

North Carolina Medical Board

Quarterly Board Actions Report | August - October 2013

The Board actions listed below are published in an abbreviated format. The report does not include non-prejudicial actions such as reentry agreements and non-disciplinary consent orders. Recent Board actions are also available at www.ncmedboard.org. Go to “Professional Resources” to view current disciplinary data or to sign up to receive notification when new actions are posted via the RSS Feed subscription service.

Name/license#/location	Date of action	Cause of action	Board action
<u>ANNULMENTS</u>			
<i>NONE</i>			
<u>SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS</u>			
LONG, Mareen Ann, MD (200300059) Greenville, NC	10/11/2013	MD is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness.	Summary Suspension
<u>REVOCATIONS</u>			
<i>NONE</i>			
<u>SUSPENSIONS</u>			
ANDERSON, Travis Lamar, MD (009901371) Mount Airy, NC	10/15/2013	History of alcohol abuse	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license
DANFORTH, Wendell Calvin, MD (009801628) Grand Forks, ND	10/28/2013	Inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances; History of alcohol abuse	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license; may not reapply for licensure for six months from the date of the order
FANN, Benjamin Bradley, MD (000033034) Boone, NC	09/18/2013	MD prescribed controlled substances in violation of his 2010 Consent Order with the Board; prior history of prescribing issues.	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license
IGDAL, Henry, MD (000035141) Hickory, NC	10/17/2013	Quality of care, including improper prescribing of controlled substances, failure to document care	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license
MCKNIGHT, Kevin Michael, MD (000038137) New Bern, NC	10/1/2013	History of alcohol and substance abuse, providing false information on annual license renewal	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license
RICE, Philip Scott, MD (000031367) Morehead City, NC	08/13/2013	History of alcohol dependence; MD was assessed and recommended to have residential treatment in January 2013	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license
ROBINSON, Gary James, MD (009401319) Fayetteville, NC	10/17/2013	History of sexual boundary violations: MD has completed treatment and has entered into a monitoring contract with NCPHP.	Suspension (24 months), stayed except for a period from 7/2/13 and 10/16/13, during which MD shall serve an active suspension.
ROGERS, Rayna Larain (200801709) Fayetteville, NC	08/29/2013	MD wrote prescriptions to herself for controlled substances and subsequently filled those prescriptions. An assessment in May 2012 indicated that MD had a diagnosis of major depressive disorder versus bipolar affective disorder, type II, depressed and personality disorder, not otherwise specified.	Suspension
<u>PROBATIONS</u>			
<i>NONE</i>			
<u>REPRIMANDS</u>			
BAKER, John Harrison, MD (000019308) Durham, NC	10/30/2013	Clinic operated by MD was cited by the NC Department of Health and Human Services for failure to comply with certain rule. For example, DHHS cited MD for not following manufacturer instructions for Rh blood tests to ensure quality and accuracy. MD also acknowledged altering two patient records to indicate that a registered nurse was present when MD performed abortions on each patient, when in fact no RN was present.	Reprimand, \$3,500 fine

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BREWBAKER, Stephen Lewis, MD (000026202) Wilmington, NC	08/23/2013	MD's care of a patient who experienced complications following a laparoscopic procedure to remove a pelvic cystic mass failed to meet accepted standards.	Reprimand
CARLEY, Jeffrey Peter, DO (200501504) Kings Mountain, NC	10/04/2013	DO engaged in inappropriate communications with a former patient.	Reprimand
CHAO, Tomas Jorge, PA (001002956) Marietta, GA	08/01/2013	PA entered into a consent order with the Georgia Composite Medical Board based on findings that PA represented that he was a physician in the course of responding to online market surveys. The GA board found that PA believed he had the authority to make this representation and did not make any such representation while providing medical care.	Reprimand
LEO, Sherwood Phillip, MD (200200136) Welch, WV	10/08/2013	Between 2007 and 2012, MD prescribed controlled substances to close family members	Reprimand, \$4,000 fine
THOMPSON, Lee Adam, PA (0010-01193) Mount Airy, NC	08/29/2013	PA entered into a consent order with the Virginia Board of Medicine based on allegations that he pre-signed prescription blanks. On at least one occasions, a presigned blank was used by a member of the nursing staff to order controlled substances for a patient.	Reprimand
DENIALS OF LICENSE/APPROVAL			
<i>NONE</i>			
SURRENDERS			
BRABHAM, Felicia Browne, MD (000031248) Hendersonville, NC	10/18/2013		Voluntary surrender of NC physician license
FAKHRI, Mouhamed Iyad, MD (200301225) Clinton, NC	08/29/2013		Voluntary surrender of NC physician license
GREGOIRE, James David, MD (200401218) Salisbury, NC	08/01/2013		Voluntary surrender of NC physician license
LAMBERSON, Faith Nicole, PA (001002315) Williamsburg, VA	08/24/2013		Voluntary surrender of NC physician assistant license
LARSON, Michael Joseph, MD (000028661) Raleigh, NC	10/11/2013		Voluntary surrender of NC physician license
POLYZOS, Panagiotis, PA (000101403) Monroe, NC	08/14/2013		Voluntary surrender of NC physician assistant license
WEBB, Bruce Jonathan, MD (200201326), Portsmouth, VA	08/29/2013		Voluntary surrender of NC physician license
WESTBROOK, Brent Ashley, PA (001000569) Newton Grove, NC	10/01/2013		Voluntary surrender of NC physician assistant license
PUBLIC LETTERS OF CONCERN			
BRAUN, Jeffrey William, MD (200700846) Hickory, NC	08/21/2013	MD's care of a patient who presented to the ER with complaints of mid-back and right lateral back pain after a fall failed to meet accepted standards. MD failed to provide a follow-up neurologic exam, which resulted in a delay in diagnosing a neurosurgical emergency. The patient underwent neurosurgery but remained irreversibly paraplegic with bowel dysfunction.	Public letter of concern
BROWN, Deborah Jean, PA (001004580) Salisbury, NC	10/24/2013	PA failed to appropriately disclose on her NC license application two 1991 misdemeanor charges of passing worthless checks. The Board is further concerned that PA was disciplined by the West Virginia Board of Medicine related to PA writing prescriptions in W.V. prior to receiving approval of prescriptive authority by the W.V. Board.	Public letter of concern

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EWY, Marvin Franklin, MD (200701839) New Bern, NC	08/07/13	MD's care of a patient upon who MD performed laparoscopic cholecystectomy may have failed to conform to accepted standards. The patient sustained an injury to her iliac artery and became hypotensive. MD was not appropriately attentive to the possibility that the patient's hypotension was a result of the injury. The patient subsequently suffered multi-organ failure and died.	Public letter of concern
FAGAN, Paul Emanuel, PA-C (001003452) Charlotte, NC	10/08/2013	PA accessed private and protected medical information without a legitimate medical purpose for a person who was not his patient.	Public letter of concern
MCCOLLOUGH, Brian Anthony, MD (201100695) Concord, NC	10/07/2013	MD failed to initiate a timely Cesarean section in a patient admitted to the hospital for induction at 40 weeks gestation, after fetal monitoring repeatedly showed signs of fetal distress. The patient's baby was born without signs of life and died.	Public letter of concern
MORGAN, Ruffin Smith, PA (000102401) Lexington, NC	08/12/13	PA's care of a patient who PA treated on seven occasions for costochondritis may have been substandard. PA treated the patient with two five-day oral prescriptions of Ketorolac in a seven day period without considering alternative causes of her persistent symptoms and without involving PA's supervising physician. The patient was subsequently diagnosed with a duodenal ulcer and later died from complications of an intra-abdominal abscess.	Public letter of concern
OVERS, Shannon Nicole, MD (201301727) Charlotte, NC	08/06/2013	MD failed to respond accurately to the question on the license application. MD disclosed that she had been arrested and charged with DUI and Failure to Display Lamps When Requested but failed to disclose that she was also charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. MD was convicted of DWI on 6/22/07. In addition, MD failed to disclose that the Oregon Board issued a private letter of concern when MD failed to provide with adequate information about the circumstances and criminal charges surrounding the 2007 arrest and conviction.	Public letter of concern; \$2,000 administrative fine.
PACE, S. Diann, PA (00102222) Smithfield, NC	10/29/2013	PA practiced at multiple locations without the required written documents, including supervisory agreements and supervisor lists, in place.	Public letter of concern
REYES, Rodolfo Constantino, MD (009500701) Lillington, NC	10/30/2013	MD contracted with a locum tenens company to hire a PA, and allowed PA to practice without first ensuring that PA had filed an appropriate Intent to Practice form with the Board. MD did not adequately supervise the PA and failed to conduct all required quality assurance meetings and meet certain other requirements of adequate supervision.	Public letter of concern
RODRIGUEZ, Eric Joseph, MD (201101519) Dallas, TX	10/23/2013		Public letter of concern
SHEPARD, Robert Charles, MD (200700282) Raleigh, NC	09/17/2013	MD provided incomplete and/or inaccurate answers on his application for reinstatement of his NC medical license.	Public letter of concern

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<u>MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS</u>			
NONE			
<u>CONSENT ORDERS AMENDED</u>			
NONE			
<u>TEMPORARY/DATED LICENSES: ISSUED, EXTENDED, EXPIRED, OR REPLACED BY FULL LICENSES</u>			
KINNEY, Karen Anne, MD (000034648) Greenville, NC	10/09/2013	History of alcohol and substance abuse; MD has completed inpatient treatment and is in recovery.	Temporary medical license issued; expires April 9, 2014; must maintain NCPHP contract
NEAL, Gabrielle Logan, PA (001001444) Lumberton, NC	08/02/2013	Prior history of substance abuse; PA successfully completed a residential treatment program for substance abuse in March 2012	PA is issued a temporary license to expire on 02/03/2014; PA must maintain NCPHP contract
THOMPSON, David Stuart, MD (0009801531) Gatesville, NC	08/15/2013	Between 2002 and 2011, MD, a pediatrician, had inappropriate relationships with three parents of pediatric patients. When MD's employer learned of these relationships, MD was asked to seek assistance from NCPHP.	Temporary medical license issued; Expires 09/30/2014. MD must maintain NCPHP contract.

FINES

The NCMB issues non-disciplinary administrative fines in certain cases where incorrect and/or incomplete information on a medical licensing application causes Board staff to spend an inordinate amount of time resolving the issue(s).		
Date	Reason	Amount
9/20/2013	Inappropriate supervision of a physician extender.	\$5,000
9/20/2013	Practicing medicine with out a NC physician assistant license.	\$1,000
10/2/2013	Failure to timely respond to Board requests for information regarding a malpractice payment.	\$1,000
10/8/2013	Treatment of family members and prescribing without proper documentation.	\$4,000
10/25/2013	Error/omission on license application or annual renewal.	\$500
10/30/2013	Unprofessional conduct.	\$3,500

DID YOU KNOW ?

Licensees are expected to provide the Board with a current home and practice (if applicable) address? The Board also requests a current email address, if you have one. Maintaining current contact information with the Board is essential to ensure that you receive important notices and information. And rest assured, email and home address are never published. Update your contact information online by logging in to the NCMB's Licensee Information portal. Go to www.ncmedboard.org and select "Update Licensee Info Page" from the green Quick Links box.