

**CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
JOSEPH MICHAEL METZ, M.D.
AND
THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO**

This Consent Agreement is entered into by and between Joseph Michael Metz, M.D., [Dr. Metz] and the State Medical Board of Ohio [the Board], a state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4731., Ohio Revised Code.

Dr. Metz enters into this Consent Agreement being fully informed of his rights under Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, including the right to representation by counsel and the right to a formal adjudicative hearing on the issues considered herein.

BASIS FOR ACTION

This Consent Agreement is entered into on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

- A. The Board is empowered by Section 4731.22(A), Ohio Revised Code, to revoke or refuse to grant a certificate to a person found by the Board to have committed “fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for or securing any certificate to practice or certificate of registration issued by the board.”
- B. The Board is also empowered by Section 4731.22(B)(5), Ohio Revised Code, to limit, revoke, suspend a certificate, refuse to register or reinstate an applicant, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a certificate for “[m]aking a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatry, or a limited branch of medicine; or in securing or attempting to secure any certificate to practice or certificate of registration issued by the board.”
- C. The Board is also empowered by Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to limit, revoke, suspend a certificate, refuse to register or reinstate an applicant, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a certificate for “violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board.”
- D. Additionally, the Board is empowered by Section 4731.281(E), Ohio Revised Code, to impose a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars on an individual whom the Board finds did not complete the requisite Continuing Medical Education [CME] during the applicable time period.
- E. The Board enters into this Consent Agreement in lieu of formal proceedings based upon the violation of Sections 4731.22(A), (B)(5) and (B)(20), to wit: Section

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4731.281, Ohio Revised Code, and Rules 4731-10-02 and 4731-10-08, Ohio Administrative Code, as detailed in Paragraphs H and I below, and expressly reserves the right to institute formal proceedings based upon any other violations of Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, whether occurring before or after the effective date of this Agreement.

- F. Dr. Metz is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio, License No. 35-082844.
- G. Dr. Metz states that he is also licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State(s) of N/A
- H. Dr. Metz admits that in completing his application for renewal of his certificate to practice medicine or surgery for the July 2, 2006, through July 1, 2008, registration period, he certified that he had completed during the 2004 - 2006 CME period (April 2, 2004, through April 1, 2006) the requisite hours of CME, as required by Section 4731.281, Ohio Revised Code, when in fact he had not done so.
- I. Dr. Metz admits that, in fact, he completed only 15.5 hours of the required 40 hours of Category I CME during the applicable time period of April 2, 2004, through April 1, 2006.
- J. Dr. Metz states, and the Board acknowledges receipt of acceptable documentation to support, that he has completed 84 credit hours of Category I CME during the current 2006 - 2008 CME period, 24.5 hours of which will be applied towards his credit deficiency in the 2004 - 2006 period. The Board agrees that Dr. Metz has now satisfied his CME requirement for the 2004 - 2006 CME period.

AGREED CONDITIONS

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any formal proceedings at this time, Dr. Metz knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the Board to the following terms, conditions and limitations:

REPRIMAND

- 1. Dr. Metz shall be and hereby is REPRIMANDED.

FINE

- 2. Dr. Metz shall pay a fine of three thousand dollars to the Board within thirty days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement.

DOCUMENTATION OF CME

- 3. Dr. Metz has supplied documentation acceptable to the Board of satisfactory completion of the requisite number of CME hours for the CME period of April 2, 2006, through April 1, 2008. These CME hours were in addition to the 24.5 hours

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that Dr. Metz completed after April 2, 2006, that have been credited to the 2004 - 2006 CME period. Moreover, Dr. Metz shall supply documentation acceptable to the Board of satisfactory completion of the requisite number of CME hours for the April 2, 2008, through April 1, 2010, CME period that corresponds with Dr. Metz's next period of active licensure. This documentation shall be due in the Board's offices within thirty days of the conclusion of each CME period, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

REQUIRED REPORTING BY LICENSEE

4. Within thirty days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Dr. Metz shall provide a copy of this Consent Agreement to all employers or entities with which he is under contract to provide health care services or is receiving training; and the Chief of Staff at each hospital where he has privileges or appointments. Further, for a period of five years following the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Dr. Metz shall provide a copy of this Consent Agreement to all employers or entities with which he contracts to provide health care services, or applies for or receives training, and the Chief of Staff at each hospital where he applies for or obtains privileges or appointments.
5. Within thirty days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Dr. Metz shall provide a copy of this Consent Agreement by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the proper licensing authority of any state or jurisdiction in which she currently holds any professional license. Further, for a period of five years following the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Dr. Metz shall provide a copy of this Consent Agreement by certified mail, return receipt requested, at time of application to the proper licensing authority of any state in which he applies for any professional license or reinstatement of any professional license. Further, Dr. Metz shall provide this Board with a copy of the return receipt as proof of notification within thirty days of receiving that return receipt.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

If, in the discretion of the Secretary and Supervising Member of the Board, Dr. Metz appears to have violated or breached any term or condition of this Consent Agreement, the Board reserves the right to institute formal disciplinary proceedings for any and all possible violations or breaches, including but not limited to, alleged violations of the laws of Ohio occurring before the effective date of this Consent Agreement.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/LIABILITY RELEASE

Dr. Metz acknowledges that he has had an opportunity to ask questions concerning the terms of this Consent Agreement and that all questions asked have been answered in a satisfactory manner.

Any action initiated by the Board based on alleged violations of this Consent Agreement shall comply with the Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code.

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Dr. Metz hereby releases the Board, its members, employees, agents, officers and representatives jointly and severally from any and all liability arising from the within matter.

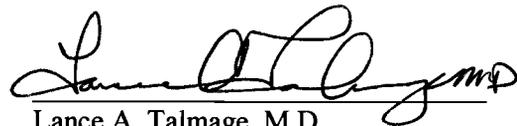
This Consent Agreement shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43, Ohio Revised Code. Further, this information may be reported to appropriate organizations, data banks and governmental bodies. Dr. Metz acknowledges that his social security number will be used if this information is so reported and agrees to provide his social security number to the Board for such purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE

It is expressly understood that this Consent Agreement is subject to ratification by the Board prior to signature by the Secretary and Supervising Member and shall become effective upon the last date of signature below.



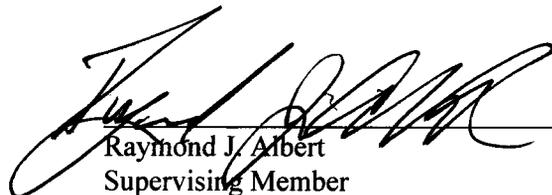
Joseph Michael Metz, M.D.



Lance A. Talmage, M.D.
Secretary

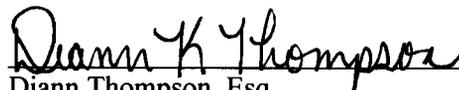
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Raymond J. Albert
Supervising Member

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Diann Thompson, Esq.
Assistant Executive Director

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