

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: MOHAMMED K. B. SOORI, M.D.  
License No.: 0101-237535

CONSENT ORDER

By Order entered January 29, 2009, the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") summarily suspended the license of Dr. Soori to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and noticed Dr. Soori for a formal administrative hearing to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition to the allegations in the January 29, 2009 Notice, the parties agreed to resolve matters raised in the June 5, 2009 Notice currently scheduled to be heard by the Board at the informal conference on July 9, 2009.

In lieu of proceeding to this formal administrative hearing, the Board and Dr. Soori, as evidenced by their signatures affixed below, agree to enter into this Consent Order affecting the license of Dr. Soori to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board adopts the following findings and conclusions in this matter:

1. Mohammed K. B. Soori, M.D., was issued license number 0101-237535 by the Board to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia on December 29, 2004. Said license is currently summarily suspended by Order entered January 29, 2009.

2. From approximately September 2006 through February 22, 2008, Dr. Soori provided counseling to Patient A and her husband including counseling related to marital

issues. From October 30, 2006, through June 23, 2008, Dr. Soori provided individual counseling to Patient A. During the course of treatment:

a. Dr. Soori violated Sections § 54.1-2915.A(3), (12), (13), (16), (18) and (19) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC 85-20-100 of the Board of Medicine's General Regulations in that, from January 14, 2008, through June 6, 2008, Dr. Soori engaged in a personal and sexual relationship with Patient A concurrent with and by virtue of the practitioner/patient relationship. This contact occurred during the course of treatment sessions within the doctor's office and in settings outside of his office but while the patient was still undergoing treatment.

b. Dr. Soori violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(3), (13), (16) and (17), 54.1-3303.A, and Section 54.1-3408 of the Code in that, from May 8, 2007, through May 15, 2008, Dr. Soori wrote approximately 7 prescriptions for Patient A, each for 60 tablets of hydrocodone (Schedule III), without medical justification. The initial prescription was issued without a physical examination documented at the time of issuance or any diagnostic testing and the patient reports that no physical examinations occurred during the course of treatment. By his own admission, Dr. Soori admitted that he never performed a physical examination or ordered any diagnostic testing related to her course treatment with narcotics.

3. From August 22, 2006 through December 24, 2007, Dr. Soori provided individual counseling to Patient B. During the course of treatment, Dr. Soori violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(3), (12), (13), (16), (18) and (19) of the Code and 18 VAC 85-20-100 of the Board of Medicine's General Regulations in that, Dr. Soori engaged in sexual behavior with Patient B to

include sexual comments, hugging and, on December 24, 2007, kissing. These acts were concurrent with and by virtue of the practitioner/patient relationship, and/or otherwise engaged in conduct of a sexual nature that was lewd and offensive.

4. From March 17, 2004 through June 25, 2005, Dr. Soori provided individual counseling to Patient C, a patient being treated in New York while Dr. Soori was actively licensed to practice in Virginia. During the course of treatment, Dr. Soori violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(3), (13), (16), (18) and (19) of the Code and 18 VAC 85-20-100 of the Board of Medicine's General Regulations in that, from approximately June 2004 through June 25, 2005, Dr. Soori engaged in a personal and sexual relationship with Patient C concurrent with and by virtue of the practitioner/patient relationship.

5. From July 2006 through July 2008, Dr. Soori provided individual counseling to Patient D for issues related to mental health concerns and chronic pain. A review of Patient D's records disclosed that Dr. Soori violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(3), (12), (13), (16), (17), and (18), 54.1-3303.A and Section 54.1-3408 of the Code, and 18 VAC 85-20-26(C) of the Board of Medicine's General Regulations in that, he prescribed approximately 1260 Lorazepam tablets (Schedule IV), 180 Fentanyl transdermal patches (Schedule II), and 4320 oxycodone tablets (Schedule II) for Patient D without medical justification. Although Dr. Soori considers himself to be a pain management specialist, he failed to utilize pain management contracts and/or was unable to produce signed copies of a contract for the patient. By his own admission, Dr. Soori failed to perform or document a physical examination of the patient during the course of pain management. Further, Dr. Soori failed to coordinate care with primary care physicians, obtain

diagnostic studies, review prior diagnostic studies or utilize urine drug screens related to the pain management treatment.

6. From May 14, 2007 through June 30, 2008, Dr. Soori provided individual counseling to Patient E for mental health concerns and chronic pain. A review of Patient E's records disclosed that Dr. Soori violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(3), (13), (16) and (17), 54.1-3303.A and 54.1-3408 of the Code in that, he prescribed approximately 990 oxycodone tablets, 10 Fentanyl transdermal patches, and 720 hydrocodone tablets for Patient E without medical justification. Although Dr. Soori considers himself to be a pain management specialist, he failed to utilize pain management contracts and/or was unable to produce signed copies of a contract for the patient. By his own admission, Dr. Soori failed to perform or document a physical examination of the patient during the course of pain management. Further, Dr. Soori failed to coordinate care with primary care physicians, obtain diagnostic studies, review prior diagnostic studies or utilize urine drug screens related to the pain management treatment.

7. From January 11, 2007 through July 2008, Dr. Soori provided individual counseling to Patient F for issues related to mental health concerns and chronic pain. A review of Patient F's records disclosed that Dr. Soori violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(3), (12), (13), (16), (17) and (18), 54.1-3303.A, and Section 54.1-3408 of the Code and 18 VAC 85-20-26(C) of the Board of Medicine's General Regulations in that, he prescribed approximately 4040 oxycodone tablets, 140 Fentanyl transdermal patches, 340 dextroamphetamine sulfate sustained release tablets, 90 hydrocodone tablets, 90 Clonazepam tablets (Schedule IV), and 480 Lorazepam tablets (Schedule IV) for Patient F without medical justification. Although Dr. Soori considers himself to be a pain management specialist, he failed to utilize pain management contracts

and/or was unable to produce signed copies of a contract for the patient. By his own admission, he failed to perform or document a physical examination of the patient during the course of pain management. Further, Dr. Soori failed to coordinate care with primary care physicians, obtain diagnostic studies, review prior diagnostic studies or utilize urine drug screens related to the pain management treatment.

8. From July 5, 2005 through July 10, 2008, Dr. Soori provided individual counseling to Patient G for issues related to mental health issues, polysubstance abuse and chronic pain. A review of Patient G's records disclosed that Dr. Soori violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(3), (12), (13), (16), (17) and (18), 54.1-3303.A and Section 54.1-3408 of the Code, and 18 VAC 85-20-26(C) of the Board of Medicine General Regulations in that, he prescribed approximately 3161 oxycodone tablets, 300 hydromorphone tablets, 1012 Adderall ER tablets, 294 Methadone tablets (all Schedule II), 506 Suboxone tablets (Schedule III), 90 Diazepam tablets and 480 Alprazolam tablets (both Schedule IV) for Patient G without medical justification. Although Dr. Soori considers himself to be a pain management specialist, he failed to utilize pain management contracts and/or was unable to produce signed copies of a contract for the patient. By his own admission, he failed to perform or document a physical examination of the patient during the course of pain management. Further, Dr. Soori failed to coordinate care with primary care physicians, refer for diagnostic studies, review prior diagnostic studies or utilize urine drug screens related to the pain management treatment.

9. Dr. Soori violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(1) and (16) of the Code, in that when he was interviewed by a Virginia Department of Health Professions investigator on October 29, 2008, Dr. Soori denied any knowledge of an investigation by the Office of Professional Medical

Conduct in New York, despite the fact that he had been interviewed by that office on or about August 4, 2008 regarding Patient C's complaint.

10. Dr. Soori violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(1) and (16) of the Code in that, on or about December 29, 2004, Dr. Soori submitted an Application for License to Practice Medicine and Surgery in Virginia wherein he falsely responded "No" to the question "Have you ever been denied privileges or voluntarily surrendered your clinical privileges while under investigation, been censured or warned, or requested to withdraw from the staff of any medical school, residency or fellowship training, hospital, nursing home, or other health care facility, or health care provider?" In fact, by letter dated December 13, 1992, Dr Soori was excluded starting on December 14, 1992 from the Family Practice Medicine Internship Program of the University of Montreal, School of Medicine ("University"), following complaints from four female patients concerning inappropriate contact and/or sexual contact. Subsequently, on or about September 1, 1993, the University revoked Dr. Soori's registration certificate.

11. Dr. Soori violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(2), (4) and (14) of the Code in that, following a positive urine drug screen on December 8, 2008, for cannabinoids, Dr. Soori entered into a Participation Contract with the Virginia Health Practitioners' Intervention Program on December 26, 2008, due to admitted chemical abuse and/or dependence and/or mental illness and/or physical illness which may impair his ability to practice medicine safely. Despite the fact that the Participation Contract Dr. Soori signed required him to refrain from practicing as a medical professional, Dr. Soori continued to see patients. Specifically, staff from the HPIP attempted to contact Dr. Soori on December 30, 2008 and the individual answering the phone for the office indicated that Dr. Soori was seeing a patient at that time.

12. Dr. Soori violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(3), (8), (13) and (16) of the Code and 18 VAC 85-20-26.C and 18 VAC 85-20-28.B(2) of the Board of Medicine General Regulations in that, between December 19, 2008, and January 29, 2009, Dr. Soori provided treatment to Patient H, an individual with a history of suicide attempts, prior mental health treatment and polysubstance abuse. During the course of treatment:

a. On Patient H's initial visit on December 19, 2008, Dr. Soori prescribed 30 Prozac 20mg (fluoxetine), 30 Haldol 2mg (haloperidol 2mg), and 90 clonazepam, as a thirty day supply. On December 29, 2008, Dr. Soori authorized refills of these medications which the patient filled on January 10, 2009. On January 29, 2009, Dr. Soori authorized refills of this patient's prescriptions without examining the patient or conducting a mental health status evaluation, and increased the number of tablets of clonazepam prescribed to a quantity of 120, despite his knowledge that the patient was taking more tablets than prescribed.

b. Dr. Soori failed to document in the patient's medical record information on how he addressed the patient's reported escalation and/or abuse of prescribed medications and illegal substances, despite Dr. Soori having information that the patient was taking more medication than prescribed and using marijuana.

c. Between on or about January 29, 2009 and February 3, 2009, Patient H repeatedly called and left messages for Dr. Soori that he was in crisis; however, Dr. Soori failed to respond and refer him to another practitioner for treatment.

13. Dr. Soori violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(17) and (18), and 54.1-3408.01.A of the Code in that, in approximately December 2008, Dr. Soori wrote a prescription for Patient I with a note written at the top to not fill the prescription before February 3, 2009; however, Dr. Soori failed to write on the prescription the date that he actually wrote the prescription.

14. Dr. Soori violated Section 54.1-2915.A(5) of the Code in that, the State of New York, Department of Health, State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, entered a Commissioner's Summary Order on February 29, 2009, ordering that Dr. Soori not practice medicine in the State of New York until a disciplinary hearing was held to determine if his license should be suspended, revoked, or otherwise sanctioned. This action was based on the Order of Summary Suspension entered by the Virginia Board of Medicine on January 29, 2009.

### CONSENT

I, Mohammed K. B. Soori, M.D., by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

1. I have been advised specifically to seek the advice of counsel prior to signing this document and am represented by Michael L. Goodman, Esquire;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me, except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000.A et seq. of the Code of Virginia;
3. I have the following rights, among others:
  - a. the right to a formal hearing before the Board;
  - b. the right to appear in person or by counsel, or other qualified

representative before the agency; and

c. the right to cross-examine witnesses against me.

4. I waive all rights to a formal hearing;

5. I neither admit nor deny the truth of the above Findings of Fact, but waive my right to contest the foregoing Findings of Fact in any subsequent proceeding before the Board; and

6. I consent to the following Order affecting my license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

#### ORDER

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and with the consent of the licensee, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of Mohammed K. B. Soori, M.D., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Consent Order, the license of Mohammed K. B. Soori, M.D., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

Dr. Soori shall not petition the Board for reinstatement of his license for a period of 36 months from the date of entry of the Order of Summary Suspension. Should Dr. Soori seek reinstatement of his license, he shall be noticed to appear before the Board, in accordance with the Administrative Process Act. As petitioner, Dr. Soori will have the burden of proving his competency and fitness to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia in a safe manner.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2920 of the Code, upon entry of this Consent Order, Dr. Soori shall forthwith give notice, by certified mail, of the suspension of his license to practice

medicine to all patients to whom he was providing services prior to the summary suspension of his license. A copy of this notice shall be provided to the Board when sent to patients. Dr. Soori shall cooperate with other practitioners to ensure continuation of treatment in conformity with the wishes of the patient. Dr. Soori shall also notify any hospitals or other facilities where he is currently granted privileges, and any health insurance companies, health insurance administrators or health maintenance organization currently reimbursing him for any of the healing arts.

Further, within five (5) days of entry of this Consent Order, Dr. Soori shall:

1. Return his current license to the Board office;
2. Surrender his Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") certificate and DEA 222 Schedule II order forms to the DEA and provide a copy of this surrender notification to the Board;
3. Submit written notification to any and all drug wholesalers or pharmacies that he has ordered from, or had an account with for the past five (5) years, that he has surrendered his DEA license and request that the account be closed, a copy of which shall be provided to the Board; and
4. Properly dispose of all Schedule II-VI controlled substances, including physician's samples, remaining in the practice.

Pursuant to Sections 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Consent Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD:

*For* *William L. Harp*  
William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 6/22/2009

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

*Mohammed K. B. Soori*  
Mohammed K. B. Soori, M.D.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY/CITY OF Virginia Beach, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, at large, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009, by Mohammed K. B. Soori, M.D.

*Sarah Indell*  
Notary Public  
Registration Number: 365343  
My commission expires: 12-31-2010  
Formally commissioned as  
*Sarah Schildwacher*

