee shall within fifteen (15) days return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement of the New York State Department of Health. Licensee shall cause all prescription pads bearing his name to be destroyed. If no other licensee is providing services at his practice location, all medications shall be properly disposed.
7. Within 15 days of the Consent Order's effective date, Licensee shall remove from the public domain any representation that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine, including all related signs, advertisements, professional listings whether in telephone directories, internet or otherwise, professional stationery or billings. Licensee shall not share, occupy, or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services.
8. Licensee shall not charge, receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for professional services rendered by himself or others while barred from engaging in the practice of medicine. Licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf prior to the effective date of this Order.
9. If Licensee is a shareholder in any professional service corporation organized to engage in the practice of medicine and if his license is revoked, surrendered or suspended for a term of six months or more under the terms of this Order, Licensee shall divest himself of all financial interest in the professional services corporation in accordance with New York Business Corporation Law. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days. If Licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional services corporation, the corporation must be dissolved or sold within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order.
10. Failure to comply with the above directives may result in a civil penalty or further criminal penalties as may be authorized pursuant to the law. Under Section 6512 of the Education Law it is a Class E Felony, punishable by imprisonment of up to 4 years, to practice the profession of medicine when such professional license has been suspended, revoked or annulled. Such punishment is in addition to the penalties for professional misconduct set forth in section 230 a1. of the Public Health Law, which includes fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of charges of which the Licensee is found guilty and may include revocation of a suspended license.