

North Carolina Medical Board

Quarterly Board Actions Report | May 2016 - July 2016

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ANNULMENTS			
JENNINGS, Christopher Ray, MD (201502283) Anderson, SC	05/26/2016	Inaccurate statement or answer on NC medical license application.	Annulment of NC medical license
SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS			
NONE			
REVOCATIONS			
NONE			
SUSPENSIONS			
BAILEY, Scott Allen, MD (200500604) Beaver, WV	05/18/2016	MD consumed alcohol in violation of NCPHP contract; History of alcohol use disorder; History of arrest for DWI and arrest for misdemeanor assault on a female.	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license
DANFORTH, Wendell Calvin, MD (009801628) Honolulu, HI	05/20/2016	Professional boundary issue: MD engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a patient under his care.	MD is suspended for 12 months, retroactive to March 12, 2015.
KULP, Kenneth Robert, MD (000019360) Wilmington, NC	07/13/2016	January 25, 2016, arrest for Driving While Impaired and Simple Possession of Controlled Substances; MD inactivated his NC medical license in March 2016.	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license
LAVENHOUSE, (Jr.), Clifton, MD (200401526) Atlanta, GA	06/21/2016	Failure to pay child support.	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license
ORTON, William Jack, PA (000102012) Beaufort, NC	05/20/2016	Inappropriate prescribing of prescription opioids; PA failed to maintain appropriate boundaries with a patient under his care during 2011. PA provided prescriptions for narcotics to the patient at a time when PA knew the patient suffered from substance use disorder. PA also visited the patient at home and provided the patient with money to pay bills.	PA is indefinitely suspended, effective August 1, 2016.
POTTI, Anil, MD (200601514) Grand Forks, ND	05/27/2016	MD engaged in research misconduct while on faculty at Duke University School of Medicine.	MD's inactive medical license is suspended.
LIMITATIONS/CONDITIONS			
BURKHEAD, Margaret Kelly, MD (200700808) Raleigh, NC	06/02/2016	History of alcohol/substance use disorder.	MD's license is reinstated; MD must maintain NCPHP contract and comply with all terms; MD must refrain from the use or possession of alcohol and all other mind or mood altering substances.
MCGUCKIN, (Jr.), James Frederick, MD (009400580)	06/21/2016	Action taken by Washington Medical Board	MD must comply with his Washington order; MD is limited such that he may not perform angioplasty or stenting procedures of the venous system for CCSVI or MS patients in the state of NC. MD must provide the Board's Chief of Investigations with a copy of the results of the ProBE course.

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WOLF, Teresa Lynn, PA (000103636) Wilson, NC	06/22/2016	History of aberrant workplace behavior, including habitual tardiness, absenteeism and emotional outbursts.	PA must comply with NCPHP contract.
REPRIMANDS			
KRISHNARAJ, Ramesh Loganathan, MD (009901228) Morganton, NC	06/21/2016	Missed diagnosis; MD failed to recognize two positive blood cultures with the same organism and drawn at separate times as a likely infective agent for a patient's infectious disease.	Reprimand
LOVE, Carolyn Arnzietta, MD (200101468) Hickory, NC	07/26/2016	Action taken by Virginia medical board related to issues related to quality of care/medical record documentation.	Reprimand
WEISMILLER, David Glenn, MD (009600771) Roanoke Rapids, NC	05/11/2016	MD pled guilty to two misdemeanor counts of Common Law Forgery in November 2015.	Reprimand
DENIALS OF LICENSE/APPROVAL			
NONE			
SURRENDERS			
DIXON, Donovan Dave, MD (201001347) Pembroke, NC	07/21/2016		Voluntary surrender of NC medical license
GENTRY, John Billy, MD (000011486) Shelby, NC	07/26/2016		Voluntary surrender of NC medical license
NGUYEN, Tuong Dai, MD (200000566) Charlotte, NC	06/16/2016		Voluntary surrender of NC medical license
WATFORD, Douglas Elry, MD (000035546) Kinston, NC	05/19/2016	On Friday, April 8, 2016, MD pled guilty to one count of Distribution of Schedule IV narcotics by a DEA registrant in an unsecured and unsealed container and without the appropriate warning label, a misdemeanor.	MD's NC medical license is permanently surrendered.
WELLS, Wendell D'Alton, MD (000026479)	05/25/2016		Voluntary surrender of NC medical license
PUBLIC LETTERS OF CONCERN			
CALLAHAN, Adam Patrick, PA, (001006700) Liverpool, NY	07/12/2016	Incorrect answer on NC license application; PA answered "no" to a question that asked whether he had ever been placed on disciplinary or scholastic probation when, in fact, he was placed on probation for unprofessional conduct while completing his professional education at Marietta College in Marietta, OH.	Public Letter of Concern; \$1,000 administrative fine
CLASSEN, James Anthony, MD (000033010) Fayetteville, NC	06/20/2016	MD removed a patient's left adrenal gland instead of the right adrenal gland as intended. MD had mistakenly dictated that the adrenal mass to be removed affected the left gland.	Public Letter of Concern
COOK, Brian, MD (000039254) Greensboro, NC	06/06/2016	The Board is concerned MD's care of a patient who presented to the emergency department multiple times in a single day with fever and complaints of abdominal pain failed to meet accepted standards of care. The patient was eventually diagnosed with and treated for sepsis. The Board is concerned that MD's failure to appropriately consider alternative diagnoses and order appropriate follow up studies may have delayed the diagnosis.	Public Letter of Concern
DAIGLE, Patrick Joseph, MD (201601350) New Bern, NC	06/16/2016	While serving in the Navy, MD wrote unauthorized prescriptions for controlled substances to several immediate family members and to persons with whom he did not have a legitimate physician-patient relationship. MD failed to appropriately document these prescriptions. This conduct led to convictions of Writing Unauthorized Prescriptions for Controlled Substances and Failing to Enter Prescriptions in Electronic Medical Records.	MD is issued a NC medical license, with a Public Letter of Concern

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DICKTER, Steven Joseph, MD (201202285) West Chester, PA	05/24/2016	The Board is concerned MD failed to follow up properly on a 2003 ultrasound report indicating that a patient had a possible 6 cm solid mass on his right kidney. The written report from the radiologist recommended further evaluation utilizing a CT scan of the kidneys, and specifically noted that findings were discussed with MD. No follow-up evaluation was obtained. Several years later, the patient was diagnosed with renal cell cancer.	Public Letter of Concern
MORFESIS, Florias Andrew, MD (009701828) Fayetteville, NC	05/06/2016	MD failed to appropriately diagnose post-operative hemorrhage as the cause of a patient's acute renal failure and overall postoperative illness.	Public Letter of Concern
PRECHTER, Scott Allan, MD (201601767) Flowood, MS	07/26/2016	The Board is concerned that MD issued two prescriptions for controlled substances to two co-workers and another controlled substance prescription to a friend's sister without conducting a proper history or physical examination, or appropriately documenting the encounters. The Board does note that MD brought this issue to the Board's attention while the license application was pending and appreciates MD's candor in this matter.	Public Letter of Concern
STEGBAUER, Scott Allen, MD (200700995) Kinston, NC	06/16/2016	While performing a total knee replacement, MD implanted a component designed to be used in a right knee into a patient's left knee. MD immediately informed the patient of the problem.	Public Letter of Concern; \$1,000 administrative fine
STRAND, Terry Stanin, MD (009501430) Reidsville, NC	06/06/2016	The Board is concerned MD's care of a patient who repeatedly presented to the emergency department in a single day with fever and complaints of abdominal pain failed to meet accepted standards of care. MD examined the patient after he returned to the ED following his discharge earlier in the day. The patient was eventually diagnosed with and treated for sepsis. The Board is concerned that MD's failure to appropriately consider alternative diagnoses and order appropriate follow up studies may have delayed the diagnosis.	Public Letter of Concern
TRAN, Ann Anh, MD (200600193) Eden Prairie, MN	07/25/2016	The Board is concerned that in August 2009, MD read a series of chest CT scans for a patient as stable with inflammation of the lung and pulmonary fibrosis. However, MD made no mention of a bony destructive lesion in the sternum. The Board had the films reviewed by a radiology expert who indicated the lesion was quite visible when reviewed on bone window settings. The Board reminds MD it is the standard of practice to review all anatomic structures on a CT scan, including the skeleton, using the appropriate display settings.	Public Letter of Concern
TURNER, (III), James Haskew, MD (200401589) Eden Prairie, MN	07/25/2016	The Board is concerned that in March 2009, MD read a series of chest CT scans for a patient as having findings consistent with interstitial lung disease. However, MD made no mention of a bony destructive lesion in the sternum. The Board had the films reviewed by an independent radiologist, who indicated the lesion was quite visible when reviewed on bone window settings. The Board reminds MD it is the standard of practice to review all anatomic structures on a CT scan, including the skeleton, using the appropriate display settings.	Public Letter of Concern

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VAN FOSSEN, Kelly Marie, DO (200900374) Fayetteville, NC	05/09/2016	The Board is concerned DO may not have correctly diagnosed a patient with a postoperative intra-abdominal hemorrhage based on her presentation, which included a WBC increase, hemoglobin decrease, tachycardia, and abdominal distention. Failing to make this diagnosis after initially treating the patient may have contributed to the patient's postoperative critical illness and prolonged recovery.	Public Letter of Concern
WATKINS, John Ryan, MD (NA-resident) Orem, UT	05/11/2016	History of chemical dependency; MD took medications from work for personal use. MD was arrested and charged with one felony count of 1st Degree Burglary based on allegations that MD entered his in-laws' home without their permission.	Public letter of concern
WEAVER-LEE, LaShawn Antoinette, MD (200801033) Kinston, NC	07/06/2016	The Board is concerned that there was a deterioration in the fetal status of a patient who had been admitted to the hospital by another provider for induction of labor. The Board is concerned that there may have been a delay in performing an emergency caesarean section delivery and that MD's management of the patient may have failed to conform to acceptable and prevailing standards of medical practice.	Public Letter of Concern
WEINBAUM, Marc Eliot, MD (009400389) Ocala, FL	06/20/2016	The Board is concerned that the Florida medical board issued MD a letter of concern and required him to complete CME in risk management.	Public Letter of Concern
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS			
WILSON, Richard Ian, MD (201601141) West Reading, PA	05/20/2016	History of chronic pain and substance use disorder; MD resigned from his residency program in January 2012, during his second year.	MD is issued a license; MD is limited to practicing within a residency training program. MD must refrain from use of mind and mood altering substances, save those that are lawfully prescribed by someone other than himself.
CONSENT ORDERS AMENDED			
ARCEO, Liza Antonette, MD (200201038) Huntington, WV	07/11/2016	MD has successfully completed both her NCPHP and West Virginia board contracts/agreements.	Third Amended Consent Order; Second Amended Consent Order dated April 30, 2015, is amended to remove requirements to comply with NCPHP and West Virginia board contracts.
FLIPPO, (Jr.), Jack Lloyd, MD (000027792) Southport, NC	06/14/2016	MD has complied with NCPHP contract and other terms; stayed suspension is no longer needed	Amendment to Consent Order dated 12/02/2015; stayed suspension in order is lifted
WATT, Alan Henderson, PA (001000395) Greensboro, NC	06/09/2016		Consent order dated June 2, 2015, is amended to reinstate PA's license. PA must maintain NCPHP contract and follow all terms, must comply with other conditions stated in order.
TEMPORARY/DATED LICENSES: ISSUED, EXTENDED, EXPIRED, OR REPLACED BY FULL LICENSES			
NONE			
COURT APPEALS/STAYS			
NONE			
DISMISSALS			
NONE			



Glossary of Terms

Annulment: Retrospective and prospective cancellation of the practitioner's authorization to practice.

Conditions: A term used to indicate actions or requirements a licensee must complete and/or comply with as a condition of continued licensure.

Consent Order: An order of the Board that states the terms of a negotiated settlement to an enforcement case; A method for resolving a dispute without a formal hearing.

Denial: Decision denying an application for initial licensure or reinstatement, or reconsideration of a Board action.

Dismissal: Board action dismissing a contested case.

Inactive Medical License: Licensees must renew the professional license annually to practice lawfully in the state of NC. The Board may negotiate a provider's agreement to go inactive as part of the resolution of a disciplinary case.

Public Letter of Concern (PubLOC): A letter in the public record expressing the Board's concern about a practitioner's behavior or performance. A public letter of concern is not considered disciplinary in nature; similar to a warning.

Revocation: Cancellation of authorization to practice. Authorization may not be reissued for at least two years.

Stay: Full or partial stopping or halting of a legal action, such as suspension, on certain stipulated grounds.

Summary Suspension: Immediate cancellation of authorization to practice; Ordered when the Board finds the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action.

Suspension: Withdrawal of authorization to practice, either indefinitely or for a stipulated period of time.

Temporary/Dated License: License to practice for a specific period of time. Often accompanied by conditions contained in a Consent Order.

Voluntary Surrender: The practitioner's relinquishing of authorization to practice pending or during an investigation. Surrender does not preclude the Board bringing charges against the practitioner.

Limitation: A restriction placed on a licensee's practice. When practicing under a restriction, it is not lawful for the licensee to engage in the prohibited activity. Example: Dr. Smith is restricted from prescribing Schedule II and III medications.