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May 28, 2003

***CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED***

Donald Morrish, M.D.  
189 Auburn Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10314

RE: License No. 216159

Dear Dr. Morrish:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 03-138 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect June 4, 2003.

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 to 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: Raymond Belair, Esq.  
61 Broadway  
New York, NY 10006

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

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
DONALD MORRISH, M.D.

CONSENT  
ORDER

BPMC No. 03-138

Upon the proposed agreement of DONALD MORRISH, 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: 5-27-03

  
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  
DONALD MORRISH, M.D.

CONSENT  
AGREEMENT  
AND  
ORDER

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

DONALD MORRISH, M.D., (Respondent) being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on or about October 26, 1999, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 216159 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 189 Auburn Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10314, 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 six 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 Ninth Specification in the Statement of Charges (failing to maintain an adequate record) in full satisfaction of the charges against me.

I hereby agree to the following penalty:

My license shall be suspended for two years with said suspension entirely stayed.

**My license shall be placed on probation for five years under the terms and conditions attached hereto as Exhibit "B".**

**I further agree that the Consent Order for which I hereby apply shall impose the following conditions:**

**That, except during periods 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.**

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).

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.

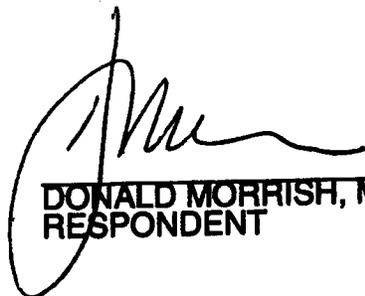
I agree that, in the event the Board grants my Application, as set forth herein, an order of the Chairperson of the Board shall be issued in accordance with same. I agree that such order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of 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.

AFFIRMED:

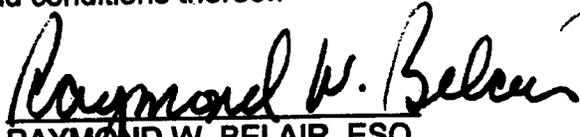
DATED 5/1/03



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DONALD MORRISH, M.D.  
RESPONDENT

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



RAYMOND W. BELAIR, ESQ.  
Attorney for Respondent

Date: 5/8/03



JUDE B. MULVEY, ESQ.  
Assistant Counsel  
Bureau of Professional  
Medical Conduct

Date: 23 May 2003



DENNIS GRAZIANO  
Director  
Office of Professional  
Medical Conduct

**EXHIBIT "A"**

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

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
DONALD MORRISH, M.D.

STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES

Donald Morrish, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on October 26, 1999, by the issuance of license number 216159 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. Respondent, an obstetrician/gynecologist, treated Patient A, a 22 year old female, from on or about July 13, 2000 to on or about August 23, 2000.
- B. Respondent, by letter dated February 19, 2001, submitted Patient A's medical records to OPMC.
1. Respondent, in his letter, advised OPMC that he performed a pelvic examination of Patient A on August 4, 2000. In fact, no pelvic examination was done or contemporaneously documented to have been done on this date.
  2. Respondent, in his letter, advised OPMC that on August 4, 2000, he performed a transvaginal ultrasound of Patient A, could not detect an

intrauterine pregnancy or an intrauterine gestational sac and the resulting endometrium stripe was 0.6cm. In fact, an ultrasound of Patient A was not performed that date, and Respondent knew such facts.

3. Respondent, in his letter, advised OPMC that he discussed Patient A's D & C pathology report with Patient A. In fact, Respondent did not have any such discussion with Patient A, and Respondent knew such facts.
4. Respondent, in his letter, advised OPMC that he discussed the possibility of a persistent pregnancy and/or trophoblastic disease with Patient A. In fact, no such discussion occurred and Respondent knew such facts.
5. Respondent, in his letter, advised OPMC that he discussed with Patient A the option to continue the pregnancy with appropriate prenatal care. In fact, no such discussion occurred and Respondent knew such facts.

C. OPMC, by letter dated December 14, 2000, requested that Respondent provide the "complete" medical record of Patient A from Respondent. Respondent, on or about February 19, 2001 provided his records regarding Patient A in response to the OPMC request. The records of Patient A provided to OPMC contained alterations to the record which did not accurately reflect the care provided to Patient A.

D. Respondent was interviewed on November 15, 2001 by representatives of OPMC including [REDACTED], OPMC Medical Coordinator, and [REDACTED], OPMC Supervising Investigator. Respondent repeated and realleged the facts recited in paragraphs B and B(1), B and B(2), B and B(3), B and B(4) and/or B and B(5).

**SPECIFICATIONS OF MISCONDUCT**

**FIRST THROUGH THIRD SPECIFICATIONS**  
**PRACTICING THE PROFESSION FRAUDULENTLY**

Respondent is charged with practicing the profession fraudulently within the meaning of Education Law § 6530(2) in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in paragraphs B and B.1, B and B.2, B and B.3, B and B.4 and/or B and B.5;
2. The facts in paragraph C;
3. The facts in paragraph D.

**FOURTH THROUGH SIXTH SPECIFICATIONS**  
**MORAL UNFITNESS**

Respondent is charged with conduct in the practice of medicine which evidences moral unfitness within the meaning of Education Law § 6530(20) in that Petitioner charges:

4. The facts in paragraphs B and B.1, B and B.2, B and B.3, B and B.4 and/or B and B.5;
5. The facts in paragraphs C;
6. The facts in paragraph D.

**SEVENTH AND EIGHTH SPECIFICATIONS**  
**WILLFULLY MAKING OR FILING A FALSE REPORT**

Respondent is charged with willfully making or filing a false report within the meaning of Education Law § 6530(21) in that Petitioner charges:

7. The facts in paragraphs B and B.1;
8. The facts in paragraph C.

**NINTH SPECIFICATION**  
**FAILING TO MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE RECORD**

Respondent is charged with failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient within the meaning of Education Law § 6530(32) in that Petitioner charges:

9. The facts in paragraphs B and B.1.

DATED:

~~May~~ <sup>12</sup> ~~April~~, 2003  
Albany, New York

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

## EXHIBIT "B"

### Terms of Probation

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 period of probation 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 probation shall resume and any terms of probation which 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/her 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 physician, board certified in an appropriate specialty, ("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 of no less than 10% 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.
8. Respondent shall complete 50 hours of Continuing Medical Education. The 50 hours must include at least 10 hours in Ethics and 20 hours in courses involving the early detection of pregnancy. All courses must be submitted in writing to the Office of Professional medical Conduct for approval.
  9. Respondent shall comply with all terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations and penalties to which he or she 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 a violation of probation proceeding and/or any such other proceeding against Respondent as may be authorized pursuant to the law.