

### New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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December 24, 2002

#### CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Bernard David Raxlen, M.D. 22 Lafayette Place Greenwich, CT 06830

RE: Lice

License No. 170256

Dear Dr. Raxlen:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 02-383 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect December 24, 2002.

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.

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.

**Executive Secretary** 

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc:

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

#### IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

OF

**AGREEMENT** 

#### BERNARD DAVID RAXLEN, M.D. CO-02-07-3370-A

AND ORDER
BPMC #02-383

#### BERNARD DAVID RAXLEN, M.D., (Respondent) deposes and says:

That on or about June 3, 1987, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 170256 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 22 Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT 06830 and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address within thirty (30) days thereof.

I understand that the New York State Board of Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with two (2) 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 Factual Allegations A and B(5) and the two (2) specifications, in full satisfaction of the charges against me. I, hereby, agree to the following penalties:

Censure and Reprimand.

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 active 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 possess his/her 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/her licensee.

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 that I am charged with professional misconduct in the future, the 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: 12/16/02

BERNARD DAVID RAXLEN, M.D.

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Respondent

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

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ROBERT BOGAN

Associate Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduc

DATE: 18 December 2002

DENNIS J. GRAZIANO

Director

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

| STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH      |           |
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| STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT  |           |
| IN THE MATTER                                 | STATEMENT |
| OF  | OF        |
| BERNARD DAVID RAXLEN, M.D.<br>CO-02-07-3370-A | CHARGES   |

**BERNARD DAVID RAXLEN, M.D.,** the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on June 3,1987, by the issuance of license number 170256 by the New York State Education Department.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. On or about April 23, 2002, the State of Connecticut, Connecticut Medical Examining Board, (hereinafter "Connecticut Board"), by a Memorandum of Decision (hereinafter "Connecticut Decision"), ordered issuance of a reprimand against Respondent and required him to pay a \$20,000.00 civil penalty, based on failure to provide the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, (hereinafter "Connecticut Department"), with patient records when requested by the Connecticut Department, made false statements to the Connecticut Department, and transferred the patient records to prevent a review of the patient records by the Connecticut Department.
- B. The conduct resulting in the Connecticut Board's disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State, pursuant to the following sections of New York State law:
  - 1. New York Education Law §6530(2) (practicing the profession fraudulently);
- 2. New York Education Law §6530(16) (willful or grossly negligent failure to comply with federal, state or local laws, rules or regulations governing the practice of medicine);
  - 3. New York Education Law §6530(20) (moral unfitness);
- 4. New York Education Law §6530(21) (willfully making or filing a false report); and/or

5. New York Education Law §6530(28) (failing to make available any relevant records).

# SPECIFICATIONS FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional 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 that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

#### **SECOND SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

DATED: Novemble 14, 2002 Albany, New York

PETER D. VAN BUREN

Deputy Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

OF

ORDER

BERNARD DAVID RAXLEN, M.D.

Upon the proposed agreement of **BERNARD DAVID RAXLEN**, **M.D.** (Respondent) for Consent Order, which application is made a part hereof, it is agreed 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

WILLIAM P. DILLON, M.D.

Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

TOTAL P.07