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NO. 86-I-083-D

In the Matter of :

CHARLES D. ALFORD, M. D. :

CONSENT ORDER

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8-26-81

Pursuant to notification of August 7, 1987, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board"), through its Investigating Officer, Dr. F. P. Bordelon ("Dr. Bordelon"), advised Charles D. Alford, M. D., ("Dr. Alford") of an investigation of his medical practice prompted by reports of two serious medical malpractice claims which were settled in Dr. Alford's behalf. A meeting took place on August 19, 1987, at which Dr. Alford, Dr. Bordelon and the Board's counsel, Donna G. Klein, were present.

Upon examination of the information of the records of all malpractice claims filed against Dr. Alford; the medical records of the two settled cases, wherein both patients died; the findings and recommendations of two physicians Board

Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Bordelon finds that the concerns he perceived regarding Dr. Alford's skill and judgment will be adequately ameliorated by Dr. Alford's strict compliance with a Consent Order, agreeable to both the Board and Dr. Alford.

Recognizing his right to adjudication, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 49:955-58, and to be represented therein by legal counsel, Dr. Alford nonetheless hereby waives his right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 49:955(B). Without admitting any violation of the Medical Practice Act, Dr. Alford hereby consents to the entry of the following Order. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by LSA-R.S. 37:1285 and LSA-R.S. 49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Dr. Alford comply with the following conditions on his medical practice in Obstetrics and Gynecology:

- Dr. Alford shall obtain a second opinion by a physician Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology prior to performing a primary Cesarean Section, a section-hysterectomy or any major obstetrical or gynecological surgical procedure;
- Dr. Alford shall have an M.D. first assistant during all major surgical procedures;

- 3. Dr. Alford shall consult a surgeon, internist or other appropriate specialist when any patient of his is admitted to an Intensive Care Unit;
- 4. Dr. Alford shall maintain a log, by number and type, of all prescriptions written by him for controlled substances, both in-patient and out-patient prescriptions;
- 5. Dr. Alford shall show yearly evidence of at least 50 hours of Continuing Medical Education, 25 hours of which shall be in Category I.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Dr. Alford will forward to Dr. Bordelon, every ninety (90) days, copies of all operative reports on the surgical procedures specified in number 1 above, along with the second opinions concurring with said procedures, and the log of prescriptions for controlled substances, as set forth in number 4 above, for the preceding ninety (90) days; further, Dr. Alford will provide yearly evidence to Dr. Bordelon of his compliance with number 5 above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth herein and/or any violation of the Medical Practice Act (La.Rev.Stat.37:1261 and 37:1291, as amended) shall be deemed just cause for the suspension or revocation of the Medical Licensure of Dr. Charles D. Alford or for such other disciplinary action as the Board

deems appropriate, as if such violation was enumerated among the causes provided in LSA-R.S. 37:1285, et seq.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 20 day of Lugus, 1987.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

F. P. BORDELON, M. D. Investigating Officer

## CONSENT

I HEREBY CONSENT, AGREE AND APPROVE the above and fore-going Order of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed therein and do so of my own free will and accord.

Hammond, Louisiana, this 26th day of Olig

CHARLES D. ALFORD, M. D.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA

On this Londay of M.D., known to me to be the appeared, Charles D. Alford, M.D., known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing CONSENT ORDER, and acknowledged that he executed it as his own free act and deed; that before signing it, he read said CONSENT ORDER; that he understands and appreciates its terms and conditions, and particularly that said terms and conditions are mandatory requirements in order for him to continue to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana.

CHARLES D. ALFORD, M. D.

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