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**In The Matter Of** :   
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**SURESH KUMAR DONEPUDI, M.D.** :   
*(Certificate No. 017479)* :   
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No. 10-I-264

**STIPULATION AND  
AGREEMENT FOR  
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER  
OF MEDICAL LICENSE**

This *Stipulation and Agreement* is made by Suresh Kumar Donepudi, M.D. ("Dr. Donepudi"), a physician who at all times material to the facts and matters alleged herein was licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 017479.

1. *Acknowledgment and Stipulations.* Dr. Donepudi hereby acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that:

- (a) The Board received apparently reliable information that Dr. Donepudi allowed nursing staff to prescribe controlled substances using pre-signed prescription pads. Further investigation raised concerns regarding patient records, quality of patient care, and staff supervision. The Board's Director of Investigations met with Dr. Donepudi who acknowledged leaving pre-signed prescription pads for use when he was not present and surrendered his DEA license, but otherwise denied wrongful conduct. Following the meeting, and in recognition of the time and expense of defending himself, and because Dr. Donepudi had been considering retirement, Dr. Donepudi has agreed to the surrender of his license effected herein.
- (b) Based on the information gathered thus far regarding the incidents set forth hereinabove, the Investigating Officer believes sufficient cause exists to charge

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Dr. Donepudi with violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act.<sup>1</sup>

- (c) By law, pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1261, *et seq.*, and the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.*, Dr. Donepudi would be entitled, prior to final disciplinary action against his medical license, to have notice of the allegations and charges asserted against him and to administrative adjudication of such charges, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.* At such hearing Dr. Donepudi 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.*

2. **Voluntary Surrender of License.** Notwithstanding his right to notice of formal charges, administrative hearing and a decision thereon, as provided by La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.*, in recognition of the stipulations set forth hereinabove toward final disposition of the investigation now pending in this matter and in lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings, Dr. Donepudi, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and voluntarily surrenders to the Board for cancellation of his license to practice medicine in this state, as evidenced by Certificate No. 017479. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Donepudi also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Stipulation 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.

3. **Effect of Voluntary Surrender of License.** Dr. Donepudi acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that the voluntary surrender of his medical license effected hereby in the presence of an administrative investigation shall have and shall be deemed by the Board to have, the same effect as if the Board had entered an order of revocation upon the conclusion of formal administrative proceedings. Dr. Donepudi further acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that as a result of the voluntary surrender of his medical license effected hereby he shall not have any right or entitlement to reinstatement or renewal of his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana nor shall he hereafter be entitled to apply for or otherwise attempt to obtain any original, reinstated or renewed license to practice medicine in this state.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to La. R.S. §37:1285A(6),(11),(12),(13),(14), and (18), the Board may suspend, revoke, or impose probation or other restrictions on the license of an individual licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as a result of "[p]rescribing, dispensing, or administering legally controlled substances or any dependency-inducing medication without legitimate medical justification therefor or in other than a legal or legitimate manner", "[m]aking or submitting false, deceptive, or unfounded claims, reports, or opinions to any patient, insurance company or indemnity association, company, individual, or governmental authority for the purpose of obtaining anything of economic value", "[p]rofessional or medical incompetency", "[u]nprofessional conduct", and/or "[k]nowingly performing any act which, in any way, assists an unlicensed person to practice medicine, or having professional connection with or lending one's name to an illegal practitioner."

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4. **Termination of Proceedings.** By the voluntary surrender of his medical license, and the attendant dismissal of the investigation occasioned hereby, Dr. Donepudi, moreover, acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that he hereby 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 otherwise may be afforded to him by law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein.

5. **Advice of Counsel.** Dr. Donepudi acknowledges that he has had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Stipulation and that all of the terms, conditions, restrictions and limitations contained herein have been explained to him and/or that he fully understands them.

6. **Public Record.** Dr. Donepudi acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License shall be and shall be deemed to be a public record.

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STIPULATION  
AND AGREEMENT

I, SURESH KUMAR DONEPUDI, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept, stipulate, agree and consent to entry of the above and foregoing this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

S. Donepudi  
SURESH KUMAR DONEPUDI, M.D.

Amber Watt  
Signature  
AMBER WATT  
Typed Name  
935 UNADILLA  
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SHREVEPORT, LA 71106  
City/State/Zip Code

WITNESSES:  
Haley Chen  
Signature  
HALEY CHEN  
Typed Name  
446 LINDEN ST.  
Address  
SHREVEPORT, LA 71104  
City/State/Zip Code

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Shreveport, Louisiana, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2011, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

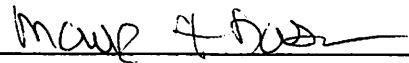
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Notary Public (Signature and Seal) #38076  
MARGARET A. LeCroy  
Printed Name/Notary #

**ACCEPTANCE**

**CONSIDERING THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING**, the Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License is hereby **APPROVED AND ACCEPTED** by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, this 20 day of June, 2011, effective immediately.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

BY:

  
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MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.  
*PRESIDENT*