

# North Carolina Medical Board

## Quarterly Board Actions Report | November 2015 - January 2016

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<b>ANNULMENTS</b>			
<b>NONE</b>			
<b>SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS</b>			
<b>CARTER, Richard Ford, MD</b> (200800397) Highlands, NC	12/14/2015	MD is unsafe to practice due to excessive use of alcohol and/or other substances; MD is alleged to have worked while impaired.	Order of Summary Suspension of License
<b>LIETZKE, Christiana Marie, MD</b> (201400017) Rutledge, TN	12/08/2015	MD suffers from a medical condition that renders her unable to safely practice medicine at this time; MD is not currently receiving adequate treatment for this condition.	Order of Summary Suspension of License
<b>REVOCATIONS</b>			
<b>NONE</b>			
<b>SUSPENSIONS</b>			
<b>BURKHEAD, Margaret Kelly, MD</b> (200700808) Raleigh, NC	12/11/2015	History of alcohol and controlled substances abuse.	MD's license is indefinitely suspended, effective August 6, 2015.
<b>BYRD, Elizabeth McNeill, MD</b> (009901257) Greenville, NC	01/28/2016	Diversion of prescription narcotics; MD is alleged to have engaged in an inappropriate personal relationship with a patient that included having the patient divert a portion of the medication prescribed to him for MD's inappropriate personal use.	MD is indefinitely suspended
<b>FLIPPO, (Jr.), Jack Lloyd, MD</b> (000027792) Hendersonville, NC	12/02/2015	History of alcohol use disorder	MD's license is indefinitely suspended, immediately stayed. MD must maintain NCPHP contract and abide by all terms.
<b>HAQUE, Imran Pasha, MD</b> (200201092) Asheboro, NC	11/25/2015	MD entered into a felony plea agreement related to Misuse of a Social Security Number and agreed to three years probation and a \$25,000 fine, among other terms. A review of MD's patient records revealed inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances and other issues with related to quality of care.	MD's license is suspended for 60 days, to run Feb. 4, 2016, until April 3, 2016. MD must comply with conditions, including that he complete an ethics course and a multi-day comprehensive internal medicine review, among other requirements.
<b>PROBATION/CONDITIONS</b>			
<b>MCDONOUGH, Adam Carlton, MD</b> (201502481) Winston-Salem, NC	12/11/2015	History of substance use; MD reports a sobriety date of May 31, 2014.	MD is issued a NC medical license; MD must maintain NCPHP contract and abide by all terms.
<b>MCGRATH, Timothy John, MD</b> (200200571) Mebane, NC	12/11/2015	History of substance use disorder; MD surrendered his medical license in May 2012 and has not practiced clinical medicine since that time.	Consent Order and Reentry Agreement; MD's license is reinstated; MD must maintain NCPHP contract and abide by all terms; MD shall undertake a program of reentry to consist of a 22 week period of mentoring.
<b>REPRIMANDS</b>			
<b>FOSTER, James William, MD</b> (201200891) Sevierville, TN	01/06/2016	MD assisted the unlicensed practice of medicine in NC, enabling chiropractors in Tennessee to effectively operate a medical practice in the state.	Reprimand

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<b>HYLER, James Elmer, MD</b> (200501279) Statesville, NC	11/05/2015	MD referred a patient to hospice when his clinical diagnosis did not support this. MD diagnosed patient with malignant neoplasm kidney except pelvis based on a review of medical records. MD did not examine the patient or personally review the patient's CT scan. The patient's medical records indicated that he had a 2 cm mass on his kidney. There were no other studies or biopsies done to confirm the mass was cancerous or metastatic. In addition, the patient was assigned functional scores that were not consistent with information in the patient's chart.	Reprimand; Within six months of the date of the order, MD must complete 30 hours of category 1 CME in palliative care.
<b>LONNEMAN, Kimberly Watson, PA</b> (000102711) Wilmington, NC	11/04/2015	PA prescribed controlled substances to a close family member, in direct conflict with administrative rules that prohibit this.	Reprimand; PA must complete a course in professional ethics.
<b>PITTMAN, John Carl, MD</b> (000031614) Raleigh, NC	11/20/2015	MD response to a patient whose initial blood tests documented seriously a low platelet count was delayed by several weeks. This resulted in a delay in diagnosing the patient's idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura, a potentially catastrophic illness. MD indicated that he was not notified by his staff of the initial blood test results, which contributed to his delay in addressing the low platelet count.	Reprimand; MD is limited such that he may not treat patients under the age of 18.
<b>PRIDGEN, James Henry, MD</b> (000029495) Holly Ridge, NC	12/04/2015	Delay in diagnosis of lung cancer; MD failed to appropriately follow up on a patient's CT scan, which showed a mass indicative of lung cancer. Due to systems failures, MD was not appropriately notified that the CT scan had been performed.	Reprimand
<b>STEINER, Matthew Ray, MD</b> (009901331) Logansport, IN	12/21/2015	Indiana medical board action related to Dec. 2014 arrest on charges of attempting to deal controlled substances, possession of a controlled substance and furnishing alcohol to a minor.	Reprimand
<b>DENIALS OF LICENSE/APPROVAL</b>			
<b>NONE</b>			
<b>SURRENDERS</b>			
<b>WAHBA, Wasseem John, PA</b> (000102441) Cary, NC	11/25/2015	Voluntary surrender of PA license	Public letter of concern
<b>EDORO, Okosun Ehimare, MD</b> (201502505) Coventry, RI	12/21/2015	MD received a Rhode Island board action related to inadequate medical record documentation; the action included a reprimand and numerous terms and conditions.	Public letter of concern
<b>ERWIN, William Alan, MD</b> (200901737) Hickory, NC	11/30/2015	History of alcohol abuse; MD has successfully completed residential treatment and entered into a monitoring contract with NCPHP.	Via Consent Order, MD is issued a Public Letter of Concern
<b>FAIR, Lisa Alverson, MD</b> (000034790) Lewisville, TX	12/09/2015	The Board is concerned about the quality of MD's medical record documentation, as well as certain aspects of MD's care of laboring mothers, including MD's use of and response to information from fetal monitoring technology.	Public Letter of Concern; MD must obtain 10 hours of CME in medical record documentation and fetal monitoring.

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<b>HALL, Tana Louise, MD</b> (200902047) Greenville, NC	11/17/2015	The Board is concerned that MD failed to appropriately respond to fetal heartrate tracings obtained from a patient who presented to the ER at 36 weeks leaking fluid with no contractions and that this care fell below accepted standards. MD's failure to treat the tracings, which demonstrated bradycardia and loss of variability as labor progressed, with appropriate gravity resulted in a delay in ordering cesarean section. The baby was born with damage to his brain and to other parts of his body, which resulted in his death six days after delivery.	Public Letter of Concern
<b>KEMP, Robert David, MD</b> (009400540) Goldsboro, NC	01/12/2016	The Board is concerned that MD failed to properly respond to a patient who experienced complications following a renal biopsy. The patient suffered cardiac arrest, but was resuscitated. The patient then became hemodynamically unstable and, despite aggressive resuscitation attempts, died.	Public Letter of Concern
<b>OAK, Chang Yoon, MD</b> (000026966) Plymouth, NC	01/05/2016	The Board is concerned that MD presigned involuntary commitment forms for use by PAs and NPs, who by law are not authorized to sign such forms. The Board is not aware of any situation in which anyone was committed by use of any of the forms.	Public Letter of Concern
<b>PEACOCK, Mark Douglas, MD</b> (000030568) Huntersville, NC	11/25/2015	MD failed to meet professional obligations to patients upon closing his practice. This included failing to assist patient in securing new medical providers and failing to provide timely access to medical records.	Public letter of concern
<b>SALAS, Albert Laurence, MD</b> (200601798) Albemarle, NC	12/01/2015	The Board is concerned that MD failed to provide appropriate medication, albeit due to a computer error, to a patient admitted to MD's care for dilated cardiomyopathy with decompensated congestive heart failure. It incumbent on physicians to maintain vigilance to avoid this type of medication error.	Public Letter of Concern
<b>SCHAEFER, William Dickson, MD</b> (009701583) Fayetteville, NC	11/04/2015	The Board is concerned that MD performed a wrong site surgery on a patient, performing surgery on the right thumb instead of the right index finger as intended. MD immediately acknowledged the error, apologized to the patient and scheduled surgery for the correct finger at no additional charge.	Public letter of concern
<b>TAYLOR, Gerald Bernard, MD</b> (009801084) Charlotte, NC	11/19/2015	The Board is concerned that the care MD provided to a patient who was referred to him for evaluation of a large uterus secondary to severe uterine fibroids did not meet accepted standards.	Public letter of concern
<b>VENABLE, Robert Lee, MD</b> (000022192) Plymouth, NC	01/05/2016	MD presigned involuntary commitment forms, which may have been used by NPs or PAs under his supervisions. NPs and PAs cannot lawfully sign involuntary commitment forms in NC. The Board is not aware of any individual who was wrongly committed through use of the forms.	Public letter of concern

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<b>WALTON, Richard Green, DO</b> (200800140) Okatie, SC	12/03/2015	The Board is concerned that DO's radiographic diagnosis of a patient's mammogram failed to conform to accepted standards. An expert reviewer noted that DO failed to recognize and appropriately respond to a clearly visible tumor on the patient's mammogram.	Public letter of concern
<b>WEILAND, Paul Jerome, MD</b> (200900300) Bath, NC	12/01/2015	The Board is concerned that MD inappropriately and excessively prescribed opioids.	Public Letter of Concern; MD must complete 10 hours of CME in prescribing and an additional 10 hours of CME in medical recordkeeping.
<b>WOLKE, Ira Stephen, MD</b> (200701916) Chicago, IL	01/06/2016	The Board is concerned that MD's diagnosis of a 79-year-old patient who presented with symptoms of cough, shortness of breath and wheezing failed to conform to accepted standards. MD diagnosed the patient with COPD. Approximately 11 months after this, the patient was found to have lung cancer.	Public Letter of Concern
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS</b>			
<b>HERNANDEZ, Mario Augusto, MD</b> (201000567)	12/11/2015	Allegations of professional sexual misconduct	Interim Non-Practice Agreement; MD shall not practice medicine until specifically authorized by the Board
<b>MANKIN, Keith Pinkney, MD</b> (200001509) Raleigh, NC	12/11/2015	Concerns about quality of care; MD plans to pursue non-medical interests in NC.	Non-Disciplinary Consent Order; MD agrees to place his license on inactive status.
<b>PAI, Suhas, MD</b> (200701141) Belmont, NC	01/28/2016	Concerns about quality of care	MD is required to fulfill self-study recommendations made by CPEP.
<b>CONSENT ORDERS AMENDED</b>			
<b>NONE</b>			
<b>TEMPORARY/DATED LICENSES</b>			
<b>NONE</b>			
<b>ISSUED, EXTENDED, EXPIRED, OR REPLACED BY FULL LICENSES</b>			
<b>NONE</b>			
<b>COURT APPEALS/STAYS</b>			
<b>NONE</b>			
<b>DISMISSALS</b>			
<b>NONE</b>			