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IN RE: **DEBRA L. SMITH, R.N.**)
 of Norway, Maine) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
 License #R027880) **FOR WARNING**

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Debra L. Smith's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(A-1)(1), § 8003(5)(B) and 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(A) and (B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Debra L. Smith ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine. An informal conference was held on August 23, 2001. The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of information submitted by Sister's Of Charity Health System, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center by letter dated June 8, 2000.

FACTS

1. Debra L. Smith has been a registered professional nurse licensed by the Board to practice in Maine since 1984.
2. Ms. Smith failed to recognize and follow standards of nursing practice and failed to follow hospital policies and procedures in the practice situation designed to safeguard the patient because:
 - a. After dropping medication (Tylenol) on the floor she administered it to a patient.
 - b. She administered the wrong medication to a patient by administering Verapamil instead of Propanolol.
 - c. She failed to follow the protocol for the transfusion of blood products.
 - d. She failed to follow proper insulin administration procedures in two instances because she: 1) administered the wrong type of insulin to a patient and, 2) drew up a total of 85 units of insulin in two syringes and did not verify the dose with another registered nurse prior to administering the insulin to a patient.



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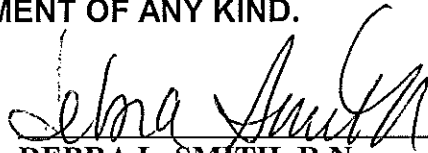
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AGREEMENT

3. Debra L. Smith agrees and understands that her conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(F) and (2)(H) and Chapter 4(1)(A)(6) and 4(3)(F) of the Maine State Board of Nursing Rules. Debra L. Smith is hereby **WARNED** because she failed to take appropriate action and to follow policies and procedures in the nursing practice designed to safeguard a patient.
4. Debra L. Smith understands that this Consent Agreement imposes discipline regarding her license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. Ms. Smith understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into this Consent Agreement.
5. Debra L. Smith affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
6. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all the parties.
7. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
8. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, DEBRA L. SMITH, R.N., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY THREAT OR PROMISE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND.


DATED: _____



DEBRA L. SMITH, R.N.

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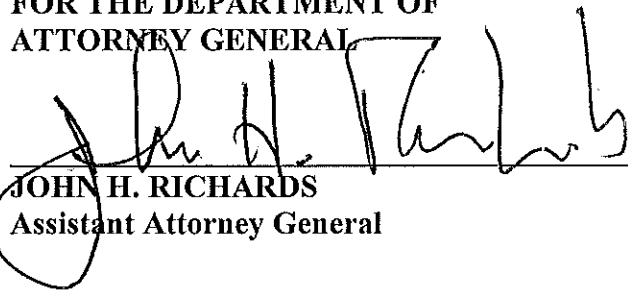
DATED: Oct 9, 2001



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