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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
	:	
ARMAND J. GRASSO, M.D.	:	
	:	
	:	CONSENT ORDER
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE & SURGERY IN	:	
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was most recently opened to the State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") by the doctor's appearance before the Preliminary Evaluation Committee ("PEC") of the Board pursuant to the terms of a Board Order filed July 8, 2002. The history of this matter, as contained in the Board's file, reflects that an Administrative Complaint was filed on April 17, 2000 and an Answer denying the allegations was filed on April 25, 2000. The hearing took place in the Office of Administrative and the Initial Decision of ALJ Maria LaFiandra was issued on April 25, 2002. Thereafter, the Board considered the parties exceptions and issued

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its Order of July, 2002 which adopted the findings of the ALJ and suspended the doctor's license for three years (1 year active and two years stayed), required that he pay a penalty and costs, and required successful completion of an ethics course acceptable to the Board. The Respondent's application to the Appellate Division for a stay of the Board's Order was denied, therefore suspension was effective on July 17, 2002. Respondent perfected his appeal but prior to its resolution the parties entered a global settlement in an Order of May 22, 2003 pursuant to which the penalty was fixed at \$9,375.00 and the remainder of the discipline ordered by the Board remained in place. The settlement also established a payment plan for payment of the penalty and costs.

On June 4, 2003 Respondent appeared before a committee of the Board. Upon consideration of that testimony the Board is satisfied that Respondent has complied with the terms of the active suspension. He has maintained his medical proficiency during his absence from practice as demonstrated by his re-certification by the ACOG, and he has completed a course in ethics acceptable to the Board. The Board is satisfied that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare;

Therefore, it is on this 17th day of July , 2003

ORDERED:

1. The active period of suspension imposed by the Board's Order of July 8, 2002 shall terminate on July 16, 2003 and

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respondent shall return to practice on July 17, 2003 at which time he shall commence the stayed portion of the suspension which shall terminate on July 17, 2005.

2. The stayed period of suspension shall be deemed a period of probation. During the period of probation, respondent's supervisor shall be the Chair of the OB/Gyn Department of Meadowlands Hospital. The signature of the Chairperson on a fully executed copy of this Order shall indicate his/her agreement to perform the following supervisory functions:

- a. The supervisor shall advise the Board as to the nature and quality of respondent's practice on a monthly basis for the first three months in which respondent holds hospital privileges subsequent to entry of this Order and on a quarterly basis thereafter for the balance of the term of probation.
- b. The supervisor agrees to advise the Board immediately in the event of any bad outcomes or untoward events in deliveries and/or surgeries performed by Dr. Grasso or at which he is a participating physician.
- c. All reports hereunder shall be provided to the Board's Medical Director.

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3. The Board hereby accepts the ethics course proposed by respondent and finds that he has satisfactory completed that course and thus the requirements of the Board's order in that regard.

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By: David M. Wallace, M.D.

I have read and understood the foregoing Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Armand J. Grasso
Armand J. Grasso, M.D.

Consented to as to form:

Joseph M. Gorrell
Joseph Gorrell, Esq.

I consent to undertake the supervision required herein

Chair, Department of OB/Gyn
Meadowlands Hospital

Joseph M. Gorrell

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3. The Board hereby accepts the ethics course proposed by respondent and finds that he has satisfactory completed that course

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By: David M. Wallace
David M. Wallace, M.D.
Board President

I have read and understood the foregoing Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Armand J. Grasso
Armand J. Grasso, M.D.

Consented to as to Form:

Joseph Correll
Joseph Correll, Esq.

I consent to undertake the supervision required hereby

[Signature]
CHIEF, Department of Surgery
Meadowlands Hospital