BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE

OF

ARNOLD ERWIN FELDMAN, M.D.

REPRIMAND

WHEREAS, Arnold Erwin Feldman, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is current holder of License No. 10981 for the practice of medicine in the State of Mississippi;

WHEREAS, the Investigative Staff of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure has conducted a comprehensive investigation into the medical practice of Licensee in Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi, and has documented evidence indicating that Licensee has violated the Rules and Regulations of the Board, "Pertaining to Prescribing, Administration and Dispensing of Medication";

WHEREAS, such conduct is in violation of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act and specifically Mississippi Code Annotated, Section 73-25-29(13), as amended, for which the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure may revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board or take any other action the Board may deem proper under the circumstances;

WHEREAS, Licensee wishes to avoid a hearing before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and in lieu thereof has consented to certain conditions being placed on his license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure with consent of Licensee as signified by his joinder herein, does hereby formally reprimand Licensee, and impose on Licensee's certificate to practice medicine the following conditions for a term of one (1) year:

- 1. Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Reprimand, Licensee shall successfully pass a jurisprudence examination covering the rules and regulations of the Board pertaining to administering, dispensing and prescribing medications, with the content of the examination to be determined by the Executive Director of the Board.
- Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Reprimand, Licensee shall successfully complete Case Western Reserve University's intensive courses in controlled substance management and medical record keeping, or courses of similar content and duration that are approved in advance by the Executive Director of the Board.
- 3. No later than the first week of each month, Licensee shall provide the Investigative staff of the Board with copies of his administration and dispensing records, purchase invoices and DEA 222 Order forms for all controlled substances purchased or used in his practice during the previous month.
- 4. Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Reprimand, obtain fifty (50) hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) with emphasis, but not limited to, the area of clinical, legal and ethical use of controlled substances.

Licensee is allowed to apply any or all of the CME hours obtained through Condition Number 2 toward reduction of the total hours required in this condition.

- 5. Licensee's practice shall be subject to random surveillance by any Board Investigator, the Board's Executive Director, any member of the Board or any designated representative of the Board.
- 6. Licensee shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine. Licensee shall further demonstrate compliance with this requirement by ensuring that the following is done in a complete and timely manner:
 - a. All Schedule II drugs ordered by Licensee will be obtained pursuant to a Drug Enforcement Administration Order Form 222, and said forms shall be used in numerical sequence so that each book of forms will be used up completely before a new book of forms is utilized; provided, however, Licensee may obtain any controlled substance by prescription where the entire quantity/volume of the medication is to be administered or dispensed immediately (same day) to the patient.
 - Licensee shall henceforth document and maintain an "initial inventory" on all new drugs that are purchased. All controlled substances will be inventoried biennially.
 - c. Licensee shall consistently maintain a record of the strength of the controlled substance(s) used to the nearest milligram per metric weight, i.e. milligrams per tablet or milligrams per milliliter.
 - d. Except as provided in Paragraph 6(a) above, Licensee shall not utilize any prescriptions to obtain clinic supply of controlled substances for general dispensation/administration to patients.
- 7. Licensee shall pay all costs or assessments incurred during the current investigation, not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3000.00), pursuant to

Section 73-25-30 (2),(3) and (4) Mississippi Code (1972) as amended. Notification of said costs shall be made to Licensee by U.S. Mail and failure by Licensee to pay all costs within forty (40) days of receipt of said notification shall be grounds for further action.

In the event Licensee should leave Mississippi to reside <u>and</u> practice outside the State, Licensee shall, within ten (10) days prior to departing, notify the Board in writing the dates of departure and return. Periods of residency or practice outside Mississippi will not apply to the reduction of time periods specified in this Reprimand.

This Reprimand shall be subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Reprimand, in whole or in part, it shall have no force or effect on the parties. It is further understood and agreed that the purpose of this Reprimand is to avoid a hearing before the Board. In this regard, Licensee authorizes the Board to review and examine any documentary evidence or material concerning the Licensee prior to or in conjunction with its consideration of this Reprimand. Should this Reprimand not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Reprimand and other documents and matters pertaining thereto by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation or consideration of the resolution of the proceeding.

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that this Reprimand, if approved and executed by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, shall constitute a public record of the State of Mississippi.

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Recognizing his right to notice of charges specified against him, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-25-27 (1972), to be represented therein by legal counsel of his choice, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, Arnold Erwin Feldman, M.D., nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and authorizes the Board to enter an order accepting this Reprimand, thereby formally reprimanding Licensee and imposing the above enumerated conditions on his license for a term of one (1) year.

Signed this the 12 Tu day of May, 2000.

ARNOLD ERWIN FELDMAN, M.D.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, This the 18th day of May, 2000 by the MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

OSEPN E. JOHNSTON, M.D., PRESIDENT