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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE)
ISSUED TO:

Administrative Action

GANGARAM RAGI, M.D.
License No. 56750

INTERIM ORDER

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY)
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter **having been** opened on the Board's review of **Indictment** No. S-0867-03, State v. Ragi, certain witness statements and **investigative** materials provided by the Office of the Bergen County Prosecutor, an additional **complaint** received by the Board and three sets of **patient** records and good cause appearing for the entry hereof

It is on this 11th day of June, 2003

ORDERED AND AGREED:

1. Pending further order of the Board, Gangaram Ragi, M.D. shall not provide any medical diagnosis, treatment or any medical service, prescription, device or medication to any female patient unless such diagnosis, treatment or **providing** of a medical service is performed in the immediate, in-room presence of an independent practice monitor (IPM) appointed by the Board of Medical Examiners.

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2. The Board shall forthwith identify and appoint such IPM who shall be either a duly licensed, registered professional nurse (R.N.) or a licensed practice nurse (L.P.N.) in good standing with **the** New Jersey Board of Nursing. The IPM shall report to, and receive direction from, the **Board's** Medical Director but shall not be **deemed** to be an **employee** of either the Board or Gangaram Ragi, M.D.

3. The IPM shall **be** immediately present in any examining or operating room or any other practice location where and **when** Gangaram Ragi, M.D. diagnoses, treats or in any way provides a medical service to a female patient.

4. The IPM shall directly observe and **monitor** by continuous in-room presence, medical **services** provided to all female patients of **Gangaram Ragi, M.D.** and shall, in **particular**, observe any touching or **examination** of a patient's **breast** or vaginal area. Where **any** such touching by Gangaram Ragi, M.D. is medically **inappropriate**, the IPM shall immediately notify the Board's Medical Director and provide a written report of the observation(s) and the reason(s) for any perceived medical impropriety.

5. The TPM shall, on a monthly basis, provide a written report to the Board's Medical Director. The report shall set forth the number of **female patients** monitored and the monitoring functions performed as required hereby. Absent any observed medical or other impropriety, the report may generally so indicate. Any act or practice by Gangaram Ragi, M.D. **involving** a patient's breasts or **vaginal** area or any **act** or practice involving any sexually inappropriate touching (e.g. kissing or **hugging**) or sexually inappropriate language which may engender an

issue or question as to the propriety of such conduct shall be identified in the IPM's report. Where the Board's Medical Director deems it appropriate and consistent with the purpose of this order, a copy of any report received from the IPM may be provided to Gangaram Ragi, M.D. Where any report from the IPM is received and indicates the absence of any observed impropriety or any issue or question requiring Board action, a copy of that report shall be provided to Gangaram Ragi, M.D.

6. Gangaram Ragi, M.D., within fifteen (15) days following receipt of any invoice for the IPM's services and any costs reasonably related thereto, shall satisfy said invoice. Failure to pay for the IPM's services and costs in accordance herewith may, in the Board's discretion, be a basis for the suspension of the license to practice medicine and surgery issued to Gangaram Ragi, M.D.

7. The Board may at any time hereafter exercise any authority conferred by law.

State Board of Medical Examiners

By William V. Harrer, M.D., B.L.D.
WILLIAM V. HARRER, M.D., B.L.D.
President

I have consulted with counsel, Theodosia Tamborlane, Esq., and I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this order. I agree to be bound by them, and I hereby give my consent to the Board to enter this order.

Gangaram Ragi
Gangaram Ragi, M.D.