STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

In Re: Laurie Benoit, R.N. Petition No. 2002-1008-010-081

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Laurie Benoit (hereinafter "respondent") of Agawam, Massachusetts has been issued license number R54570 to practice as a registered nurse by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that:

1. During July 1997 respondent was employed as a registered nurse at BayState Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts.
2. On July 21, 1997 respondent attempted to remove a patient's clothing and instructed others to remove the patient's clothing without the patient's consent.
3. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, 20-99(b), including but not limited to 20-99(b)(2).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations at a hearing in front of the Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board"). Respondent further agrees that this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if ordered after a full hearing pursuant to §§19a-9, 19a-10, and 20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-99(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent shall comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations applicable to her profession.
3. Respondent's license number R54570 to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
4. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the month in which this Consent Order is approved and accepted by the Board.
5. Respondent understands this Consent Order is a matter of public record.
6. Respondent understands this Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Board in which (1) her compliance with this same Consent Order is at issue, or (2) her compliance with §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
7. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 and 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any other rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
8. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. The Department and respondent understand

that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.

9. Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

I, Laurie Benoit, have read the above Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Laurie Benoit, RN

Laurie Benoit, R.N.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of March, 2003.

Sarah P. Hanrahan

Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 10th day of March, 2003, it is hereby accepted.

Stanley K. Peck, Director, Legal Office
Bureau of Healthcare Systems

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 2 day of April, 2003, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY: Nancy S. Johnson

Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing