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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEM REGULATION
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

In re: Vladimir Coric, M.D.

Petition No. 890809-01-062

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Vladimir Coric, M.D., of Norwich, Connecticut, has been issued license number 012001, to practice medicine and surgery by the Department of Health Services pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Vladimir Coric, M.D., hereinafter referred to as the Respondent, hereby admits as follows:

- That in 1989, he was convicted of larceny in the first degree, based on false claims submitted to the Connecticut Department of Income Maintenance, in order to obtain Medicaid reimbursement.
- 2. That by his actions in (1) above he has violated the provisions of §20-13c(4) of the General Statutes of Connecticut by failing to conform to the accepted standards of the medical profession.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to \$19a-17 and \$20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Vladimir Coric hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- 1. That he waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter;
- That his license to practice medicine in Connecticut is hereby suspended for one year;
- 3. That said suspension is stayed immediately, and he is to be on probation for one (1) year under the following terms and conditions:

- (a) He shall take a directed turorial in medical ethics through the Program in Applied Ethics at Fairfield University.
- (b) Said tutorial shall be designed by the director of the program, and all expenses associated with the tutorial shall be paid by the Respondent.
- (c) Proof of successful completion of the tutorial shall be sent to:

Lynne A. Hurley, Investigator
Division of Medical Quality Assurance
Public Health Hearing Office
150 Washington Street
Hartford, Connecticut

- (d) He shall pay a \$1,000.00 fine, payable by certified check to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut".
- 4. That any deviation by the Respondent from the terms of probation specified in paragraphs 3(a)-3(d) above shall constitute a violation of probation and will result in the following procedure:
 - a. That he will be notified in writing that the term(s) of probation have been violated provided no prior written consent for deviation from the term(s) had been granted by the Department of Health Services.
 - b. That said notification shall include the act(s) or omission(s) which violate the probation.
 - c. That he will be allowed fifteen (15) days to demonstrate to the Department of Health Services that he was in compliance with the terms of probation, or to cure the violation of the terms of probation.
 - d. That if he does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation by the limited fifteen (15) day date certain contained in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department of

Health Services, his license shall be suspended for a period of one (1) year or he shall be entitled to a hearing, at the Respondent's option.

- e. He must initiate said hearing through a written request by

 certified mail to the Department of Health Services within fifteen

 (15) days from notification of violation of probation.
- f. He shall be entitled to a hearing before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board.
- g. Evidence presented to said Board by either the Department of Health Services or Respondent shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of probation.
- 5. That he understands that this Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (1) in which his compliance with this same order is at issue, or (2) in which his compliance with \$20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
- 6. That this Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, that said order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive him of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
- 7. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department of Health Services at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
- 8. That this Consent Order is effective the first day of the next month after which the seal of the last signatory is fixed to this document.

- 9. That he permits a representative of the Public Health Hearing Office of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Connecticut Department of Health Services to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for said Consent Order to the Connecticut Medical Examining Board. He understands that said Board has complete and final discretion as to whether or not an executed Consent Order is approved or granted. He further agrees that the pre-hearing review form signed by him is incorporated by reference into this Consent Order.
- 10. That he has consulted with an attorney prior to signing this document.

I, Vladimir Coric, M.D., have read the above Consent Order, and I agree and admit to the terms and allegations set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Vladimir Coric, M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

management with the

18th day of July

1990

Notary Public or person authorize by law to administer an oath or affirmation

My comm. expires 3/31/91

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of Health Services on the 1^{h} day of

August

1990, it is hereby accepted.

Standey K. Peck, Director

Division of Medical Quality Assurance

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board on the 2/of day Magain of 1990, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Connecticut Medical Examining Board

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

14 June 1991

Vladimir Coric,M.D. Professional Center Military Highway P.O. Box 96 Gates Ferry , CT 06335

Re: Petition No. 890809-010062

Dear Dr. Coric:

I am writing to inform you that this office received the report of your successful completion of the medical ethics tutorial in applied ethics at Fairfield University from Lisa H. Newton, Director, Program in Applied Ethics. The receipt of this report marks the completion of your probationary requirements.

This letter serves to inform you that you have completed all the stipulations of the Consent Order, dated August 21, 1990 and that the terms of your probation have been completed. Notice will be provided to our licensure and renewal section to remove any restrictions from your license.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Lynne A. Hurl Investigator

Public Health Hearing Office

LAH:cja 60260/11 9/92

cc: David J. Pavis, Chief, PHHO John Boccaccio, Chief, L&R Joseph Gillen, Chief, APEX

Phone:



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

June 5, 2007

Vladimir Coric, MD 306 Thames Street Groton, CT 06340

Re:

Consent Order

Petition No. 2004-0107-001-001

License No. 012001

Dear Dr. Coric:

Please accept this letter as notice that you have satisfied the terms of your license probation, effective May 1, 2007.

Notice will be sent to the Department's Licensure and Registration section to remove all restrictions from your license related to the above-referenced Consent Order.

Please be certain to retain this letter as documented proof that you have completed your license probation.

Thank you for your cooperation in this process.

Very truly yours,

Bonnie Pinkerton, RN, Nurse Consultant

Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

CC:

J. Filippone



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STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUREAU OF HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

In re: Vladimir Coric, Sr., M.D.

Petition No. 2004-0107-001-001

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Vladimir Coric, Sr., M.D. of Groton, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 012001 to practice as a physician and surgeon by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

- 1. Respondent has a substantial number of patients whom he treats for both chronic pain and psychiatric illness. Respondent's prescribing of opioids for patient J.O. deviated from the standard of care in that he failed to obtain an adequate history, failed to make an adequate examination, failed to make necessary referrals for specialized care, and failed to make adequate documentation of the patient's pain and response to the prescriptions.
- Respondent has a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, for which he receives appropriate care,
 but which disease could impair his ability to practice safely and effectively.
- The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-13c, including, but not limited to:
 - a. §20-13c(1);
 - b. §20-13c(4); and/or,
 - c. §20-13c(5).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board

(hereinafter "the Board) this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14, and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17, and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
- Respondent's license is restricted such that after June 1, 2005, respondent may not (a)
 engage in the treatment of patients for chronic pain or (b) prescribe opioids.
- 3. Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for a period of two years under the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Respondent shall have appropriate care for his Parkinson's Disease. Respondent's treating physician(s) shall report to the Department no later than the effective date of this consent order, and thereafter every three months. Said reports shall summarize respondent's status and state that he is able to practice safely and effectively. In the event that any of respondent's treating physicians believe that he is no longer able to practice safely and effectively because of his medical condition, the physician shall report such opinion immediately. Respondent agrees to provide records of his diagnosis and treatment upon the Department's demand.
 - b. Respondent shall provide written notices before May 15, 2005 for every patient whom he is currently treating for chronic pain, substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto. A copy of such notice shall be in the chart for each such patient. Respondent shall use his best efforts to facilitate referrals for such patients, and documentation of each such referrals shall be placed in the patient's chart.
 Respondent shall prescribe controlled substances in accordance with accepted

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principles of prescribing controlled substances, including but not limited to obtaining and documenting an adequate history and examination, making and documenting adequate evaluations of the effect of the medication, making and documenting appropriate referrals. Respondent shall obtain at his own expense, the services of a psychiatrist, pre-approved by the Department (hercinafter "independent reviewer"), to conduct a review no later than June 10, 2005 of all of respondent's charts to verify that he has provided the required notice for pain management patients, and documented referrals as described above. In addition, said independent reviewer shall review twenty (20) of respondent's patient records. In the event respondent has fewer than twenty (20) patients, the independent reviewer shall review all of respondent's patient records. The independent reviewer shall select charts of patients respondent has treated within the three months prior to the initial review, and thereafter since the previous review.

- (1) Respondent's independent reviewer shall conduct such review and meet with him not less than once every month for the first three months of his probationary period and quarterly for the remainder of the probationary period.
- (2) The independent reviewer shall have the right to monitor respondent's practice by any other reasonable means which he or she deems appropriate.
 Respondent shall fully cooperate with the independent reviewer in providing such monitoring.
- (3) Respondent shall be responsible for providing written independent reviewer reports directly to the Department monthly for the first three months of the probationary period and quarterly for the remainder of the probationary period. Such independent reviewer's reports shall include documentation of

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dates and duration of meetings with respondent, number and a general description of the patient records and patient medication orders and prescriptions reviewed, additional monitoring techniques utilized, and statement that respondent is practicing with reasonable skill and safety. The independent reviewer's report of his initial visit shall also state whether respondent has complied with the requirements for ceasing his treatment of chronic pain.

- (4) Respondent and the independent reviewer may enter into such confidentiality agreements, consistent with the terms of this consent order and especially consistent with the requirement that the independent reviewer review a random selection of charts, as they may deem necessary to protect patient confidentiality.
- 4. All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:

Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant
Department of Public Health
Division of Health Systems Regulation
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

- All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.
- Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to his licensure.
- Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
- 8. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:

- a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
- Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
- c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 8.a. above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that he has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that he has cured the violation in question.
- d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation by the limited fifteen (15) day date certain contained in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, he shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.
- e. Evidence presented to the Board by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.
- 9. In the event respondent has violated any term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a physician and surgeon, upon request by the Department, with notice to the Board, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation and to submit to and complete a medical evaluation, if requested to do so by the Department; and, that the results of the evaluation shall be submitted directly to the Department. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45 day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent

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- stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall constitute an admission that his conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c).
- 10. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of his license before the Board.
- 11. In the event respondent is not employed as a physician and surgeon for periods of thirty (30) consecutive days or longer, or is employed as a less than twenty (20) hours per week, or is employed outside of the State of Connecticut, respondent shall notify the Department in writing. Such periods of time shall not be counted in reducing the probationary period covered by this Consent Order.
- 12. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification of the Bureau of Healthcare Systems of the Department.
- 13. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.
- 14. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document, and the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Board in which his compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that unless the only discipline imposed by this Consent Order is a civil penalty, this action will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and that all disciplinary actions will appear on his physician profile pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 20-13j.

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- 15. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from taking action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
- 16. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
- 17. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
- 18. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Healthcare Systems to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
- 19. Respondent has consulted with an attorney prior to signing this document.
- 20. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau.

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I, Vladimir Coric, Sr., M.D., have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the
terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act
and deed.
Vladimir Coric, Sr., M.D.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of April 2005.
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Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the
April 2005, it is hereby accepted.
Marianne Horn, Director Division of Health Systems Regulation Bureau of Healthcare Systems
The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board on the
Connecticut Medical Examining Board



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

September 9, 2008

Vladimir Coric, Sr., MD 306 Thames Street Groton, CT 06340

Re:

Consent Order

Petition No. 2006-0608-001-111

License No. 012001

Dear Dr. Coric:

Please accept this letter as notice that you have satisfied the terms of your license probation, effective March 1, 2008.

Notice will be sent to the Department's Licensure and Registration section to remove all restrictions from your license related to the above-referenced Consent Order.

Please be certain to retain this letter as documented proof that you have completed your license probation.

Thank you for your cooperation during this process, and good luck to you in the future.

Very truly yours,

Bonnie Pinkerton, RN, Nurse Consultant

Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

CC:

J. Filippone



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STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

In re: Vladimir Coric, Sr., M.D.

Petition No. 2006-0608-001-111

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Vladimir Coric, Sr., M.D. of Groton, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 012001 to practice as a physician and surgeon by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the respondent admits that:

- 1. Respondent practices psychiatry in an office in Groton. He provided psychiatric care to patient L.T. at various times from 1994 through 2006. In April and May of 2006, respondent was treating L.T. on at least a weekly basis for diagnoses of schizophrenia, paranoid type and paranoid personality disorder, and for support for anxiety related to his mother's terminal illness. On or about May 5, 2006, respondent's secretary attempted to persuade L.T. to give her an unsecured short-term loan of \$5,000 and respondent vouched for her in response to L.T.'s inquiry. Although respondent did not solicit any personal benefit and would not gain personally, his conduct violates the standard of care by breaching the ethical boundary of the physician-patient relationship.
- The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-13c(4).

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WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any funre proceedings before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (hereinafter "the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14, and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17, and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- 1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
- Respondent's license number 012001 to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
- 3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1000,00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
- 4. Respondent's license shall be placed on probation until he completes a course in professional ethical boundaries, to be pre-approved by the Department, and provides the Department with documentation of satisfactory completion of said course. Respondent will be in violation of probation if he has not satisfactorily completed said course and provided documentation of completion within six months of the effective date of this Consent Order.
- All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:

Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant
Department of Public Health
Division of Health Systems Regulation
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

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- All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.
- Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to his licensure.
- 8. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
- 9. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:
 - a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
 - Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
 - c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 9.a. above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that he has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that he has cured the violation in question.
 - d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation by the limited fifteen (15) day date certain contained in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, he shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken
 - e. Evidence presented to the Board by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.
- 10. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a physician and surgeon, upon request by the

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Department, with notice to the Board, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation and to submit to and complete a medical, psychiatric and/or psychological evaluation, if requested to do so by the Department, and, that the results of the evaluation shall be submitted directly to the Department. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45 day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall constitute an admission that his conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c).

- In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of his license before the Board.
- 12. In the event respondent is not employed as a physician and surgeon for periods of thirty (30) consecutive days or longer, or is employed as a physician and surgeon less than twenty (20) hours per week, or is employed outside of the State of Connecticut, respondent shall notify the Department in writing. Such periods of time shall not be counted in reducing the probationary period covered by this Consent Order.
- 13. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Systems Branch of the Department.
- 14. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.

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- Respondent understands this Consent Order is a public document and evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Board in which his compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and that all disciplinary actions will appear on his physician profile pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 20-13j.
- 16. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from taking action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
- 17. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
- 18. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
- 19. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Healthcare Systems Branch to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
- Respondent has consulted with an attorney prior to signing this document.
- 21. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau. The purpose of this

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agreement is to resolve the pending administrative license discipline petition and is not intended to affect any claim of civil liability.

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I, Vladimir Coric, Sr., M.D., have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the					
terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act					
and deed.					
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1872 day of August 2007.					
Notary Public or person authorized					
by law to administer an oath or affirmation					
The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the					
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

In re: Vladimir Coric, Sr., M.D.

Petition No. 2009-0422-001-076

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Vladimir Coric, Sr. of Groton, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 012001 to practice as a physician and surgeon by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges:

- At various times in 2008 and 2009 his prescribing of non-opioid controlled substances to several patients did not conform to standard of care and applicable statutes and regulations regarding controlled substances.
- 2. Respondent has Parkinson's Disease, for which he receives appropriate care, but which disease could impair his ability to practice safely and effectively.
- The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-13c, including, but not limited to:
 - a. §20-13c(1);
 - §20-13c(4); and/or,
 - c. §20-13c(5).

WHEREAS, respondent has voluntarily surrendered his federal and state controlled substance registrations.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (hereinafter "the Board") summarily suspended respondent's license on June 16, 2009.

WHEREAS, the Department received notice on July 7, 2009 that Dr. Corie's malpractice insurance carrier had cancelled his policy effective on June 23, 2009.

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WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, while neither admitting nor denying the allegations, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Board this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14, and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17, and 20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
- 2. Respondent's license is current until December 31, 2009. Respondent agrees that he will not practice medicine after December 31, 2009, and that he will not renew his license or apply to reinstate it after it lapses. Respondent further agrees that:
 - a. If respondent seeks a new iteense or to reinstate his license, he will not contest the allegations of Petition No. 2009-0422-001-076. Any such application must be made to the Board and the Department, and the Board shall be a signatory to any order reinstating respondent's license or granting a new license.
 - b. Respondent waives any right to a hearing in regard to any such application, and he waives any right to an appeal of any decision by the Department and the Board with regard to such application.
- 3. Until December 31, 2009, respondent's license is restricted such that he may not practice medicine until both (a) he provides satisfactory proof to the Department that he is covered by a policy of malpractice insurance that conforms with section 20-11b of the Connecticut general statutes, and (b) that respondent has a supervisor, as further described below in paragraph 3, and that said supervisor will make his first visit on the day that respondent resumes practice. In addition, respondent's license is permanently restricted such that he will never apply to either the Drug Enforcement Agency or the Department Of Consumer Protection for reinstatement of his controlled substance registrations.
- 4. Respondent's license shall be placed on probation until December 31, 2009 under the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Respondent shall obtain at his own expense, the services of a licensed and board certified psychiatrist, pre-approved by the Department (hereinafter "supervisor"). Respondent's supervisor shall meet with respondent and review respondent's charts for not less than fifty percent of respondent's current patients.

- (1) Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to his practice supervisor. Respondent's supervisor shall furnish written confirmation to the Department of his or her engagement in that capacity and receipt of a copy of this Consent Order within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this Consent Order.
- (2) Respondent's supervisor shall conduct such review and meet with him on the day that respondent resumes the practice of medicine. Thereafter, the supervisor shall meet with respondent and conduct such review once each month for the entire period of probation.
- (3) The supervisor shall have the right to monitor respondent's practice by any other reasonable means which he or she deems appropriate, including but not limited to direct observation of patient encounters to the extent that such observation is consistent with patient privacy. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the supervisor in providing such monitoring.
- (4) Respondent shall be responsible for providing written supervisor reports directly to the Department not more than fourteen days following each such visit and review. Such supervisor's reports shall include documentation of dates and duration of meetings with respondent, number and a general description of the patient records and patient medication orders and prescriptions reviewed, additional monitoring techniques utilized, and statement whether respondent:
 - a) is practicing with reasonable skill and safety;
 - b) has properly documented his care;
 - has made appropriate diagnoses, including interim re-assessments and measurable goals;
 - d) has provided appropriate treatment; and
 - c) has made necessary and appropriate referrals.

Respondent shall be in violation of his probation if one or more of these report parameters is negative.

b. Respondent shall continue to have appropriate care for his Parkinson's Disease.
Respondent's treating physician(s) shall report to the Department no later than the effective date of this consent order, and thereafter every three months. Said reports shall summarize respondent's status and state that he is able to practice psychiatry

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safely and effectively. In the event that any of respondent's treating physicians believe that he is no longer able to practice psychiatry safely and effectively because of his medical condition, the physician shall report such opinion immediately. Respondent agrees to provide records of his diagnosis and treatment upon the Department's demand.

- c. Respondent shall undergo an independent evaluation of his medical ability to practice psychiatry safely and effectively by a physician (hereinafter "evaluator"), pre-approved by the Department. Said evaluation shall be completed within the first two months of probation. Respondent shall give a release to the evaluator to obtain the entire record of his treatment for Parkinson's Disease by his treating physician(s). Respondent shall give the Department a release for the entire record of his evaluation and to discuss the evaluator's findings and conclusions with the evaluator. Respondent shall comply with any recommendation made by the evaluator.
- All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:

Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134-0308

- All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.
- Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to
 his licensure. If applicable, respondent shall comply with the provision of Section 19a-1444, Regulations Connecticut State Agencies.
- Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
- 9. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of his license before the Board. At the discretion of the Department, any violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures:
 - a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.

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- Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
- c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 9.a. above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that he has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that he has cured the violation in question.
- d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation within the fifteen (15) days specified in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, he shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.
- Evidence presented to the Board by either the Department or respondent in any such
 hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent
 Order.
- in the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a physician and surgeon, upon request by the Department, with notice to the Board, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation, and to submit to and complete a medical, psychiatric or psychological evaluation, if requested to do so by the Department; and, that the results of the evaluation shall be submitted directly to the Department. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45 day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall be considered by the Board and shall, as a matter of law, constitute a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c). The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether a summary suspension is ordered.
- 11. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Systems Branch of the Department.
- 12. This Consent Order is effective on the date it is accepted and ordered by the Board.

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- 13. Respondent understands this Consent Order is a public document and evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Board in which his compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that the discipline imposed by this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and that all disciplinary actions will appear on [his/her]physician profile pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 20-13j.
- 14. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from taking action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
- 15. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
- 16. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
- 17. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Healthcare Systems Branch to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
- Respondent has consulted with an attorney prior to signing this document.
- 19. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only, and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
- 20. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

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I, Vladimir Coric, Sr., have read the above Consent Order, and I supulate and agree to the terms				
as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and				
doed.				
Vladimir Coric, Sr.				
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of August 2009.				
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The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the				
Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the $-\frac{\partial^{2} h_{1}}{\partial x_{2}}$ day of				
fugust 2009, it is hereby accepted.				
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Healthcare Systems Branch				
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