

**These charges are only allegations which
may be contested by the licensee in an
Administrative hearing.**

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
IRENE G. GURVITS, M.D.

NOTICE
OF
HEARING

TO: IRENE G. GURVITS, M.D.


PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

A hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230 and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on March ³⁰~~26~~, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the Offices of the New York State Department of Health, 90 Church Street, 4th Floor, New York, New York 10007 and at such other adjourned dates, times and places as the committee may direct.

At the hearing, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, which is attached. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made and the witnesses at the hearing will be sworn and examined. You shall appear in person at the hearing and may be represented by counsel who shall be an attorney admitted to practice in New York state. You have the right to produce witnesses and evidence on your behalf, to issue or have subpoenas issued on your behalf in order to require the production of witnesses and documents, and you may cross-examine witnesses

and examine evidence produced against you. A summary of the Department of Health Hearing Rules is enclosed.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT THE ATTACHED CHARGES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THEY ARE SERVED.

Department attorney: Initial here

The hearing will proceed whether or not you appear at the hearing. Please note that requests for adjournments must be made in writing and by telephone to the New York State Department of Health, Division of Legal Affairs, Bureau of Adjudication, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway - Suite 510, Albany, NY 12204-2719, ATTENTION: HON. JAMES HORAN, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ADJUDICATION, (henceforth "Bureau of Adjudication"), (Telephone: (518-402-0748), upon notice to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below, and at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Adjournment requests are not routinely granted as scheduled dates are considered dates certain. Claims of court engagement will require detailed Affidavits of Actual Engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230(10)(c), you shall file a written answer to each of the charges and allegations in the Statement of Charges not less than ten days prior to the date of the hearing. Any charge or allegation not so answered shall be deemed admitted. You may wish to seek the advice of counsel prior to filing such answer. The answer shall be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, and a copy shall be forwarded to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below. Pursuant to §301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the

Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person. Pursuant to the terms of N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §401 and 10 N.Y.C.R.R. §51.8(b), the Petitioner hereby demands disclosure of the evidence that the Respondent intends to introduce at the hearing, including the names of witnesses, a list of and copies of documentary evidence and a description of physical or other evidence which cannot be photocopied.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the committee shall make findings of fact, conclusions concerning the charges sustained or dismissed, and in the event any of the charges are sustained, a determination of the penalty to be imposed or appropriate action to be taken. Such determination may be reviewed by the Administrative Review Board for Professional Medical Conduct.

THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION
THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW
YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR
THAT YOU BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER SANCTIONS
SET OUT IN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW §§230-a.
YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO
REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATE: February 7, 2020
New York, New York



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STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

IRENE G. GURVITS, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about September 5, 1997, by the issuance of license number 208209 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about July 23, 2019, a Hearing Committee of the Board of Professional Medical Conduct found "reason to believe" that Respondent "may be impaired" and issued an Order requiring that Respondent submit to a psychiatric examination by August 24, 2019.

1. Respondent failed to comply with the Board Order to submit to an examination by a psychiatrist.

B. Since on or about and between January 1, 2016 and the present, the Respondent has practiced medicine while impaired by a mental disability, including but not limited to treating the patients listed below:

1. Patient A.
2. Patient B.
3. Patient C.
4. Patient D.

C. Since on or about and between January 1, 2016 and the present, the Respondent has had a psychiatric condition which impairs her ability to practice medicine.

D. Respondent failed to respond within thirty days to written communications from the New York State Department of Health, and to make available Respondent's medical records for the following patients.

1. Patient A---record requested on or about February 2, 2017.
2. Patient B---record requested on or about March 1, 2017.
3. Patient C---record requested on or about May 16, 2017.
4. Patient D---record requested on or about July 20, 2016.

E. Respondent failed to maintain records for the patients referred to in factual allegations D(1) through D(4).

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

FAILING TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(15) by failing to comply with an order issued pursuant to Public Health Law 230 (7)(a), as alleged in the facts of:

1. Paragraphs A and A1.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

PRACTICING WHILE IMPAIRED

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(7) by practicing the profession while impaired by alcohol, drugs, physical disability, or mental disability, as alleged in the facts of the following:

2. Paragraphs B, B(1-4) D, D(1-4) and E.

THIRD SPECIFICATION

HAVING A

PSYCHIATRIC CONDITION WHICH IMPAIRS

THE ABILITY TO PRACTICE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(8) by being a habitual abuser of alcohol, or being dependent on or a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, or other drugs having similar effects, or having a psychiatric condition which impairs the licensee's ability to practice as alleged in the facts of the following:

3. Paragraph C.

FOURTH SPECIFICATION

FAILURE TO PRODUCE RECORDS

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(28) by failing to respond within thirty days to written communications from the department of health and to make available any relevant records with respect to an inquiry or complaint about the licensee's professional misconduct, as alleged in the facts of:

4. Paragraph D, D1, D2, D3 and D4.

FIFTH SPECIFICATION

FAILURE TO MAINTAIN RECORDS

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(32) by failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient, as alleged in the facts of:

5. Paragraph E.

DATE: February 7, 2020
New York, New York



Henry Weintraub
Chief Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct