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August 15, 2000

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

James Yuri Severinsky, M.D.
311 West 75th Street
New York, New York 10023

RE: License No. 202749

Dear Dr Severinsky:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 00-226 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect August 15, 2000.

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: Sherilyn Dandridge, Esq.
Reid, Dandridge, Rodriques and Rouse
36 West Forty-Fourth Street
New York, New York 10036

Marcia E. Kaplan, Esq.

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
JAMES YURI SEVERINSKY, M.D.

CONSENT
ORDER

BPMC # 00-226

Upon the proposed agreement of JAMES YURI SEVERINSKY, 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: 8/14/00



WILLIAM P. DILLON, M.D.
Chair
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

IN THE MATTER
OF
JAMES YURI SEVERINSKY, M.D.

CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND
ORDER

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF) ss.:

JAMES YURI SEVERINSKY, M.D., (Respondent) being duly sworn,
deposes and says:

That on or about April 1, 1996, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 202749 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 311 West 75th Street, New York, N.Y. 10023 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 three specifications of professional misconduct.

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

I do not contest the First and Third Specifications, in full satisfaction of the charges against me. I hereby agree to the following penalty:

A three (3) year period of suspension, with the first six (6) months a period of actual suspension, with terms and conditions as set forth in attached Exhibit "C," and the remaining thirty (30) months a period of stayed suspension, and thirty (30) months of probation commencing upon completion of the period of actual suspension, as further set forth in attached 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.

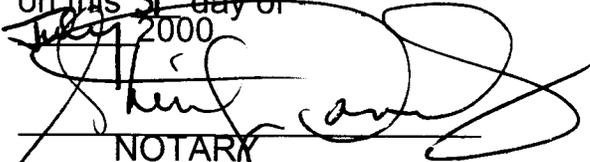
I agree that, in the event the Board grants my Application, as set forth herein, an order of the Chairperson of the Board shall be issued in accordance with same. I agree that such order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of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

DATED July 31, 2000


JAMES YURI SEVERINSKY, M.D.
RESPONDENT

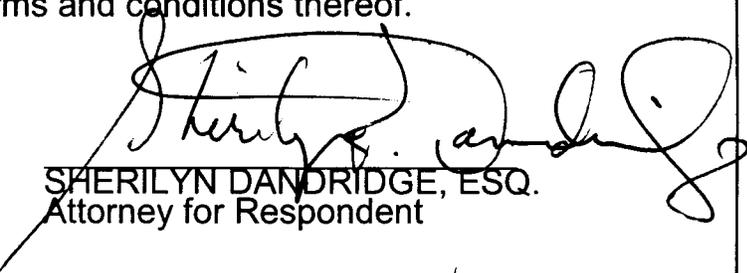
Sworn to before me
on this 31 day of
July 2000


NOTARY

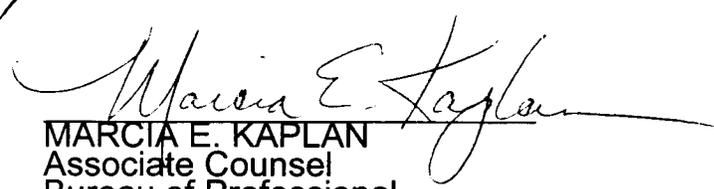
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Notary Public, State of New York
No. 02DA5075897
Qualified in Queens County
Commission Expires April 07, ~~2001~~

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

DATE: July 31, 2000


SHERILYN DANDRIDGE, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: August 2, 2000


MARCIA E. KAPLAN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

DATE: 8/9/00


ANNE F. SAILE
Director
Office of Professional
Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "A"

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

**IN THE MATTER
OF
JAMES YURI SEVERINSKY, M.D.**

**STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES**

JAMES YURI SEVERINSKY, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about April 1, 1996, by the issuance of license number 202749 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. In or about September 1997, without first obtaining Patient A's consent, Respondent inappropriately revealed personally identifiable information with respect to Patient A, who was not Respondent's patient but whose computerized records were accessible to, and accessed by, Respondent in his professional capacity at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center Westchester Division, to Respondent's patient, Patient B, thereby breaching Patient A's right to the confidentiality of that information.
- B. In or about March 1998, Respondent knowingly inappropriately advertised himself on a web page on the Internet, and in related e-mail correspondence, as an independent practicing psychiatrist when he knew that was misleading in that he was at that time a resident in training, i.e. a member of the residency training program (PGY3) at the New York and Presbyterian Hospital.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

**REVEALING PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE
INFORMATION WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(23)(McKinney Supp. 2000) by revealing of personally identifiable facts, data, or information obtained in a professional capacity without the prior consent of the patient, except as authorized or required by law, as alleged in the facts of:

1. Paragraph A.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

FRAUDULENT PRACTICE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(2)(McKinney Supp. 2000) by practicing the profession of medicine fraudulently as alleged in the facts of the following:

2. Paragraph B.

THIRD SPECIFICATION

ADVERTISING NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(27)(McKinney Supp. 2000) by advertising or soliciting for patronage that is not in the public interest, including false, fraudulent, deceptive and misleading advertising, as alleged in the facts of:

3. Paragraph B.

DATED: July , 2000
New York, New York

ROY NEMERSON
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

8. Respondent 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. Respondent 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 Respondent 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, Respondent 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 Respondent 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-a of the Public Health Law, which includes fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of charges of which the Respondent is found guilty and may include revocation of a suspended license.

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 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 comply with all terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations and penalties to which he 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 by law.

EXHIBIT "C"

GUIDELINES FOR CLOSING A MEDICAL PRACTICE FOLLOWING A REVOCATION, SURRENDER OR SUSPENSION (of 6 months or more) OF A MEDICAL LICENSE

1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in accordance with the terms of the Order. In addition, Respondent shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application and from representing himself as being eligible to practice medicine.
2. Respondent shall have delivered to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299 his original license to practice medicine in New York State and current biennial registration within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Order.
3. Respondent shall within fifteen (15) days of the Order notify his patients of the cessation of his medical practice and will refer all patients to another licensed practicing physician for their continued care, as appropriate.
4. Respondent shall make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of the medical records of his patients. Within thirty days of the effective date of the Order, Respondent 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 Respondent holds a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) certificate, Respondent shall within fifteen (15) days advise the DEA in writing of the licensure action and shall surrender his DEA controlled substance privileges to the DEA. Respondent shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2 to the DEA.
6. Respondent shall within fifteen (15) days return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Controlled Substances of the New York State Department of Health. Respondent 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. Respondent shall not share, occupy or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services. Respondent shall cause all signs to be removed within fifteen (15) days and stop all advertisements, professional listings whether in telephone directories or otherwise, professional stationery or billings by which his eligibility to practice is represented.