



**Board for Professional Medical Conduct**

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Executive Secretary

October 5, 1993

**CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Robert Woolhandler, M.D.  
625 Lasalle Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14215

RE: License No. 120466  
Effective Date: 10/12/93

Dear Dr. Woolhandler:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 93-156 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  
Empire State Plaza  
Tower Building-Room 438  
Albany, New York 12237-0756

Sincerely,

C. Maynard Guest, M.D.  
Executive Secretary  
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

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

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IN THE MATTER :  
OF : ORDER  
ROBERT WOOLHANDLER, M.D. : BPMC #93-156

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Upon the Application of ROBERT WOOLHANDLER, M.D.  
(Respondent) to surrender his license as a physician in the State  
of New York, which application is made a part hereof, it is

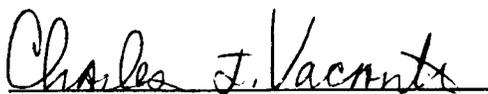
ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof  
are hereby adopted; it is further

ORDERED, that the name of Respondent be stricken from  
the roster of physicians in the State of New York; 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 via certified mail, whichever is  
earliest.

SO ORDERED,

DATED: 30 September 1993

  
CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.  
Chairperson  
State Board for Professional  
Medical Conduct

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

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IN THE MATTER : APPLICATION  
: TO  
OF : SURRENDER  
ROBERT A. WOOLHANDLER, M.D. : LICENSE  
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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)

ss.:

COUNTY OF )

ROBERT A. WOOLHANDLER, M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and  
says:

On or about July 1, 1974, I was licensed to practice as a  
physician in the State of New York having been issued License  
No. 120466 by the New York State Education Department. I am not  
currently registered with the New York State Education  
Department to practice as a physician in the State of New York.

I understand that I have been charged with two  
specifications of professional misconduct as set forth in the  
Statement of Charges, annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and  
marked as Exhibit A.

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 guilt to the specifications of professional misconduct set forth in the charges.

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

I understand that, in the event that the application is not granted by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, 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 State Board for Professional Medical Conduct shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I agree that in the event the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct grants my application, an order shall be issued

striking my name from the roster of physicians in the State of New York without further notice to me.

I am making this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion, or restraint of any kind or manner.

Robert A. Woolhandler M.D.  
ROBERT A. WOOLHANDER, M.D.  
Respondent

Sworn to before me this  
20th day of Sept., 1993

Kelly L. Nixdorf  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary Seal  
Kelly L. Nixdorf, Notary Public  
Mantz Boro, Westmoreland County  
My Commission Expires Aug. 19, 1996  
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

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

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IN THE MATTER : APPLICATION TO  
OF : SURRENDER  
ROBERT A. WOOLHANDLER, M.D. : LICENSE  
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The undersigned agree to the attached application of the  
Respondent to surrender his license.

Date: Sept. 20, 1993

Robert A. Woolhandler M.D.

ROBERT A. WOOLHANDLER, M.D.  
Respondent

Date: Sept. 20, 1993

Michael E. Rosenfield

MICHAEL E. ROSENFELD  
Attorney for Respondent

Date: Sept 23, 1993

Kevin C. Roe

KEVIN C. ROE  
Associate Counsel  
Bureau of Professional  
Medical Conduct

Date: Oct. 1, 1993

Kathleen M. Tanner

KATHLEEN M. TANNER  
Director, Office of Professional  
Medical Conduct

ROBERT A. WOOLHANDLER, M.D.

Date: 30 September, 1993

*Charles J. Vacanti*

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CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.  
Chairperson, State Board for  
Professional Medical Conduct

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

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IN THE MATTER : STATEMENT  
OF : OF  
ROBERT A. WOOLHANDLER, M.D. : CHARGES

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ROBERT A. WOOLHANDLER, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on July 1, 1974 by the issuance of license number 120466 by the New York State Education Department. The Respondent is not currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice medicine in the State of New York.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about July 15, 1988, Respondent was convicted in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania of five counts of prescribing to drug dependent persons in violation of 35 Pennsylvania Statutes §780-113(a)(13) and five counts of possession of a controlled substance in violation of 35 Pennsylvania Statutes §780-113(a)(16) based on his pleas of guilty. Respondent was sentenced to 10 years probation, fined \$50,000.00, and ordered to surrender his Drug Enforcement Administration license and not to reapply for such license until

probation is completed. The acts for which Respondent was convicted in Pennsylvania would, if committed within this State, constitute crimes under New York Penal Law §§220.03, 220.31 and/or 220.65.

B. On or about March 28, 1990, the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine found that Respondent has violated 63 Pennsylvania Statutes §422.41(3) by having been convicted of violations of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act which relate to a health profession. The Pennsylvania Board suspended Respondent's license for two years, stayed such suspension except for three months, and placed Respondent on probation for a period of time concurrent with his criminal probation. The Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine's findings were based on conduct which would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under New York Education Law §6530(9)(a)(i).

#### SPECIFICATIONS

##### FIRST SPECIFICATION

##### CRIMINAL CONVICTION

Respondent is charged with having been convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under the law of another

jurisdiction and which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a crime under New York State Law, in violation of New York Education Law §6530(9)(a)(i) (McKinney Supp. 1993), in that, Petitioner alleges:

1. The facts in paragraph A.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

OUT OF STATE DISCIPLINE

Respondent is charged with having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized 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 violation of New York Education Law §6530(9)(b) (McKinney Supp. 1993) in that, Petitioner alleges:

2. The facts in paragraph B.

DATED: Albany, New York

*August 27, 1993*



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