

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

**In the Matter of  
Nomate Toate Kpea D.O.  
License Number DO 0331**

**SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Pursuant to R.I. General Laws §5-37-5.2, 1956, as amended, (2009 Reenactment) the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter referred to as “Board”) has received information relating to the Respondent’s practice of Dermatology. The following constitutes the Investigating Committee’s Findings:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

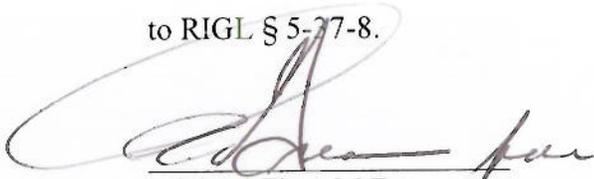
1. Nomate Toate Kpea is a 1984 graduate of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and has practiced medicine in Rhode Island since 1985. He completed Dermatology training at the Brown Residency Program in Dermatology.
2. Respondent’s Dermatology practices organized as Skin Medicine and Surgery Centers and as a Spa with offices at multiple offices at sites across the region and a primary business address of 647 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island. The offices include two in Warwick, Providence, North Smithfield, Newport, Narragansett, Cumberland, Foster and in Connecticut.
3. The Respondent has abandoned patients from these practices by leaving the country to run for elective office in Nigeria and failed to provide any form of continuity of care. There are tens of thousands of medical records and pathology slides that the Respondent has abandoned in an office in Foster, Rhode Island. This office, along with offices in Cumberland and elsewhere, had mortgages that have been foreclosed by the lender. The properties are

for sale and contain many of the medical records that patients are seeking for continuity of care and other purposes.

4. Additionally, the Board has many unanswered complaints which the Respondent has failed to answer. The Board concludes that these complaints are indicative of a pattern of negligence in diagnosis and treatment.
5. Additionally, there is numerous malpractice complaints pending in the superior court which the Respondent has failed to address through his malpractice carrier.
6. The Board has learned that the Respondent has returned from Nigeria and desires to restart a medical practice. The Board's attempts to serve the Respondent notice of hearings were impeded by the Respondent who had left the country. The Respondent has written to the Board and provided a current Rhode Island address: 87 Carpenter Drive, South Kingstown, RI 02879.

### ORDER

After considering the findings of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, regarding Nomate Toate Kpea D.O., it has been determined that the continuation of the practice of medicine by Nomate Toate Kpea D.O. would constitute an immediate danger to the public. Accordingly, Nomate Toate Kpea D.O. is suspended from practicing medicine until further Order of the Department of Health, Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. The Respondent is entitled to an administrative hearing on this suspension within 10 days of this Order pursuant to RIGL § 5-27-8.

  
Michael Fine, M.D.  
Director of Health

10/31/11  
Date

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of this order was send by registered mail and hand delivery to Nomate Toate Kpea, DO, 87 Carpenter Dr., South Kingstown, RI 02879 and to his malpractice attorney of record Michael Sarli, Esq., Gidley, Sarli and Marusak, One Turks Head Place, Providence, RI 02903 on this 1st day of November 2011.

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