

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD
Board Orders/Consent Orders/Other Board Actions
March-April 2005

DEFINITIONS:

Annulment:

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

Conditions:

A term used in this report to indicate restrictions, requirements, or limitations placed on the practitioner.

Consent Order:

An order of the Board stating an agreement between the Board and the practitioner regarding the annulment, revocation, suspension, or surrender of the authorization to practice, or the conditions placed on the authorization to practice, or other action taken by the Board relative to the practitioner. (A method for resolving a dispute without a formal hearing.)

Denial:

Final decision denying an application for practice authorization or a request for reconsideration/modification of a previous Board action.

Dismissal:

Board action dismissing a contested case.

Inactive Medical License:

To be "active," a medical license must be registered on or near the physician's birthday each year. By not registering his or her license, the physician allows the license to become "inactive." The holder of an inactive license may *not* practice medicine in North Carolina. Licensees will often elect this status when they retire or do not intend to practice in the state. (Not related to the "voluntary surrender" noted below.)

NA:

Information not available or not applicable.

NCPHP:

North Carolina Physicians Health Program.

RTL:

Resident Training License. (Issued to those in post-graduate medical training who have not yet qualified for a full medical license.)

Revocation:

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

Stay:

The full or partial stopping or halting of a legal action, such as a suspension, on certain stipulated grounds.

Summary Suspension:

Immediate withdrawal of the authorization to practice prior to the initiation of further proceedings, which are to begin within a reasonable time. (Ordered when the Board finds the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action.)

Suspension:

Withdrawal of the authorization to practice for a stipulated period of time or indefinitely.

Temporary/Dated License:

License to practice for a specific period of time. Often accompanied by conditions contained in a Consent Order. May be issued as an element of a Board or Consent Order or subsequent to the expiration of a previously issued temporary license.

Voluntary Surrender:

The practitioner's relinquishing of the authorization to practice pending or during an investigation. Surrender does not preclude the Board bringing charges against the practitioner. (Not related to the "inactive" medical license noted above.)

ANNULMENTS

NONE

REVOICATIONS

BIRDSONG, Michael Sidney, MD

Location: Cordova, TN

DOB: 3/28/1953

License #: 0000-34820

Specialty: N/GP (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: University of Tennessee (1979)

Cause: In February 2004, the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners indefinitely suspended Dr Birdsong's Tennessee medical license by an Agreed Order. The Tennessee Board found Dr Birdsong was twice convicted of DUI and that on two other occasions he demonstrated behavior of an intoxicated person. In May 2004, Tennessee revoked his license by default order after finding he failed to attend an evaluation he had agreed to undergo in the February order.

Action: 3/11/2005. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of Discipline issued following a hearing on 2/16/2005: Dr Birdsong's North Carolina medical license is revoked.

DUBEY, Subu, MD

Location: River Forest, IL

DOB: 2/21/1961

License #: 0094-01175

Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Northwestern University (1987)

Cause: Dr Dubey was convicted of a felony, Obstruction of Criminal Investigations relating to Federal Health Care Offenses, in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina (case number 7:02CR00109-001). Because of his imprisonment, the hearing on this matter was not scheduled until February 2005.

Action: 3/11/2005. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of Discipline issued following a hearing on 2/16/2005: Dr Dubey's North Carolina medical license is revoked effective 8/26/2004.

IRVING, Declan Patrick, MD

Location: Chesapeake, VA

DOB: 6/24/1947

License #: 0000-39827

Specialty: GS/VS (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: University College of Dublin (1970)

Cause: In May 2002, the Virginia Board of Medicine entered into a Consent Order with Dr Irving, reprimanding him on his care of a patient and his lack of record keeping about that care. In April, 2004, the Virginia Board revoked Dr Irving's license on the finding his surgical treatment of a patient demonstrated gross ignorance and carelessness.

Action: 3/09/2005. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of Discipline issued following a hearing on 2/16/2005: Dr Irving's North Carolina medical license is revoked.

SUSPENSIONS

GURKIN, Worth Wicker, MD

Location: Greenville, NC (Pitt Co)

DOB: 3/06/1956

License #: 0000-29117

Specialty: PD (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: East Carolina University School of Medicine (1982)

Cause: Dr Gurkin has had a history of alcohol and substance abuse that, in 1994, resulted in the surrender of his North Carolina medical license. Prior to his surrender, he entered into a Consent Order with the Board and was granted a series of temporary licenses allowing him to practice under certain

terms and conditions, including monitoring by the NCPHP. In 1997, the Board granted him a full and unrestricted license due to the progress he had made in combating his problem with alcohol and substance abuse. In March 2004, Dr Gurkin again surrendered his license due to his relapse in abusing alcohol and hydrocodone. He has undergone inpatient treatment in Louisiana for his problem.

Action: 3/11/2005. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of Discipline issued following a hearing on 2/16/2005: Dr Gurkin's North Carolina medical license is indefinitely suspended.

MURTUZA, Sarwar, MD

Location: North Wilkesboro, NC (Wilkes Co)

DOB: 1/07/1951

License #: 0000-33721

Specialty: IM/FP (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Osmania Medical College, India (1976)

Cause: On May 21, 2003, Dr Murtuza was arrested and charged with DWI in Roan Mountain, Tennessee. Investigation revealed a passenger in the vehicle was an employee and patient of Dr Murtuza's and was also impaired. Blood tests at the time of Dr Murtuza's arrest were positive for diazepam, nortriptyline, amitriptyline, and valporic acid. He was convicted of DWI and put on probation. He was evaluated by the NCPHP but never complied with their treatment recommendations.

Action: 3/02/2005. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of Discipline issued following a hearing on 2/17/2005: Dr Murtuza's North Carolina medical license is indefinitely suspended.

NASH, James Frank, MD

Location: Longview, TX

DOB: 10/08/1943

License #: 0000-27621

Specialty: FP/EM (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: University of Tennessee (1974)

Cause: Action was taken against Dr Nash's licenses in Georgia, Virginia, and California. He surrendered his Georgia license in March 2004 in lieu of proceedings against him due to allegations he committed boundary violations with patients.

Action: 3/02/2005. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of Discipline issued following a hearing on 2/17/2005: Dr Nash's North Carolina medical license is indefinitely suspended.

See Consent Orders:

AUSTERMEHLE, Paul Edward, Physician Assistant

HARRIS, Dennis Bret, Physician Assistant

ROGERS, Bruce William, MD

THRIFT-COTTRELL, Alesia Dawn, MD

SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS

NONE

CONSENT ORDERS

AUSTERMEHLE, Paul Edward, Physician Assistant

Location: Doylestown, PA

DOB: 8/04/1966

License #: 0001-02541

PA Education: Philadelphia College Textile (1997)

Cause: Mr Austermehle was the subject of a criminal investigation in Asheville, NC, due to suspicion he had written prescriptions for controlled substances in his wife's name that he diverted to his own use. He admitted this to law enforcement officials and said he had become dependent on pain medications due to injuries to both shoulders and recent surgery on his left shoulder. He surrendered his North Carolina PA license in July 2004 and, in the same month, was charged with five counts of Obtaining a Controlled Substance by Fraud.

Action: 4/01/2005. Consent Order executed: Mr Austermehele's North Carolina PA license is suspended indefinitely.

BERMAN, Larry F., MD

Location: Charlotte, NC (Mecklenburg Co)

DOB: 9/09/1959

License #: 0000-39238

Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Sackler School of Medicine, Israel (1987)

Cause: In March 2001, Dr Berman entered into a Settlement Agreement and Consent Order with the U.S. government, agreeing to pay a settlement amount of \$1,470,000 to the government. The U.S. attorney contended that from September 1994 to July 1998 Dr Berman up-coded services he provided to patients in violation of the False Claims Act. Dr Berman did not admit he submitted false claims and the Agreement does not find he did so, but Dr Berman acknowledged he had an independent responsibility to ensure correct billing and he failed to fulfill that responsibility. He agrees that should he fail to do so in the future, that would be unprofessional conduct.

Action: 4/29/2005. Consent Order executed: Dr Berman is reprimanded.

EATON, Hubert Arthur, Jr, MD

Location: Wilmington, NC (New Hanover Co)

DOB: 5/25/1943

License #: 0000-17858

Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Meharry Medical College (1969)

Cause: On Dr Eaton's application for reinstatement of his medical license. His license was summarily suspended in May 2003 and was indefinitely suspended by Consent Order in February 2004 due to allegations of substance abuse and improper prescribing. In January 2004, he completed a 12-week residential program for substance abuse. In February 2004, he signed a five-year contract with the NCPHP and is in compliance with that contract.

Action: 3/15/2005. Consent Order executed: Dr Eaton is issued a license to expire on the date shown on the license [7/31/2005]; he shall inform the Board in writing when he opens his practice and he shall work no more the 20 hours a week; unless lawfully prescribed by someone else, he shall refrain from the use of mind-or mood-altering substances, including alcohol, and he shall inform the Board within 10 days of such use, noting the prescriber and the pharmacy filling the prescription; at the Board's request, he shall supply bodily fluids or tissues to allow screening for use of such substances or any other abusable substance; he shall maintain and abide by a contract with the NCPHP; he shall provide medical records to the Board on request and shall cooperate with representatives of the Board who may appear for unannounced visits to his practice; must comply with other conditions.

GILLILAND, Corey William, DO

Location: Ft Bragg, NC (Cumberland Co)

DOB: 5/02/1967

License #: 2000-01486

Specialty: GP/AM (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (1999)

Cause: Dr Gilliland was arrested in Fayetteville and charged with 20 felony counts of Second Degree Exploitation of a Minor and 20 felony counts of Third Degree Exploitation of a minor relating to photographs found on his home computer. He pled no contest to 10 misdemeanor counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor in Cumberland County Superior Court. He was given a suspended sentence and placed on probation.

Action: 3/04/2005. Consent order executed: Dr Gilliland is reprimanded.

GOTTSCHALK, Bernard Joseph, MD

Location: Wilmington, NC (New Hanover Co)

DOB: 5/10/1955

License #: 0000-30162
Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (1981)
Cause: To amend the Consent Order of 4/17/2003 to allow him to supervise physician extenders. He has complied with all the conditions of his 2003 Consent Order.
Action: 4/28/2005. Consent Order executed: Dr Gottschalk is issued a license to expire on the date shown on the license [3/31/2006]; unless lawfully prescribed by someone else, he shall refrain from the use of mind-or mood-altering substances, including alcohol, and he shall inform the Board within 14 days of such use, noting the prescriber and the pharmacy filling the prescription; at the Board's request, he shall supply bodily fluids or tissues to allow screening for use of such substances; he shall maintain and abide by a contract with the NCPHP; he shall attend AA and NA meetings as recommended by the NCPHP; he may supervise PAs, NPs, or nurse midwives; must comply with other conditions.

HARRIS, Dennis Bret, Physician Assistant

Location: Goldsboro, NC (Wayne Co)
DOB: 8/03/1967
License #: 0001-02356
PA Education: Kettering College (1997)
Cause: In May 2003, Mr Harris self-reported to the NCPHP seeking assistance with a possible substance abuse problem. He voluntarily entered a treatment center and successfully completed an intensive inpatient treatment program for substance abuse. He entered into a contract with the NCPHP and the NCPHP reports he has been compliant with that contract.
Action: 3/15/2005. Consent Order executed: Mr Harris' PA license is suspended for 30 days; suspension is stayed on terms and conditions; unless lawfully prescribed by someone else, he shall refrain from the use of mind-or mood-altering substances; he shall maintain and abide by a contract with the NCPHP; he shall obey all laws; must comply with other conditions.

LUGO, Raul Nelson, MD

Location: Spartanburg, SC
DOB: 5/10/1954
License #: 2005-00498
Specialty: GS (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: New York Medical College (1979)
Cause: On application for a license. Dr Lugo's New York medical license was suspended for six months in 2001 when he was accused of a boundary violation by one of his patients. He denies having committed any boundary violations and he is still actively licensed in New York. There are no other reports of misconduct by Dr Lugo. He has met with members of the Board to discuss his application.
Action: 4/20/2005. Consent Order executed: Dr Lugo is granted a North Carolina medical license; he shall meet with the Board whenever requested; he shall obey all laws and all rules and regulations related to the practice of medicine.

MELGAR, Tammy Strickland, Physician Assistant

Location: Wilmington, NC (New Hanover Co)
DOB: 12/02/1958
License #: 0001-03239
PA Education: NA
Cause: Ms Melgar practiced from June 2003 through July 2004 in Wilmington and treated family members. She did not keep appropriate patient charts relating to such treatment.
Action: 3/03/2005. Consent Order executed: Ms Melgar is reprimanded.

MUNCHING, Aaron Albert, Physician Assistant

Location: Wilmington, NC (New Hanover Co)
DOB: 1/10/1961
License #: 0001-00016

PA Education: Alderson-Broadus (1990)
Cause: On application for reinstatement of license. In July 2001, Mr Munching signed prescriptions under the name of Dawn Quarfordt, MD, for hydrocodone, ostensibly for use by his father. At that time Dr Quarfordt was no longer licensed in North Carolina, did not have a DEA registration, and did not authorize use of her name. Mr Munching admits to writing prescriptions for patients under physicians' names and has done so for years; and he admits diverting part of the hydrocodone he prescribed for his father for his own use. Mr Munching has a substance abuse problem which required inpatient treatment. He has now completed that treatment and maintains a contract with the NCPHP. He surrendered his PA license in August 2001. In April 2003, he entered a Consent Order with the Board wherein his license was suspended indefinitely and agreed not to petition for reinstatement for at least one year. The NCPHP reports Mr Munching has complied with his NCPHP contract.
Action: 3/10/2005. Consent Order executed: Mr Munching is issued a license to expire on the date shown on the license [7/31/2005]; unless lawfully prescribed by someone else, he shall refrain from the use of mind-or mood-altering substances, including alcohol, and he shall inform the Board within 10 days of such use, noting the prescriber and the pharmacy filling the prescription; at the Board's request, he shall supply bodily fluids or tissues to allow screening for use of such substances; he shall maintain and abide by a contract with the NCPHP; must comply with other requirements.

PRADHAN, Ashutosh Ashok, MD

Location: Durham, NC (Durham Co)
DOB: 6/19/1974
License #: RTL
Specialty: NS (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Duke University School of Medicine
Cause: Dr Pradhan failed to disclose a 2002 criminal conviction on his annual registrations for 2002 and 2003. On his registration for 2004, he falsely reported the conviction had occurred in 2003.
Action: 4/14/2005. Consent Order executed: Dr Pradhan is reprimanded; must comply with other conditions.

ROGERS, Bruce William, MD

Location: Clayton, NC (Johnston Co)
DOB: 8/11/1947
License #: 0000-32563
Specialty: FP/EM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Medical College of Pennsylvania (1982)
Cause: Between January and September 2003, Dr Rogers obtained Lortab® by fraud on at least six occasions, writing prescriptions using a patient's name but intending to use the medication himself. He voluntarily stopped practicing medicine in September 2003 and has not resumed practice. He successfully completed a four-month inpatient program in February 2004. He entered into an NCPHP contract and the NCPHP reports he has been compliant with the contract.
Action: 4/27/2005. Consent Order executed: Dr Rogers' North Carolina medical license is suspended indefinitely.

THRIFT-COTTRELL, Alesia Dawn, MD

Location: Elizabethtown, NC (Bladen Co)
DOB: 6/06/1964
License #: 2002-01318
Specialty: FP (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of North Carolina School of Medicine (1997)
Cause: The Board learned from the Bladen County Hospital that Dr Thrift-Cottrell had written prescriptions on hospital forms for controlled substances for two patients not treated at the hospital during her employment there or when the prescriptions were written. She admitted writing the prescriptions and said they were written as part of her "Mobile Medical" practice, which lasted from late November to mid-December 2004. She did not have her own prescription blanks at that time. Her Mobile Medical practice consisted of her seeing patients in their homes or in her home.

She prescribed controlled substances in an unacceptable manner and had inadequate medical records. She is now employed full time in an emergency department and her work there is proving acceptable to the department's manager.

Action: 4/26/2005. Consent Order executed: Dr Thrift-Cottrell's license is suspended indefinitely; such suspension is stayed on certain conditions; she shall remain employed at her present work location; she shall petition the Board's president for approval prior to changing her job site; she shall enter a contract with the NCPHP if judged necessary by NCPHP; she will be subject to prescription surveys; must comply with other conditions.

WESLEY, Robert Benjamin, MD

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co)

DOB: 2/16/1966

License #: 0097-00420

Specialty: CD/IM (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Emory University (1992)

Cause: On more than one occasion, Dr Wesley prescribed Ritalin® and Fiorinal® to Patient A, who was a registered nurse and an employee of his practice. No prior physician-patient relationship existed between them and Dr Wesley authorized these prescriptions without performing a physical examination of Patient A. Dr Wesley also knew Patient A was being treated by another physician but he made no effort to contact that physician prior to authorizing the prescriptions.

Action: 2/19/2005. Consent Order executed: Dr Wesley is reprimanded.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS

ROSNER, Michael John, MD

Location: Hendersonville, NC (Henderson Co)

DOB: 12/04/1946

License #: 0000-26865

Specialty: NS (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine (1972)

Cause: Motion for modification of the Board's Order of 7/23/2004. In its earlier Order, the Board placed two conditions on Dr Rosner's continued practice. The second was that he could perform surgery for hypoplastic posterior fossa only when included in a formal research project under the oversight on Institutional Review Board (IRB). The IRB has expressed concern that this requirement may call on the IRB to do more than it is constituted to do and may imply patients are not free to choose whether to participate in research. To clarify this situation, the Board agreed to modify the prior Order.

Action: 3/10/2005. Board Order issued following a hearing on 2/17/2000 and modifying the previous Order as noted: Whenever Dr Rosner proposes to perform surgery for hypoplastic posterior fossa, he shall ensure the patient has first gotten a second opinion from another North Carolina-licensed neurosurgeon approved by the Board, though that opinion need not agree with Dr Rosner's in order for him to perform the surgery; Dr Rosner will conduct research on the effect of surgery for hypoplastic posterior fossa under the auspices of an IRB; he may perform the surgery when medically indicated and any given candidate may choose whether or not to participate in the research project, though if the candidate declines to participate Dr Rosner may perform the procedure as the non-research practice of medicine; Dr Rosner shall report to the Board quarterly, providing the name of each patient undergoing the procedure, the date of surgery, degree of tonsillar herniation (if any), and other specific information on each procedure.

DENIALS OF RECONSIDERATION/MODIFICATION

NONE

DENIALS OF LICENSE/APPROVAL

NONE

SURRENDERS

OLCHOWSKI, Steven Edward, MD

Location: Ionia, MI
DOB: 11/24/1947
License #: 0095-00169
Specialty: GS/CRS (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: St Louis University (1973)
Action: 3/09/2005. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

KPEGLO, Maurice Kobla, MD

Location: Greensboro, NC (Guilford Co)
DOB: 1/04/1949
License #: 0000-29314
Specialty: GP/PD (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of North Carolina School of Medicine (1983)
Action: 4/25/2005. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

TRACY, Stephen Evarts, MD

Location: Delmar, NY
DOB: 12/04/1950
License #: 0000-27986
Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Albany Medical College (1981)
Action: 4/22/2005. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

WARD, Amy Elizabeth, MD

Location: Winston-Salem, NC (Forsyth Co)
DOB: 9/19/1969
License #: 0096-00833
Specialty: A&IG/PD (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Bowman Gray School of Medicine (1995)
Action: 4/18/2005. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

COURT APPEALS/STAYS

LUSTGARTEN, Gary James, MD

Location: North Miami Beach, FL
DOB: 2/26/1941
License #: 0000-25725
Specialty: NS (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Iowa (1965)
Cause: Appeal to Wake County Superior Court of the Board's Order of Discipline of 3/30/2004 (following a second hearing as directed by the Superior Court on 4/17/2003) suspending Dr Lustgarten's license for one year for unprofessional conduct in repeatedly testifying without a good faith or evidentiary basis that another physician's medical records were false.
Action: 4/15/2005. Wake County Superior Court Order issued affirming the Board's Order of Discipline suspending Dr Lustgarten's North Carolina medical license for one year.

CONSENT ORDERS LIFTED

ARTIS, Karlus Cornelius, MD

Location: Goldsboro, NC (Wayne Co)
DOB: 4/09/1964
License #: 0000-34782
Specialty: FP/OM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: East Carolina University School of Medicine (1990)

Action: 4/15/2005. Order issued lifting Consent Order of 8/06/2004.

DONDIEGO, Richard Michael, MD

Location: Reidsville, NC (Rockingham Co)
DOB: 1/15/1955
License #: 0095-01225
Specialty: IM/C (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Universidad Central Del Caribe School of Medicine (1981)
Action: 4/20/2005. Order issued lifting Consent Order of 11/03/2003.

LEMAIRE, Pierre-Arnaud Paul, MD

Location: Wilson, NC (Wilson Co)
DOB: 3/24/1960
License #: 0000-39440
Specialty: GS/VS (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (1985)
Action: 4/22/2005. Order issued lifting Consent Orders of 3/31/2003 and 11/05/2003.

**TEMPORARY/DATED LICENSES:
ISSUED, EXTENDED, EXPIRED, OR REPLACED BY FULL LICENSES**

CARLSON, James Lennart, MD

Location: Cerro Gordo, NC (Columbus Co)
DOB: 11/20/1959
License #: 2002-00010
Specialty: FP (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Medical College of Wisconsin (1991)
Action: 3/18/2005. Temporary/dated medical license extended to expire 9/30/2005.

DONDIEGO, Richard Michael, MD

Location: Reidsville, NC (Rockingham Co)
DOB: 1/15/1955
License #: 0095-01225
Specialty: IM/C (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Universidad Central Del Caribe School of Medicine (1981)
Action: 3/18/2005. Full and unrestricted medical license issued.

MOIR, Ronald Jeffrey, MD

Location: Charlotte, NC (Mecklenburg Co)
DOB: 12/30/1956
License #: 0000-31176
Specialty: A/AM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: East Carolina University School of Medicine (1984)
Action: 3/18/2005. Temporary/dated medical license extended to expire 9/30/2005.

SMITH, David Lewis, Physician Assistant

Location: Wilmington, NC (New Hanover Co)
DOB: 9/19/1951
License #: 0001-01503
PA Education: Alderson Broaddus College (1992)
Action: 3/18/2005. Temporary/dated PA license extended to expire 7/31/2005.

See Consent Orders:

EATON, Hubert Arthur, Jr, MD

GOTTSCHALK, Bernard Joseph, MD

MUNCHING, Aaron Albert, Physician Assistant

REENTRY AGREEMENTS

VARANASI, Sangeeta C., MD

Location: Pinehurst, NC (Moore Co)

DOB: 4/01/1972

License #: 2005-00479

Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: University of North Carolina School of Medicine (1998)

Cause: On the application for a license following almost three years out of practice while on extended maternity leave. There is a need for her to complete a program of reentry into practice in order for the Board to issue her a license. She has completed over 150 hours of CME in the past two years and agrees to have her practice observed by a colleague for six months. That colleague will report on her clinical skills to the Board.

Action: 3/30/2005. Reentry Agreement and Order executed: the Board shall issue Dr Varanasi a full and unrestricted license; Dr Varanasi shall arrange to have a physician colleague observe her practice for six months and report on her work in a letter to the Board.

DISMISSALS

NONE