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DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

of the State of Illinois

Complainant

v.

JOSEPH M. MERCOLA, D.O.

Respondent

License No. 036-0066597

No. 2001-04-1

**COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES THE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of the State of Illinois, by its Chief of Medical Prosecution, Michael J. Lyons and as its Complaint against Joseph M. Mercola, D.O. Respondent, complains as follows:

**COUNT I**

1. Joseph M. Mercola, D.O. is presently the holder of a Certificate of Registration as a Osteopathic Physician in the State of Illinois, License Number 036-66597 issued to Respondent by the Department of Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois (hereinafter the "Department"). Respondent's license is currently in active status.
2. Respondent caused the publication of false and potentially harmful medical advice on the web cite entitled www.mercola.com.
3. Respondent advertises his associate as Lina C. Garcia MMD, DDS Doctor of Medical Dentistry and Cranial Osteopathy. There is no doctorate of cranial osteopathy.

4. Respondent has used nonstandard and unproven therapies such as the use of Live Cell Microscopy performed by Jordan J.D., CNC. This test can supposedly find evidence of many illnesses and conditions.
5. Hair analysis claims are made on the web site which are refuted by recognized scientific studies.
6. Respondent's website claims that NST (Neurostructural Therapy) which is gentle non invasive touching and stretching the skin thru clothes in 2 directions, can result in dynamic body balance, dramatic results not merely relieving symptoms but addressing the root causes of most physical complaints. While claiming to cure nothing, a lengthy table and list of illnesses is provided with information that symptoms related to these illnesses frequently disappear after NST session. NST can resolve a plethora of health problems is the conclusion published on the site.
7. EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) or psychological self acupuncture, claims to relieve emotional trauma that can affect physical health and is recommended by Respondent.
8. Treatment at his office with Ska Sys is available and is currently used by Respondent to neutralize some of the effects on vaccines in children with autism.

9. TFT (Thought Field Therapy), or energetic Psychotherapy 2, showed 90% success rate. Respondent claims working with TFT results in permanent improvements and cures.
10. PTSD, depression, phobias, anxiety, panic, addiction and more are treated by Respondent.
11. Respondent describes links between vaccination and death and suggests that patients ask public health officials why they are not tried as mass murderers. Milk is linked to autism and schizophrenia. No scientific tests are presented to validate these claims.
12. All of the claims listed on the Respondent's website are not supported by recognized authorities.
13. These actions or omissions as alleged are grounds for revocation, suspension, or other discipline to a Certificate of Registration pursuant to 225 ILCS (2000) 60/26 (2) (3) & ILCS (2000) 60/22 (A)-10, 225 ILCS (2000) 60/22 (A) 5.

WHEREFORE, based on these allegations, the DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of the State of Illinois, by Michael J. Lyons, its Chief of Medical Prosecutions, prays that the Physician and Surgeon license of Joseph M. Mercola, D.O. be suspended, revoked, or otherwise disciplined.


**COUNT II**

1. Paragraph 1 of Count I is realleged as paragraph 1 of Count II.

2. Respondent publishes "My Vision" on his web page in which "he exposes the existing medical paradigm's techniques, habits, and messages that have put, and increasingly are putting, your health and the health of the American public in grave danger. By doing so, and by exposing the dishonorable motives - usually greed - that form the basis of the current establishment's methods. He hopes to eliminate some of the most treacherous barriers on your journey to optimal health."
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