

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD
Board Orders/Consent Orders/Other Board Actions
March-April 2008

DEFINITIONS

Annulment:

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

Conditions:

A term used 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 authorization to practice, or the conditions placed on 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:

Decision denying an application for practice authorization or reconsideration of a 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.

Public Letter of Concern:

A letter in the public record expressing the Board's concern about a practitioner's behavior or performance. Concern has not risen to the point of requiring a formal proceeding but should be known by the public. If the practitioner requests a formal disciplinary hearing regarding the conduct leading to the letter of concern, the letter will be vacated and a formal complaint and hearing initiated.

Reentry Agreement

Arrangement between the Board and a practitioner in good standing who is "inactive" and has been out of clinical practice for two years or more. Permits the practitioner to resume active practice through a reentry program approved by the Board to assure the practitioner's competence.

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 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 withdrawal of 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 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 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

REVOCATIONS

NONE

SUSPENSIONS

See Consent Orders:

DUGLISS, Malcolm Andrew John, PA-C
EATON, Lynne Antoinette, MD
O'DELL, Kevin Bruce, MD
SMITH, David Lewis, PA

SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS

NONE

CONSENT ORDERS**BOBBITT, William Haywood III, MD**

Location: New Bern, NC (Craven Co) | DOB: 06/06/1952
License #: 000026083 | Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Duke University School of Medicine (1977)
Cause: In 2005, Dr. Bobbitt established a physician-patient relationship with Patient A, who sought Dr. Bobbitt's care for migraines. In April 2006, Dr. Bobbitt referred Patient A to another physician for care of migraines and, in October 2006, began a romantic relationship with her that ended in August 2007. During the course of his romantic relationship with Patient A, Dr. Bobbitt provided three prescriptions to her without appropriately documenting the prescriptions in Patient A's medical record. Dr. Bobbitt engaged in unprofessional conduct by prescribing medicines to Patient A while engaging in a romantic relationship with her.
Action: 04/23/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Bobbitt is reprimanded and placed on probation for 12 months from the date of entry into this consent order.

CARLSON, James Lennart, MD

Location: Cerro Gordo, NC (Columbus Co) | DOB: 11/20/1959
License #: 200200010 | Specialty: FP (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Medical College of Wisconsin (1991)
Cause: Dr. Carlson consumed alcohol in violation of his NCPHP contract. Dr. Carlson entered into a consent order with the Board on February 12, 2003, and a subsequent amended consent order, that required him to maintain a contract with the NCPHP and abide by its terms. That consent order terminated on October 12, 2007, but Dr. Carlson maintained a contract with the PHP. The Board has received no complaints that Dr. Carlson's use of alcohol resulted in sub-standard medical care.
Action: 04/17/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Carlson shall retain a full and unrestricted license and shall avoid discipline provided he follows conditions. He shall refrain from possessing or consuming alcohol and he shall submit to testing at the will of the Board to verify his compliance.

CHANDER, Ernest Romesh, MD

Location: Gastonia, NC (Gaston Co) | DOB: 10/26/1940
License #: 009401389 | Specialty: P (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: The Christian Medical College of India (1964)
Cause: Dr. Chander was the supervising physician for a nurse practitioner whom he never observed practicing medicine; Rather he reviewed and signed only those patient charts his supervisee brought to him. Dr. Chander also agreed to be the back-up supervising physician for two other NPs without interviewing them, meeting them or becoming familiar with how they practice medicine. This constitutes failure to properly supervise mid-level practitioners in accordance with North Carolina rules and regulations.
Action: 04/08/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Chander is reprimanded.

DICKSON, Robert Trulock, MD

Location: Kinston, NC (Lenoir Co) | DOB: 06/10/1952
License #: 000028965 | Specialty: GE (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Medical College of Georgia (1979)
Cause: The Board issued charges and allegations in June 2007 because of concerns about care provided to five patients with gastrointestinal symptoms. Specifically, the Board found medical records often failed to document a complete history and did not document that examinations were performed. Dr. Dickson also routinely administered sedatives at much greater levels than is customary. In at least one case, a patient required medication to counteract the effects of over-sedation.
Action: 03/05/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Dickson is reprimanded and ordered to obtain a mentor or supervising physician who will observe his clinical practice and report to the Board on Dr. Dickson's skills. He also must comply with other conditions, such as completing continuing medical education on conscious sedation.

DUGLISS, Malcolm Andrew John, PA-C

Location: Asheville, NC (Buncombe Co) | DOB: 09/13/1964
License #: 000103305
PA Education: Not available
Cause: In November 2007, Mr. Dugliss forged two prescriptions for Norco for himself. He suffers from substance abuse and substance dependency and surrendered his license on November 30, 2007. He is a participant with the NCPHP and has undergone inpatient treatment for his substance abuse and dependency problems.
Action: 03/28/2008. Consent order executed: Mr. Dugliss's license is indefinitely suspended.

EATON, Lynne Antoinette, MD

Location: Worthington, OH | DOB: 09/08/1961
License #: 009400783 | Specialty: GO (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Medical College of Pennsylvania (1988)
Cause: In March 2007 Dr. Eaton entered into a consent agreement with the State Medical Board of Ohio in which she acknowledged she had relapsed on Percocet and received residential treatment for chemical dependency, and that she had been diagnosed with opioid dependence and depression. Dr. Eaton's treating physicians have indicated that she has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care as long as certain treatment and monitoring conditions are in place, including continued psychiatric treatment. The Ohio consent agreement reinstated Dr. Eaton's medical license, subject to her compliance with treatment for substance abuse and depression.
Action: 03/06/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Eaton's license is suspended for 90 days, applied retroactively to the date of entry of the March 2007 Ohio consent agreement. Failure to comply with that agreement may lead to action against her North Carolina license.

GOLDWASSER, Harry David, MD

Location: Tucson, AZ | DOB: 12/08/1962
License #: 000038954 | Specialty: Psychiatry (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Alabama (1988)
Cause: Between March 2006 and July 2006, while practicing in Arizona, Dr. Goldwasser diverted oxycodone for his own use and was addicted to cocaine. He entered in a consent agreement related to his substance abuse problems for a Letter of Public Reprimand and Probation with the Arizona Medical Board on August 10, 2007. On October 5, 2006, Dr. Goldwasser entered into an interim consent agreement with the Arizona board that prohibited him from practicing clinical medicine or prescribing any medications. Between October 2006 and January 2007, Dr. Goldwasser underwent residential treatment for substance abuse and was allowed to return to practice on January 18, 2007.
Action: 04/08/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Goldwasser is reprimanded and placed on probation for five years, subject to compliance with the terms of the probation ordered by the Arizona Medical Board.

GRAJEWSKI, Robert Sigmund, MD

Location: Mooresville, NC (Iredell Co) | DOB: 01/12/1953
License #: 000031292 | Specialty: Urological surgery (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Mount Sinai School of Medicine (1978)
Cause: On five occasions, the incorrect uroflow test strip was copied and inserted into patient records. In some cases, Dr. Grajewski changed the patients' written records to correspond with the incorrectly filed strips so that no record of correct test results existed. Subsequently, the five patients with incorrect test results had procedures for which the need was partly determined by those test results. Dr. Grajewski denies that he knowingly included any patient's strip in another patient's chart and further denies that he altered patient records except to correct what he perceived as errors. The Board acknowledges that all five patients were appropriate candidates for the procedures they underwent and that no patient suffered harm as a result of errors in the records.
Action: 03/28/2008. Consent order executed: Public letter of concern is issued.

HALDEA, Daulat Singh, MD

Location: Jaipur, Rajasthan | DOB: 05/20/1953
License #: 200100543 | Specialty: GE (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: SMS Medical College, India (1977)
Cause: In August 2007, Dr. Haldea was referred to the NCPHP by his peers and was diagnosed as being alcohol dependent. He represented to the NCPHP that he would undergo residential treatment for his addiction after returning from a trip overseas. Dr. Haldea also represented to the Board that, several months before the overseas trip, he had started the process of retiring from the practice of medicine due to health concerns. He placed his NC medical license on inactive status in November 2007. He has since completed residential inpatient treatment for alcohol dependency.
Action: 04/23/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Haldea's license is voluntarily and permanently surrendered.

HYMAN, Miles Donald, MD

Location: Franklin, NC (Macon Co) | DOB: 08/12/1938
License #: 009900258 | Specialty: APN/ALD (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: UT Southwestern Medical School (1963)
Cause: Between January 2002 and January 2006, Dr. Hyman treated Patient A for a condition he diagnosed as progressive polyneuropathy. Dr. Hyman prescribed large amounts of narcotic medication, including thirty-six 40 milligram tablets of methadone per day and forty-eight 200 milligram tablets of MS Contin or 9,600 milligrams of morphine per day. Dr. Hyman failed to document the need for such large amounts of narcotics in Patient A's medical records. He also failed to document how he monitored Patient A for adverse side effects and what steps he took to safeguard against Patient A becoming dependent on or addicted to narcotics. Nor did Dr. Hyman take steps to guard against diversion of the narcotics.
Action: 04/02/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Hyman is placed on probation for six months and must follow conditions, such as complying with monitoring by a Board-designated physician who will select and review charts of patients prescribed controlled substances.

JUSTIS, Christopher Morrow, MD

Location: Edenton, NC (Chowan Co) | DOB: 07/19/1955
License #: 000038991 | Specialty: AN/APN (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: East Carolina University (1985)
Cause: On July 22, 2007, Dr. Justis was arrested for driving while impaired with a blood-alcohol concentration of .21, more than twice the legal limit. On January 16, 2008, Dr. Justis plead guilty to driving while impaired. At the time of his arrest, Dr. Justis was an anonymous participant of the NCPHP.
Action: 04/09/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Justis is placed on probation and must comply with terms and conditions.

KELLER, Philip Arthur, PA-C

Location: Kitty Hawk, NC (Dare Co) | DOB: 07/10/1961
License #: 009001576 |
PA Education: Hahnemann University (1985)

Cause: Mr. Keller was arrested for driving while impaired in February 2002, arrested for boating while impaired in August 2004 and arrested for driving while impaired on October 24, 2006. In late 2006, while at work as a physician assistant with the U.S. Coast Guard, Mr. Keller drank some alcohol and was found asleep in his office and taken to a hospital on suspicion that he was drunk. This led him to be dismissed from his position, and Mr. Keller subsequently surrendered his license on November 29, 2006. Mr. Keller has been a participant with the NCPHP since November 2006 and reports he has successfully completed inpatient treatment for his substance abuse problem.

Action: 04/16/2008. Consent order executed: Mr. Keller is issued a temporary license to expire August 31, 2008 and is placed on probation. He must refrain from using all mind or mood-altering substances and from the possession or use of alcohol and submit to testing at the will of the Board to determine his compliance.

KHAYATA, Mazen H., MD

Location: Tempe, AZ | DOB: 02/01/1960

License #: 200601233 | Specialty: NS (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Cornell University Medical College (1984)

Cause: Dr. Khayata entered into a consent order with the Arizona Medical Board on Sept. 1, 2007, related to a malpractice settlement involving care Dr. Khayata provided to a 45-year-old woman in September 2002 at an Arizona hospital. The patient presented to Dr. Khayata after experiencing a loss of consciousness and being diagnosed with a 10 mm brain tumor. Dr. Khayata confirmed diagnosis of tumor meningioma without involvement of superior sagittal sinus and recommended surgery to remove the tumor. He performed image-guided left frontal craniotomy and resection of the meningioma. Postoperative imaging studies and pathology reports showed that the tumor had not been resected. Dr. Khayata did not review the postoperative studies, follow-up with the results or develop a new treatment plan. Not did Dr. Khayata inform his patient that he was unsuccessful in removing her tumor. The Arizona Board issued a letter of reprimand for failing to remove a targeted tumor, failure to inform the patient of such, failure to review the pathology report and failure to establish a new treatment plan.

Action: 04/16/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Khayata is reprimanded.

LEMAIRE, Pierre-Arnaud Paul, MD

Location: Wilson, NC (Wilson Co) | DOB: 03/24/1960

License #: 000039440 | Specialty: GS (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (1985)

Cause: During an informal interview with the Board in November 2005, Dr. Lemaire informed the Board that he would secure adequate post-operative surgical coverage for his patients prior to leaving town. Following that interview, while acting as the surgeon on call for unassigned patients coming through the emergency room, Dr. Lemaire performed major surgeries on two of his patients within 10 days of leaving the area. He did not secure adequate post-operative coverage before leaving. There is no evidence that the surgeries were performed in a way that was below the standard of care or that the lack of post-operative coverage had a negative impact on either patient. Nonetheless, Dr. Lemaire had a duty to secure such coverage.

Action: 04/23/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Lemaire is reprimanded.

LIU, Yong Jian, MD

Location: Norcross, GA | DOB: 06/09/1954

License #: 200200946 | Specialty: Physical medicine/rehabilitation (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Hunan Medical University, China (1975)

Cause: In October 2007, Dr. Liu was reprimanded by the Georgia State Composite Board of Medical Examiners, fined \$10,000, assessed \$500 in costs and placed on probation for two years based on findings of fact that he failed to conform to minimum standards of care for 10 patients to whom he prescribed controlled substances. Dr. Liu was restricted from writing prescriptions for controlled substances and from using mid-level practitioners to prescribe them. In addition, the Georgia Board required Dr. Liu to complete 40 hours of CME in the treatment of chronic pain and in the treatment of substance abuse and addiction, as well as a mini-residency in the prescribing of controlled substances.

Action: 04/16/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Liu is reprimanded and placed on probation for two years, to run concurrent with his Georgia probationary period.

MIRALLES, Gines Diego, MD

Location: Durham, NC (Durham Co)| DOB: 07/26/1962
License #: 009300243| Specialty: ID/IM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Buenos Aires (1986)
Cause: Dr. Miralles has not practiced clinical medicine since July 2005 and has no present plans to return to such practice.
Action: 03/06/2008. Non-disciplinary consent order executed: Dr. Miralles is granted a limited administrative license that requires him not to engage in the clinical practice of medicine.

O'DELL, Kevin Bruce, MD

Location: Gastonia, NC (Gaston Co)| DOB: 06/04/1957
License #: 000039312| Specialty: EM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Nebraska (1983)
Cause: During the spring and summer of 2007, while practicing in Shelby, NC, Dr. O'Dell suffered from depression and anxiety, for which he was treated by a psychiatrist and prescribed Lexapro. In June 2007, Dr. O'Dell had a couple of drinks with friends and apparently developed a reaction to the Lexapro or the combination of Lexapro and alcohol. He became agitated to the point that his son called 911. Law enforcement found Dr. O'Dell driving in his truck but Dr. O'Dell would not stop and was subsequently charged with a number of offenses. Dr. O'Dell surrendered his license to the Board on July 25, 2007. He has completed treatment at a facility that regularly treats health care professionals with mental health and medical problems.
Action: 04/11/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. O'Dell's license is indefinitely suspended.

ONYEKABA, Igwebuike, MD

Location: Cooperstown, NY| DOB: 04/18/1959
License #: 009500418 | Specialty: EM/IM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Lagos Medical College (1983)
Cause: Dr. Onyekaba entered into a consent order with the Georgia State Composite Board of Medical Examiners on June 29, 2007, because of care he provided in December 2002 to a patient in the emergency room of the Alabama hospital where Dr. Onyekaba was working. The patient complained of chest pain, nausea and numbness to the lower lip, and Dr. Onyekaba was aware the patient had been diagnosed in October 2002 with aortic aneurysm. Dr. Onyekaba ordered several tests, including EKG, CPK and cardiac enzyme test and the results did not indicate any significant abnormalities. Dr. Onyekaba diagnosed the patient with chest pain and possible costochondritis, ordered a GI cocktail and discharged the patient with instructions to return if symptoms worsened. The patient died later that day. Peer review of the case found care was below the acceptable and prevailing standard because Dr. Onyekaba did not order a CT scan, as is the minimum standard for patients with a history of aortic aneurysm. The terms of the Georgia consent order required Dr. Onyekaba to obtain 30 hours of CME and pay a \$5,000 fine plus the administrative fees of the Georgia Board.
Action: 04/11/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Onyekaba is reprimanded and must submit to the Board proof that he has complied with the CME requirement imposed by the Georgia Board.

ROBINSON, Lindwood Allen, MD

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co)| DOB: 07/08/1971
License #: 200101126| Specialty: EM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: UNC School of Medicine (1997)
Cause: In October 2006, Dr. Robinson surrendered his license and entered into a consent order with the Board that suspended his license due to Dr. Robinson's substance abuse. Dr. Robinson was granted a four-month temporary license by the board on April 19, 2007. During the time Dr. Robinson was inactive, the medical practice he practiced at and owned hired several physician assistants. Those PAs were subsequently assigned to supervising physicians who were unaware that they had been assigned supervising responsibility. In several instances, the supervising physicians had never met the PA they were supposed to be supervising prior to working with them. Dr. Robinson has since demonstrated to the Board that he has since instituted policies to ensure his practice is complying with rules pertaining to the supervision of PAs.
Action: 03/03/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Robinson is reprimanded.

SMITH, David Lewis, PA

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co) | DOB: 09/19/1951
License #: 000101503
PA Education: Alderson Broaddus College, Philippi, WV (1992)
Cause: On several occasions in 2007, Mr. Smith improperly obtained the Schedule II drug Focalin by taking medication that was discarded by his patients; He also agreed to purchase Focalin from one patient who decided he did not want to take the medication. On another occasions, Mr. Smith issued a prescription for Focalin to a patient with the understanding that the patient would return the drug to Mr. Smith in exchange for samples of other non-controlled prescription medications. Mr. Smith surrendered his license in November 2007.
Action: 03/26/2008. Consent Order executed: Mr. Smith's license is indefinitely suspended.

WATTS, Larry Thomas, MD

Location: Charlotte, NC (Mecklenberg Co) | DOB: 08/07/1961
License #: 009700154 | Specialty: Pediatric surgery (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem (1987)
Cause: Without Dr. Watts' knowledge or consent, an employee obtained controlled substances by using prescription blanks that had been pre-signed by Dr. Watts. The employee has since been discharged and charged criminally for misconduct.
Action: 03/28/2008. Consent Order executed: Dr. Watts is reprimanded.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS

NONE

DENIALS OF RECONSIDERATION/MODIFICATION

NONE

DENIALS OF LICENSE/APPROVAL**RENFRO, Frederick Arlen, CCP**

Location: Blountville, Tenn. | DOB: 08/14/1970
License #: NA
Medical Ed:
Action: 04/02/2008. Application for perfusionist license denied.

SURRENDERS**PIXTON, Jan Maree, PA**

Location: Waynesville, NC (Haywood Co) | DOB: 05/24/1961
License #: 000102080
Medical Ed: Emory University (1985)
Action: 03/05/2008. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina physician assistant license.

YOPP, Jr., James Dennie, MD

Location: Winston-Salem, NC (Forsyth Co) | DOB: 11/25/1938
License #: 000015211 | Specialty: CD (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem (1966)
Action: 04/11/2008. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

See Consent Orders:

HALDEA, Daulat Singh, MD

PUBLIC LETTERS OF CONCERN

FARRINGER, Gina Mills, NP

Location: Wendell, NC (Wake Co) | DOB: 02/13/1961
License #: 000201402
Cause: The NC Board of Nursing on 11/28/2007 suspended Ms. Farringer's license (immediately stayed) in relation to the care of two patients, for whom she wrote prescriptions for controlled substances without adequately documenting the need.
Action: 04/11/2008. Public Letter of Concern issued. Ms. Farringer is reminded that mid-level practitioners are expected to appropriately evaluate and manage patients and to seek appropriate consultation with a physician to assist with this. Ms. Farringer is cautioned that any repetition of such an incident may lead to formal disciplinary proceedings.

GUHA, Subrata, MD

Location: Clayton, NC (Johnston Co) | DOB: 07/25/1960
License #: 000038071 | Specialty: EM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Boston University (1986)
Cause: The Board learned through a complaint that Dr. Guha inadequately supervised five physician assistants. For all five PAs, there was insufficient documentation of quality improvement meetings and missing or inadequate scope of practice and prescriptive authority documents. Also, Dr. Guha was uncertain of which PAs he was responsible for supervising.
Action: 03/25/2008. Public Letter of Concern issued. The Board encourages Dr. Guha to be more attentive in supervising mid-level practitioners in future and is warned that repetition of similar facts and circumstances may lead to additional disciplinary proceedings against his license to practice in North Carolina.

JOHNSON, Earlie Thomas, MD

Location: Holly Ridge, NC (Onslow Co) | DOB: 04/13/1956
License #: 000031729
Medical Ed: Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC
Cause: A physician assistant under Dr. Johnson's supervision over-treated and over-tested a patient in a way that was not evidence-based, indicating poor supervision by Dr. Johnson. In addition, the Board's review of patient charts found that Dr. Johnson sometimes used high-dose steroids in combination with intravenous Rocephin in a way that was not appropriate or evidence-based.
Action: 03/14/2008. Public Letter of Concern issued: Dr. Johnson is admonished and encouraged to take steps to ensure these practices are not continued. He is further cautioned that repetition of such practices may lead to the commencement of formal disciplinary proceedings against his license.

KOTZEN, Rene Marlon, MD

Location: Fayetteville, NC (Cumberland Co) | DOB: 05/02/1956
License #: 200200937
Medical Ed: Sackler School of Medicine, Israel (1988)
Cause: Dr. Kotzen was slow to recognize a post-operative complication and failed to appreciate the full severity of that complication. These delays led to an inadequate response which, in turn, may have resulted in the patient developing cauda equine syndrome.
Action: 03/05/2008. Public Letter of Concern issued: Dr. Kotzen is admonished and encouraged to take steps to ensure this does not happen again; He is also advised that repetition of such matters may lead to more formal disciplinary practices against his license to practice medicine.

MUNCHING, Aaron Albert, PA

Location: Durham, NC (Durham Co) | DOB: 01/10/1961
License #: 0010-00016
PA Education: Alderson Broaddus College (1990)
Cause: Mr. Munching authorized a prescription for a controlled substance without first obtaining a United States Drug Enforcement Administration registration. This follows a prior history of improper prescribing and diversion of controlled substances that led to the suspension of Munching's PA license in 2003.

Action: 03/24/2008. Public Letter of Concern issued: Mr. Munching is cautioned that repetition of similar facts and circumstances may lead to proceedings against his license to practice as a PA in North Carolina.

WILLIFORD, Robert Earl, MD

Location: Asheboro, NC (Randolph Co) | DOB: 04/07/1929
License #: 000010331 | Specialty: FP/IM (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Emory University School of Medicine (1955)

Cause: Dr. Williford, whose license to practice medicine in North Carolina is inactive, obtained prescriptions for his spouse by representing to a pharmacy that another physician had authorized them when that was not, in fact, the case. In so doing, Dr. Williford engaged in the unlicensed practice of medicine.

Action: 03/07/2008. Public Letter of Concern issued: Dr. Williford is admonished for his conduct and cautioned that any repetition of such behavior may lead to the commencement of formal disciplinary proceedings.

See Consent Orders:

GRAJEWSKI, Robert Sigmund, MD

COURT APPEALS/STAYS

NONE

CONSENT ORDERS LIFTED

PAYTON, James Bayard, MD

Location: Asheville, NC (Buncombe Co) | DOB: 01/17/1947
License #: 000038406 | Specialty: CHP (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Cincinnati College of Medicine (1973)
Action: 04/24/2008. Order issued lifting Consent Order of 03/14/2007.

TEMPORARY/DATED LICENSES:

ISSUED, EXTENDED, EXPIRED, OR REPLACED BY FULL LICENSES

See Consent Orders:

KELLER, Philip Arthur, PA-C

DISMISSALS

NONE

REENTRY AGREEMENTS

ASHRAF, Muhammad, MD

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co) | DOB: 09/16/1946
License #: 2008-00262 | Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: King Edward Medical College, University of the Punjab (1969)
Cause: Dr. Ashraf has not practiced clinical medicine since 2006.
Action: 03/05/2008. Reentry Agreement executed: Dr Ashraf is issued a license and shall practice under observation of a physician colleague for six months; the observer shall submit a letter to the Board reporting in detail on Dr. Ashraf's clinical skills within 30 days of the end of the first quarter of the observation period. The observer shall submit a second letter within 30 days of the close of the six-month observation period.

CHOWBEY, Vandana Pandey, MD

Location: Summerfield, NC (Guilford Co) | DOB: 05/28/1971
License #: 2008-00488 | Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Nilratan Sircar Medical College, University of Calcutta (1995)
Cause: Dr. Chowbey suffered a head injury in 2005 and has not practiced clinical medicine since that time.

Action: 04/14/2008. Reentry Agreement executed: Dr Chowbey is issued a license and shall practice under observation of a physician colleague for six months. For the first two weeks, Dr. Chowbey shall only shadow the preceptor, have no patient care responsibilities and limit her hours to four per day. For the next six weeks, Dr. Chowbey shall work side by side with her preceptor and have patient care responsibilities as determined by the preceptor and, for the first two weeks of this period, will continue to work no more than four hours per day. For the remaining four months, with her preceptor's approval and based on satisfactory written reports by the observer to the Board, Dr. Chowbey will practice independently. The preceptor shall submit monthly letters to the Board reporting on Dr. Chowbey's clinical skills. These reports shall be due within 15 days of the close of the monthly observation period. Dr. Chowbey shall also devise a plan to obtain targeted CME and shall submit monthly reports of her progress toward that goal. After one year, Dr. Chowbey shall meet with the Board to determine if additional proctoring, training or observations are needed.

GOINS, Natasha Ann Halmi, MD

Location: Charlotte, NC (Mecklenberg Co) | DOB: 02/16/1970
License #: 2002-00120 | Specialty: PD (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Texas Health Sciences (1997)
Cause: Dr. Goins has not practiced clinical medicine since 2003.
Action: 04/23/2008. Reentry Agreement executed: Dr Goins is issued a license and shall practice under observation of a physician colleague who is board certified in pediatrics for six months; the observer shall report to the Board on Dr. Goins' skills within 30 days of the close of the first month and make another report within 30 days of the close of the six-month period.

PAYNE, Richard, MD

Location: Durham, NC (Durham Co) | DOB: 08/24/1951
License #: 2008-00582 | Specialty: Neurology (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Harvard Medical School (1977)
Cause: Dr. Payne has not practiced clinical medicine since 2004.
Action: 04/25/2008. Reentry Agreement executed: Dr. Payne is issued a license and shall practice under the observation of a physician colleague for six months; the observer shall report to the Board on his skills within 30 days of the end of each quarter of the observation.

SEYMOUR, John Christopher Campbell, MD

Location: Southport, NC (Brunswick Co) | DOB: 07/09/1939
License #: 2008-00392 | Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences (1965)
Cause: Dr. Seymour has not practiced since September 2004.
Action: 03/26/2008. Reentry Agreement executed: Dr. Seymour is issued a license and shall practice under the observation of a physician colleague for six months; the observer shall report to the Board on his skills within 30 days of the close of the first month and again within 30 days of the end of the six- month period.

WEAVER-BAILEY, Ellen Lois, PA-C

Location: Whispering Pines, NC (Moore Co) | DOB: 07/14/1952
License #: 0010-01333
PA Education: Alderson Broaddus College, Philippi, WV (1974)
Cause: Ms. Weaver-Bailey has not practiced since 1982.
Action: 04/28/2008. Reentry Agreement executed: Ms. Weaver-Bailey is issued a license. For the first six months, she shall see patients only accompanied by an attending cardiologist; After three months, she may begin seeing patients for follow-up visits in the lipid clinic unaccompanied. After six months, Ms. Weaver-Bailey shall perform stress tests only after receiving adequate instruction and after at least 10 have been observed by an attending cardiologist. Her supervising physician shall provide the Board with monthly detailed letters describing Ms. Weaver-Bailey's clinical skills for the first three months and one letter at the end of six months. Ms. Weaver-Bailey must complete continuing medical education deemed appropriate by her preceptor and must submit monthly reports to update the Board on her progress.