

**BEFORE THE
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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In the Matter Of:	:	No. 02-I-007
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SAIYID RASHEEQ WAHID, M.D.	:	CONSENT ORDER
(Certificate No. 10247R)	:	<u>FOR REPRIMAND</u>
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<i>Respondent</i>	:	
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In connection with an investigation of Respondent's manufacture and sale of a certain herbal medication or preparation (hereinafter, "the Substance"), certain documents were obtained and reviewed. Investigation revealed that Respondent prepared the Substance in his home using various edible herbs and seeds. Respondent acknowledged that he does not engage in any systematic or reproducible method of manufacturing the Substance. He likewise acknowledged that, although he does not claim the Substance is a "cure" for any illness, he has stated in a brochure that "my patient's life expectancies have increased and they are no longer experiencing uncomfortable side effects from their illnesses". Respondent stated that he sometimes sells the Substance for \$300 per bottle and sometimes gives bottles away to patients who cannot afford it. In response to the Investigating Officer's concerns, respondent stated the following:

- 1) Dr. Wahid has not made this herbal remedy since February, 2001 and intends to discontinue the manufacture and dispensing said product;
- 2) The patients who were provided with this product were few in number;
- 3) The patients who were provided with this product signed releases and consents which included an affirmative statement that "this mixture will not cure me;"
- 4) The dispensing of the product to patients was a complimentary or supplementary therapy and was not in lieu of traditional medical treatment;
- 5) A dispensing license under Louisiana law is not required to dispense such a product;
- 6) The active ingredient in said product, i.e. black seeds, is nigella sativa, or black cumin, and has been found to possess strong immunomodulatory and interferon-like activity;
- 7) Finally, the charts on patients receiving this herbal product have comments contained therein by patients that they felt better and have more energy.

The Investigating Officer concluded there was sufficient evidence to warrant the filing of an Administrative Complaint due to possible violations of La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285A(7)¹.

Although Dr. Wahid denies that he committed any violations herein, Dr. Wahid does, as evidenced by his subscription hereto, consent and agree to the consent order proposed herein as being in the best interest of Dr. Wahid and in order to put an end to this matter.

Recognizing his right to have notice of the allegations and charges asserted against him, to administrative adjudication of such charges, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:955-958, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, Dr. Wahid, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Wahid also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto and/or legal counsel assisting him in that capacity to present this Consent Order 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. Dr. Wahid expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer or his legal counsel shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to prosecute the Administrative Complaint now pending against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint, should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the information provided, accordingly, and upon the recommendation of the Investigating Officer assigned to this matter, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to insure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter, by consent.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Saiyid Rasheeq Wahid, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 10247R, shall, and hereby does, receive an OFFICIAL REPRIMAND and his continuing exercise of the rights and privileges thereunder, shall be conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(a) Dispensing Medications and/or Substances: Dr. Wahid is ordered not to dispense any herbs except as may be allowed by law and by the officially promulgated policies of this Board.

(b) Continuing Medical Education: Within one year of the date of this Order, Dr. Wahid shall attend fifty (50) hours of continuing medical education on internal medicine and provide evidence of same to the Board;

(c) Payment of Fine: Dr. Wahid shall pay a fine of \$1,000 within thirty (30) days of this Order.

¹ La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 37:1285A(7), states that the Board may take action against a physician's license due to "Solicitation of patients of self-promotion through advertising or communication, public or private, which is fraudulent, false, deceptive, or misleading."

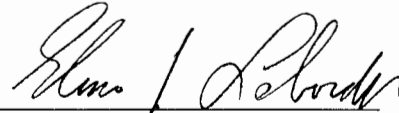
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Wahid shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Wahid's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 24th day of Sept, 2002.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By:



Elmo LaBorde, M.D.
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF East Baton Rouge

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT

I, SAIYID RASHEEQ WAHID, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 4th day of Sept, 2002.

S. R. Wahid
SAIYID RASHEEQ WAHID, M.D.

WITNESSES:

Candice Humphrey
Signature

Missy Lee
Signature

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Baton Rouge Louisiana, this 4th day of Sept, 2002, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

W. Michael Stamm
Notary Public