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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

In The Matter Of

DOUGLAS EUGENE HALL, M.D.
(Certificate No. 08976R)

CONSENT ORDER
00-I-086

The above-captioned proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") following receipt of apparently reliable information indicating that **DOUGLAS EUGENE HALL, M.D.** ("Dr. Hall" or "Respondent"), a physician licensed by the Board to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana and at all times pertinent engaged in the practice of emergency medicine in the Morgan City, Louisiana area, had approached patients outside the generally acceptable boundaries of the physician-patient relationship. Subsequently, Dr. Hall ceased practicing medicine in the state of Louisiana and relocated to the state of Indiana.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Medical Consultant/Director of Investigations ("DOI"). The DOI's review and analysis of the matter confirms to his satisfaction that, although just cause exists for recommending that a formal Administrative Complaint be filed against Dr. Hall, charging him with violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"),

La.Rev.Stat. §37:1285A(13) and (15), the matters under investigation may be resolved without the necessity of filing an Administrative Complaint.

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Hall acknowledges the substantial accuracy of complaints and actions involving two patients demonstrating a failure to maintain appropriate physician/patient boundaries regarding conduct, the perception of which is sexual in nature and, further, that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing would establish grounds under the Act for the suspension, revocation, or other such action against his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board might deem appropriate, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A(13) and (15).

Recognizing his right to have notice of any allegation or charge asserted against him, to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time Dr. Hall would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. §§49:955-965, Dr. Hall, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges, formal adjudication, and written decision, and, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter and by his subscription hereto acknowledges that the Board's jurisdiction to completely adjudicate the matters under investigation has attached and such jurisdiction will continue notwithstanding Dr. Hall's relocation to the state of Indiana, and that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Practice Act or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, to contest his agreement to, or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Hall also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto, as well as his legal counsel assisting him in

connection herewith, to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation of this matter and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La.Rev.Stat. §49:960. Dr. Hall expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of the information to the Board by the Investigating Officer, or his legal counsel, shall be without prejudice to the DOI's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against him, or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint, should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the information provided, accordingly, and upon the recommendation of the DOI assigned to this matter, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter, by consent.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La.Rev.Stat. §37:1285 and La.Rev.Stat. §49:955 (D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Douglas Eugene Hall, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana as evidenced by Certificate No.08976R, be, and the same is hereby, OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED, and

IT IS ORDERED that Dr. Hall's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, as well as his continuing exercise of the rights and privileges thereunder, shall be conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms and conditions:

- (a) **Medical Ethics.** Dr. Hall shall, within one (1) year from the Board's acceptance of this Order, take a course on the subject of medical ethics, which is acceptable to and pre-approved by the Board. Dr. Hall shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of the successful completion of such course.

- (b) **Notice of Relocation to Louisiana and Personal Appearance Before the Board.** Following the satisfaction of the term set forth in the paragraph (a) above, and in the event that Dr. Hall should at anytime in the future decide to relocate to Louisiana for the purpose of practicing medicine, he shall contact the Board at least sixty (60) days in advance of his desired return to Louisiana to arrange an appearance before the Board or its designee at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
- (c) **Additional Terms.** In addition to such other terms and conditions as are placed upon his license to practice medicine by this Order, Dr. Hall hereby consents to, agrees with and acquiesces in the imposition of any additional terms, conditions or restrictions as well as the length and nature thereof, which the Board in its sole discretion may deem necessary or appropriate to impose thereon should he at any time in the future decide to relocate to the state of Louisiana for the purpose of engaging in the practice of medicine.

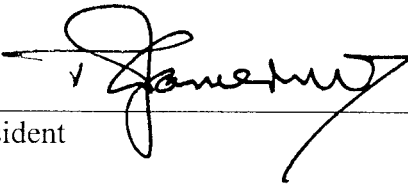
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Order as set forth hereinabove, shall be deemed adequate and/or sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the suspension and/or revocation of Dr. Hall's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La.Rev.Stat. §37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed in New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective on this 25TH day of July,

2001.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
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By: 
President

STATE OF Indiana
~~PARISH~~/COUNTY OF Grant

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT

I, Douglas Eugene Hall, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to the entry of the above and foregoing Order this 7 day of May, 2001.

Douglas E Hall M.D.
Douglas Eugene Hall, M.D.

WITNESSES:

Vicki Brock
Signature

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Marta Johnson
Signature

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at MARION, Indiana, ~~Louisiana~~, this 7th day of May, 2001, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

My commission
expires:
12-6-08

Donald H. Loslie
NOTARY PUBLIC
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