

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS



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In Re:
Application of
JOSEPH H. NODURFT, M.D.
For Reinstatement of
Medical Licensure

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CONSENT ORDER
FOR REINSTATEMENT OF
MEDICAL LICENSE
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This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") on the application of Joseph H. Nodurft, M.D., for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, his license, originally issued by the Board in 1960, having expired as of December 31, 1988, by virtue of nonrenewal. While it appears from information available to the Board, as supplied by Dr. Nodurft's application and otherwise, that Dr. Nodurft, subject to satisfaction of the applicable fees and procedural requirements, would be generally qualified for reinstatement of licensure, the physician acknowledges that he has previously received treatment for alcoholism and has participated in impaired physicians programs while practicing in Mississippi. More particularly, it appears that Dr. Nodurft voluntarily submitted to treatment for alcoholism with the Mississippi Impaired Physicians Program from July through October 1982, following which he maintained sobriety until 1987 when he resume drinking for a period of several years until he again sought treatment in late 1991. He then received primary treatment for 30 days at the Pine Grove Recovery Center, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, followed by residential treatment with the Next Step program, which he completed in March 1992, subject to a continuing aftercare program. His treating physicians consider his prognosis good provided that he continues participation in his prescribed aftercare program.

Upon the circumstances presented and on the recommendation of its Impaired Physicians Committee, the Board is persuaded that the public interest will be properly protected and served by the re-issuance to Dr. Nodurft of an unrestricted license to practice medicine, subject however to his agreement to strictly abide by the terms of his aftercare agreement with the Pine Grove Recovery Center/Next Step and to participate, for a period of two years, in the Louisiana State Medical Society Impaired Physician Program. And by his subscription hereto, Dr. Nodurft hereby consents to entry of the order set forth below and to reinstatement of licensure pursuant thereto. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana of Joseph Harley Nodurft, M.D., shall be reinstated, provided that the reinstatement of such license and Dr. Nodurft's continuing maintenance of such license shall be conditioned upon and subject to his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(a) **Compliance with Aftercare Program.** Within five days of the entry of this Order, Dr. Nodurft shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Board a complete and accurate copy of his existing aftercare treatment contract with the Pine Grove Recovery Center/Next Step, and he shall comply with and abide by each of the terms and provisions of such agreement so long as it remains in effect.

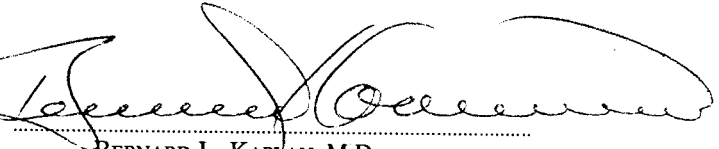
(b) **Participation in Impaired Physicians Program.** Within 10 days of the entry of this Order, Dr. Nodurft, if he has not already done so, shall contact the Impaired Physicians Committee of the Shreveport Medical Society (the "Shreveport IPC") and shall enter into a Treatment Contract with the Shreveport IPC providing for his continuing aftercare and participation in Alcoholics Anonymous and/or Caduceus Club programs for a period of not less than two years from the effective date of such Treatment Contract. Within five days of signing such Treatment Contract, Dr. Nodurft shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Board a complete and accurate copy of such Treatment Contract.

(c) **Maintenance of Abstinence.** Dr. Nodurft shall, during his lifetime, maintain complete and total abstinence from the use of alcohol and other mood-altering substances, except upon the legitimate prescription of a physician other than himself.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Nodurft shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Nodurft's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

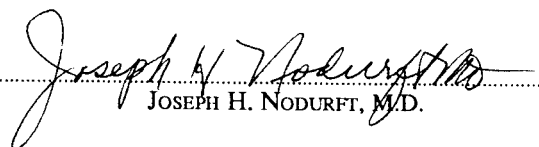
New Orleans, Louisiana, this 13 day of October, 1992.

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By: 
BERNARD L. KAPLAN, M.D.
President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AND CONSENT

I, JOSEPH H. NODURFT, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 6th day of October, 1992.


JOSEPH H. NODURFT, M.D.