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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :	Administrative Action
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF :	
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BeenChir "Angel" Hu, RP :	CONSENT ORDER
License No. 28RI02773200 :	
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TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE :	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :	

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy upon receipt of information from the family of Y.L., indicating that on May 21, 2007 and on June 21, 2007, BeenChir a/k/a "Angel" Hu, RP ("Respondent") dispensed Purinethol in error to patient Y.L. when Y.L.'s prescription called for Propylthiouracil. This dispensing error resulted in Y.L. consuming Purinethol, which caused Y.L., who was six months

pregnant, to spontaneously abort her fetus on June 25, 2007, and then die shortly thereafter when she coded following delivery of the placenta.

A Board investigation revealed that the prescribing physician wrote the abbreviation "PTU" on patient Y.L.'s prescription instead of spelling out the word propylthiouracil. When Y.L.'s prescription was presented to the pharmacy, the pharmacy data-entry employee entered the wrong prescription information into the computer, and the pharmacy technician then affixed a sticker with the wrong prescription information to the medication bottle for patient Y.L. Respondent then failed to detect this data entry error and the incorrect medication was dispensed to patient Y.L. Respondent acknowledges her error and has expressed sincere remorse.

The Board hereby finds that Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes failure to comply with regulations administered by the Board in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) insofar as Respondent failed to conduct an appropriate review of the patient profile as required by N.J.A.C. 13:39-7.19(e) and did not ensure the accuracy and appropriateness of prescriptions filled by a pharmacy technician as required by N.J.A.C. 13:39-6.5.

In determining an appropriate resolution of this matter, the

Board considered that the use of abbreviations on prescriptions is generally disfavored due to the possibility of misinterpretation. The Board recognizes that numerous alerts have been issued to physicians specifically warning against the use of the abbreviation "PTU" when prescribing propylthiouracil because this abbreviation is often confused with the generic version of Purinethol. The Board also took into consideration Respondent's immediate acceptance of responsibility and sincere expression of remorse regarding her own contribution to the series of events which ultimately caused Y.L. to spontaneously abort her fetus, and then die shortly thereafter. The Board notes that Respondent, upon first learning of this incident in April 2008, immediately and voluntarily refrained from the practice of pharmacy and continues to refrain from practice. She has voluntarily refrained from practice for a period of approximately 16 months.

The parties, having agreed to resolution of this matter without further formal proceedings, and Respondent, having agreed and given her voluntary consent to the within order and waiving her right to a hearing, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare, and other good cause having been shown:

IT IS THEREFORE on this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of Oct, 2009,

ORDERED AND AGREED that,

1. Respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is suspended for two (2) years, the first year shall be served as a period of active suspension and the second year shall be stayed and served as a period of probation. The active period of suspension shall be effective retroactive to September 9, 2008, granting credit for a one year period during which Respondent voluntarily refrained from practice. The one year period of probation shall begin on the date this Order is filed.

2. During her period of probation Respondent shall not act as a preceptor or a pharmacist-in-charge (RPIC) at any pharmacy and shall not own or have an ownership interest in any pharmacy.

3. Respondent shall take and successfully complete four (4) continuing education credits in medication errors or patient safety as described in N.J.A.C. 13:39-3A.1 et. seq. Respondent shall submit to the Board documentation of the successful completion of said continuing education credits within one (1) year of the filing of this Order. Successful completion means that all sessions were attended, all assignments were properly and appropriately completed, and a passing grade was achieved which was unconditional and without reservations. These credits

shall be in addition to the 30 credits of continuing education required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:39-3A.1 et. seq. as a condition of biennial license renewal.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: Edward G. McGinley  
Edward G. McGinley, R.Ph.  
President

I have read the within Order and understand it. I agree to be bound by its terms and hereby consent to it being entered by the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy.

BeenChir  
BeenChir "Angel" Hu, R.P.

Dated: 9-14-09

I consent to the entry of this order as to form.

Kevin H. Marino  
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Attorney for BeenChir "Angel" Hu, R.P.

Dated: 9-24-09