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September 18, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Santiago Urmaza, Jr., M.D.
887 Church Street
Bohemia, New York 11716

RE: License No. 111028

Dear Dr. Urmaza:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 97-223 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect upon receipt of this letter or seven (7) days after the date of this letter, whichever is earlier.

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

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure

cc: Carlos Garcia, Esq.
664 Suffolk Avenue
Brentwood, New York 11717

Dianne Abeloff, Esq.

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

**IN THE MATTER
OF
SANTIAGO URMAZA, Jr., M.D.**

CONSENT

ORDER

BPMC #97-223

Upon the proposed agreement of SANTIAGO URMAZA, Jr., 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 take effect as of the date of the personal service of this order upon Respondent, upon receipt by Respondent of this order via certified mail, or seven days after mailing of this order by certified mail, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 9/11/97



PATRICK F. CARONE, M.D., M.P.H.
Chairperson
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

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

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CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND
ORDER

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK) ss.:

SANTIAGO URMAZA, Jr., M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on or about January 17, 1972, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 111028 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 887 Church Street, Bohemia, N.Y. , 11716, 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 eight specifications of professional misconduct.

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

I admit guilt to the sixth specification, practicing negligently on more than one occasion, in full satisfaction of the charges against me. I hereby agree to the following penalty: I shall be subject to a censure and reprimand and a limitation on my license pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law § 230-a (3), to wit: my practice of medicine will be restricted to the practice of ophthalmology with the exclusion of the treatment of glaucoma. If I diagnose a patient with glaucoma, I will immediately refer the patient to another ophthalmologist for treatment. I further agree to annually sign and submit to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, a Practice Restriction Declaration (Exhibit "B") and to permit a representative of

the Office of Professional Medical Conduct to make unannounced visits to my office to inspect my records for compliance with the license limitation. I shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct in its enforcement of this consent order, and its verification of my compliance with all of its terms.

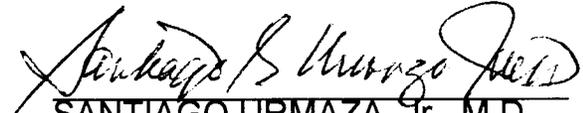
I agree that in the event I am charged with professional misconduct in the future, this agreement and order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

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

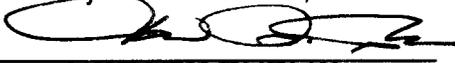
I understand that, in the event that this Application is not granted by the Board, nothing contained herein shall be binding upon me or construed to be an admission of any act of misconduct alleged or charged against me, such Application shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict 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 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.


SANTIAGO URMAZA, Jr., M.D.
RESPONDENT

Sworn to before me this
2ND day of SEPT., 1997



NOTARY PUBLIC

CARLOS G. GARCIA
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 4690665
Qualified in Suffolk County
Commission Expires 07/31/97

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

DATE: 9/2/97



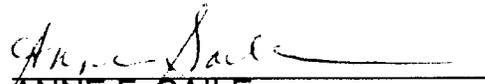
CARLOS GARCIA, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 9-97



DIANNE ABELOFF
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

DATE: 4/9/97



ANNE F. SAILE
Director
Office of Professional
Medical Conduct

Medical Conduct

**IN THE MATTER
OF
SANTIAGO URMAZA, Jr. , M.D.**

**STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES**

SANTIAGO URMAZA, Jr., M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about January 17, 1972, by the issuance of license number 111028 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. From on or about May 3, 1985, through on or about January 5, 1995, Respondent treated Patient A (Patient A's identity is contained in the Appendix) for glaucoma in his office, 887 Church Street, Bohemia, New York. During this period of time Patient A's intraocular pressure ranged from 16 to 20 mm. of Hg in both eyes; however, his vision greatly deteriorated.
1. Respondent failed to diagnose Patient A's condition as low tension glaucoma;
 2. Respondent failed to gonioscope Patient A's eye throughout the treatment period;
 3. Respondent failed to perform a sufficient number of visual field tests to adequately monitor and treat the patient's condition;

EXHIBIT "A"

4. Respondent failed to lower the pressure in Patient A's eyes through more medication, laser treatments or surgery.
5. Respondent failed to obtain a consultation on the management of Patient A's glaucoma.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST THROUGH FIFTH SPECIFICATIONS

GROSS NEGLIGENCE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(4)(McKinney Supp. 1997) by practicing the profession of medicine with gross negligence as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. Paragraph A and A 1.
2. Paragraph A and A 2.
3. Paragraph A and A3.
4. Paragraph A and A4.
5. Paragraph A and A5.

SIXTH SPECIFICATION

NEGLIGENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(3)(McKinney Supp. 1997) 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:

6. Paragraphs A, and A1, A and A2 and/ or A and A3.

FIFTH THROUGH SEVENTH SPECIFICATION

GROSS INCOMPETENCE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(6)(McKinney Supp. 1997) by practicing the profession of medicine with gross incompetence as alleged in the facts of the following:

7. Paragraph A and A1;
8. Paragraph A and A2;
9. Paragraph A and A3;

EIGHTH SPECIFICATION

INCOMPETENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(5)(McKinney Supp. 1997) by practicing the profession of medicine with incompetence on more than one occasion as alleged in the facts of two or more of the following:

10. Paragraph A and A1, A and A2 and/ or A and A3.

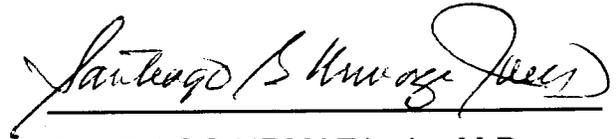
DATED: July , 1997
New York, New York

ROY NEMERSON
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

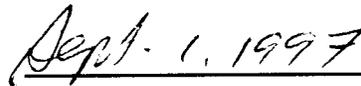
EXHIBIT "B"

PRACTICE RESTRICTION DECLARATION

I, SANTIAGO URMAZA, Jr., M.D., in compliance with the terms of my consent agreement and order, have at all times during the calendar year 199_ (specify year), abstained from the treatment of patients with glaucoma, both within and outside New York State.



SANTIAGO URMAZA, Jr., M.D.



DATE