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In The Matter Of
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PATRICIA M. BURCH, M.D.
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(Certificate No. 016549)
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NO. 00-I-096

**CONSENT
ORDER**

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Investigating Officer of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), following notification submitted on behalf of Women's and Children's Hospital of action taken against the medical staff privileges of Patricia M. Burch, M.D. relating to her delivery of a male child at this hospital at a time when Dr. Burch did not have obstetrical privileges. Upon investigation, it became apparent that Dr. Burch had agreed by letter dated April 7, 1998 to refrain from the practice of obstetrics and to notify the Board if and when she intended to resume that practice.

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Dr. Burch acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and, further, that proof of such information upon an administrative evidentiary hearing would establish grounds under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act for the suspension, revocation or such other action as the Board might deem appropriate against her license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

Recognizing her right to have notice of the allegations and charges asserted against him, to administrative adjudication of such charges, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:955-958, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, Dr. Burch, nonetheless, hereby waives her 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. By her subscription hereto, Dr. Burch also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto and/or legal counsel assisting him in that capacity 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 she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49-960. Dr. Burch expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer or her legal counsel shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against her 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 Investigating Officer assigned to this matter, the Board has concluded that its

responsibility to insure 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 Patricia M. Burch, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 016649, and her continuing exercise of the rights and privileges thereunder, shall be conditioned upon her acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(a) **Practice of Obstetrics Prohibited.** Dr. Burch shall not engage in the practice of obstetrics in any form, including but not limited to prenatal care, labor and delivery. Upon learning that one of her gynecological patients has had a positive pregnancy test, Dr. Burch shall refer the patient to a licensed, competent provider for obstetrical care.

(b) **Conditions for Resuming Obstetrical Practice.** In the event that Dr. Burch should decide to resume an obstetrical practice, she must contact the Board to arrange an appearance before the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting to request the terms and conditions upon which the limitations on her medical license expressed herein may be removed and her obstetrical practice may resume. Dr. Burch agrees that she may resume an obstetrical practice only upon such terms and conditions that the Board may then require.

(c) **Additional Terms.** Dr. Burch hereby consents to, agrees with and acquiesces to the imposition of any additional terms, conditions or restrictions, as well as the length or nature thereof which, in the sole discretion of the Board, it may deem necessary or appropriate to impose upon her Louisiana license should she desire to resume an obstetrical practice.

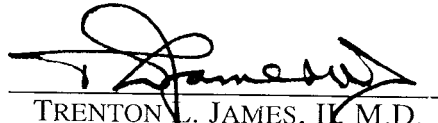
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Burch shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Burch's license 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.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 22nd day of August, 2001.

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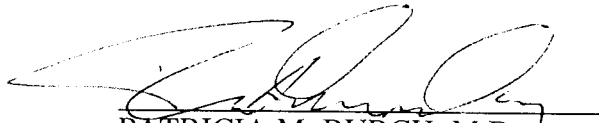
By:


TRENTON L. JAMES, II, M.D.
Vice-President


STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF Lafayette

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**


I, PATRICIA M. BURCH, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 7th day of August, 2001.


PATRICIA M. BURCH, M.D.

WITNESSES:

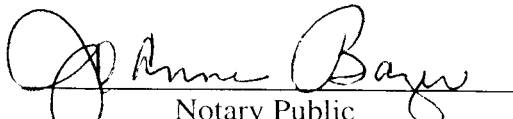

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Lafayette, Louisiana, this 7 day of August, 2001, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public

MY COMMISSION IS
FOR LIFE