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In The Matter Of	:	
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JACOB THOMAS CROSS, M.D.	:	
(Certificate No. 02180R),	:	
	:	CONSENT
<i>Respondent.</i>	:	ORDER
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An investigation conducted by an Investigating Officer of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) has developed information indicating that Jacob T. Cross, M.D. (Dr. Cross), a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, has written and issued prescriptions for controlled substances to two patients without legitimate medical justification and therefore in other than a legal or legitimate manner. More particularly, such information indicates that from October 29, 1986 to September 10, 1987, a period of 314 days Dr. Cross issued prescriptions to one patient for some 660 tablets of Desoxyn (methamphetamine hydrochloride) Gradumet (15mg), a supply sufficient for the patient to have ingested two tablets (30mg) per day for a continuous period of 330 days, without supporting documentation of any medical condition legitimately warranting such medication, a Schedule II controlled dangerous substance with a high potential for abuse and drug dependence. Such information similarly indicates that Dr. Cross, from August 28, 1985 to September 18, 1987, a period of less than 25 months, prescribed for another patient not less than 2,320 Desoxyn Gradumet (15mg) tablets, a supply sufficient for the patient to have ingested two tablets (30mg) per day for a continuous period of 1,160 days, a period in excess of 37 consecutive months, without supporting documentation of any medical condition legitimately justifying such medication.

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, without admitting the accuracy of the information described hereinabove or any violation of the Medical Practice Act, or any medical malpractice liability for damages that might be alleged by the aforementioned patients in connection with their treatment by him, Dr. Cross acknowledges that the

information developed by the Board's investigation would constitute probable cause for the institution of administrative proceedings against his medical licensure, pursuant to administrative complaint, and that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing would establish grounds under the Medical Practice Act for the suspension or revocation of his license to practice medicine in Louisiana, or for such other action as the Board might deem appropriate, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285(A)(6).

Recognizing his right to have notice of the allegations and charges asserted against him, to administrative adjudication of such charges pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955-58, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, Dr. Cross nonetheless hereby waives his right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955D, consents to entry of the order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Cross also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto 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.

Based on the information provided, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure 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. § 49:955D;

IT IS ORDERED the license of Jacob T. Cross, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by certificate no. 02180R, be, and the same is hereby, **SUSPENDED** for a period of three years from the date hereof; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that following the conclusion of six months from the date hereof, the suspension of licensure effected by the above and foregoing order shall itself be suspended and Dr. Cross's medical license placed on **PROBATION**, subject to and conditioned upon Dr. Cross's acceptance of and strict compliance with the following probationary terms, conditions and restrictions:

(a) *Restriction on Prescription, Dispensation, Administration of Controlled Substances.* Dr. Cross shall not, for a period of three years from the date hereof, prescribe, dispense or administer any Schedule II controlled substance as defined, enumerated or included in 21 C.F.R. §§ 1308.12 and La. Rev. Stat. § 40:964, and any substance which may be hereafter included in any of such controlled substance schedules by amendment or revision of the cited regulations or statute, nor shall Dr. Cross prescribe, dispense or administer any amphetamine or sympathomimetic amine without regard to the schedule in which such substances may be classified.

(b) *Payment of Fine.* Within 20 days from the date hereof, Dr. Cross shall pay to the Board a fine in the amount of One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

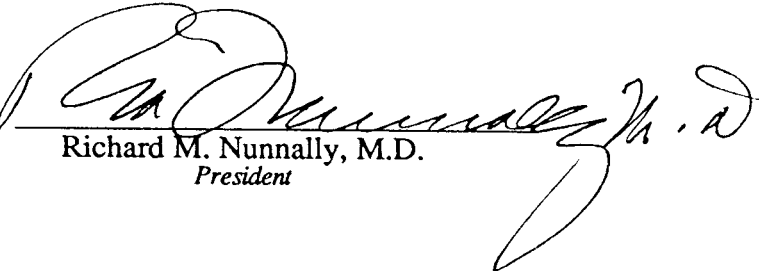
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions of this Order by Dr. Cross shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for reinstatement of the full term of suspension ordered herein, or for the final revocation and cancellation of Dr. Cross's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

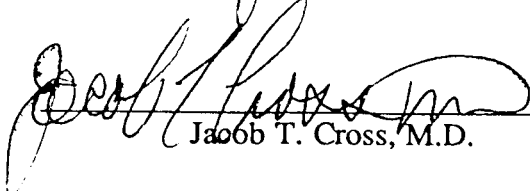
New Orleans, Louisiana, this 23rd day of June, 1988.

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By: 
Richard M. Nunnally, M.D.
President

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, JACOB T. CROSS, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 3 day of June, 1988.


Jacob T. Cross, M.D.

Witness:

