BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of

Case No. MD-99-0924

JOHN HARALDSEN, M.D.

Holder of License No. **9467**For the Practice of Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION and PROBATION

CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") and John Haraldsen, M.D. ("Respondent") the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

- 1. Respondent acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order. Respondent acknowledges that he understands he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter and has done so or chooses not to do so.
- 2. Respondent understands that by entering into this Consent Agreement for the issuance of the foregoing Order, he voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement and the Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Order.
- Respondent acknowledges and understands that this Consent Agreement and the Order will not become effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
- 4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving

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the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

- Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, although said Consent 5. Agreement and Order has not yet been accepted by the Board and issued by the Executive Director, Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke acceptance of the Consent Agreement and Order. Any modifications to this Consent Agreement and Order are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.
- Respondent further understands that this Consent Agreement and Order, 6. once approved and signed, shall constitute a public record document that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board.
- If any part of the Consent Agreement and Order is later declared void or 7. otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

Dated: $\frac{4/9/02}{2}$

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 9467 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 3. The Board initiated case number MD-99-0924 after receiving a complaint regarding Respondent's care and treatment of a patient ("Patient").
- 4. Patient reported that during the removal of a cyst from Patient's back Respondent appeared to have an epileptic seizure.
- 5. The Board ordered Respondent to undergo evaluations in order to assist the Board in determining Respondent's ability to safely practice medicine.
- 6. The Board-ordered evaluations indicated concern regarding Respondent's continued practice of surgical dermatology.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.
- 2. The conduct and circumstances described above in paragraph 4 constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(25)(q) ("[a]ny conduct or practice which is or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public.").

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's practice is limited to non-surgical dermatology. Electrodesiccation and/or the use of liquid nitrogen above the supersternal notch are considered surgery and are prohibited. Respondent's practice is so limited until he applies to the Board and affirmatively receives the Board's approval to resume these practices.

The Board may require any combination of staff approved physical examinations, psychiatric and/or psychological evaluations, or successful passage of the Special Purpose Licensing Exam or other competency examinations or interview it finds necessary to assist it in determining Respondent's ability to resume these practices.

- 2. Respondent is placed on Probation for the purposes of monitoring his ongoing ability to safely engage in the practice of medicine. Respondent shall remain in treatment with a Board Staff approved neurologist and instruct the neurologist to release to the Board, upon its request, all records relating to treatment of Respondent, and to submit quarterly written reports to the Board regarding diagnosis, prognosis, and his ability to practice. The reports shall submitted on or before the 15th day of March, June, September and December of each year.
- 3. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of his probation and practice restriction. The declarations shall be submitted on or before the 15th day of March, June, September and December of each year.
 - 4. This Order is the final disposition of case number MD-99-0924.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 13th day of Open, 2002.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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Executive Director

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