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In The Matter Of :
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LARRY SACHIIHIKO SASAKI, M.D. :
(License No. 11148R) :
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No. 08-I-560

**CONSENT
ORDER**

Larry Sachihiko Sasaki, M.D. ("Dr. Sasaki"), is a physician licensed to practice in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by License Number 11148R. Dr. Sasaki is engaged in the practice of general surgery, specializing in colo-rectal surgery, in and around Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana. The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), through its Investigating Officer ("IO"), opened an investigation of Dr. Sasaki after he self-reported to the Board in his May 2008 renewal application that Christus Schumpert Hospital in Shreveport was reviewing his elective colon resection cases. The Board obtained peer review material from Christus Schumpert that confirmed the information reported by Dr. Sasaki and showed that Christus Schumpert had placed Dr. Sasaki under Mandatory Concurrent Review of all bowel resection cases before any proposed procedure could be scheduled or performed by Dr. Sasaki within the Christus Schumpert Health System. Dr. Sasaki is not currently subject to any similar peer review, nor to the IO's knowledge has he ever been subject to any similar peer review, regarding proposed surgeries at any other medical facilities in Louisiana where he holds privileges. In August 2009, Christus Schumpert lifted the requirement of Mandatory Concurrent Review and instituted a random retrospective chart review of surgical cases performed by Dr. Sasaki, for a minimum period of twelve (12) months. To date, the IO is not aware of any problems that have been revealed during that retrospective chart review.

Dr. Sasaki, without admitting the accuracy of the Administrative Complaint filed in August of 2009, or any violations of the Medical Practice Act, acknowledges that the reported information provided the IO with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against him.

On the basis of reliable information the Board is persuaded that (a) the behavior exhibited by Dr. Sasaki, particularly the deficient pre-operative documentation of cases, may be susceptible to effective correction, resulting in the maintenance of his capacity to engage in the practice of medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients; and (b) Dr. Sasaki has actually demonstrated a commitment to the appropriate pre-operative documentation of cases. In consideration of these findings and the recommendation of the IO respecting the pending investigation, the Board has concluded that its

responsibility to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state against the unprofessional, unqualified and unsafe practice of medicine will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent.

Recognizing his right to administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against him, at which time Dr. Sasaki 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. § 49:951, *et seq.*, Dr. Sasaki, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Sasaki acknowledges that he waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§ 49:951, *et seq.*, or which he otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Sasaki also authorizes the IO 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, and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. § 49:960. Dr. Sasaki expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the IO shall be without prejudice to the IO's authority to proceed with the filing and adjudication of an administrative complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

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 Larry Sachihiko Sasaki, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 11148R, shall receive an official reprimand for lack of chart documentation; *provided, however*, that such license and Dr. Sasaki's continuing exercise of rights and privileges granted thereby, shall be conditioned upon and subject to his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

(1) Attendance at Approved Seminar. Credit shall be given for the medical records seminar which was attended by Dr. Sasaki on July 14, 2009. Said program was pre-approved by the Board.

(2) Completion of Peer Review. Dr. Sasaki shall complete the retrospective chart review instituted by Christus Schumpert and shall provide documentation to the Board of his successful completion of that review.

(3) Fine. The Board hereby imposes an administrative fine in the amount of \$1,000.00 against Dr. Sasaki. The fine shall be paid within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this Order. Dr. Sasaki acknowledges that the timely payment of the fine and timely confirmation of receipt of the payment by the Board is his legal obligation and

responsibility, and he agrees to cease practicing if the fine is not timely received at the Board office as agreed to in this Order.

(4) Effective Date. This Consent Order shall be effective the date it is approved and accepted by the Board as shown by the signature of its representative below.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Sasaki shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Sasaki's license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana or for such other action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285. Dr. Sasaki's right to judicial review of any such Board disciplinary action is reserved.

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

This Order was signed in New Orleans, Louisiana, on this 14 day of July, 2010.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
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BY: Mark H. Dawson
MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.
President

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

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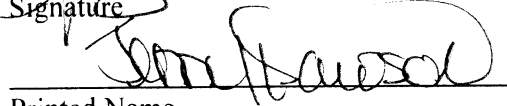
PARISH OF Bossier

I, LARRY SACHIIHIKO SASAKI, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept
and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 15th day of July
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LARRY SACHIIHIKO SASAKI, M.D.

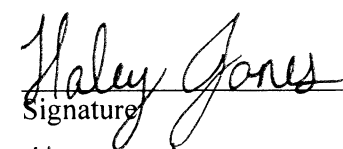
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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Bossier Parish Louisiana, this
1st day of JULY, 2010, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public (Signature)

Jeananne R. Self
Printed Name

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Bar/Notary Number

