

MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

October 13-16, 1977  
The Wilmington Hilton  
Wilmington, North Carolina

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met at The Wilmington Hilton, Wilmington, North Carolina, October 13-16, 1977 for the purpose of interviewing applicants for license by endorsement of credentials and conducting other business.

Drs. Charles B. Wilkerson, Jr., President, J. Jerome Pence, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, David S. Citron, Bruce B. Blackmon, Bryant L. Galusha, Joyce H. Reynolds, and E. Wilson Staub were present. Also present were Bryant D. Paris, Jr., Executive Secretary, Mrs. Betty Joe Barick, Assistant Executive Secretary, Mrs. Diane Freeman, and Mr. Lee Denney, Investigator.

Thursday, October 13  
3:30 p.m.

The Board convened for business and reviewing credentials of applicants for license by endorsement.

RE: Albemarle Family Practice, Ltd., Edenton, N.C. -- Dr. Clement Lucas, Edenton, N.C. is requesting Board approval of a professional corporation for his practice to be entitled Albemarle Family Practice, Ltd., which is in Albemarle County, N.C. There is one corporation on file with the Board's office which holds the name Albemarle Family Medical Center, P.A., in Albemarle, N.C., and the possibility of confusion of the two names has arisen. Dr. Galusha moved that this request be approved since the separation of distances between the two corporations is great enough so there will be no confusion. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Michael A. Jackson, Washington, D.C. -- Board reviewed letter from Dr. Jackson in response to the Board's letter to him following his appearance before the Board at their August, 1977 meeting applying for license by endorsement of credentials. The Board instructed the Executive Secretary to obtain as much information as possible regarding his proposed practice of medicine in North Carolina, requesting that he clearly outline his practice methodology and give an explanation of the type of practice he intends to engage in, since the answer to the Board's first letter was not detailed enough for the Board to evaluate his need for a license in this state.

RE: Emory University Assistant to Physician Program -- Request for approval by the Board for the physician's assistant programs in Anesthesiology and Life Support Systems and program in Intensive Respiratory Care program. The assistants receive a Master of Medical Science degree upon successful completion of the programs. These assistant to physician programs are not approved by the AMA. Dr. Wilkerson moved that these programs not be approved by the Board. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Nathan Kessler, Hendersonville, N.C. -- Request for consideration of license by endorsement of credentials. Dr. Kessler is a graduate of a non-approved U.S. medical school: Boston College of Physicians and Surgeons, Middlesex, Mass., in 1949. He was approved to apply to take the FLEX examination for licensure in North Carolina, which he took and failed in June, 1976. He is now asking the Board to consider him for license by endorsement in North Carolina based on his Florida State license obtained by written examination in 1959. Dr. Galusha moved that this request be denied, and he be so informed. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: John G. Giragos, M.D., P.A. -- Information submitted to the Board by Dr. Giragos relating to clinical psychiatric services to local churches and ministers by his corporation. This was received as information by the Board.



RE: Dr. Mark Pomerans, Raleigh, N.C. -- Request for consideration to be covered by a resident's training license at a state mental hospital to work there while waiting to take the next FLEX examination. He has taken FLEX once in Connecticut in 1975, and obtained a weighted average of 69.5, which does not meet the Board's requirements that a physician must make 70.0 or higher on the first FLEX attempt to be able to work or continue working in a state institution while waiting to take the examination a second time. Dr. Citron moved that his request be denied. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: FLEX examination -- Inclusion of Behavioral Science in Day I of the examination. Dr. Galusha reported that this addition to the examination will be introduced in the June, 1978 FLEX examination, changing Day I to seven subjects instead of six. The time period of the examination will not be changed, nor will the total number of questions be changed. The current six subjects on Day I will have the number of questions shortened to 77 for six subjects and 78 subjects for the seventh subject, keeping the total at 540. Behavioral Science has been included on the National Board examination for the past four years, and this change has the backing of the medical schools. The Board received this as information.

The meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, October 14.

Friday, October 14  
9:00 a.m.

RE: Dr. Bennie Brooks Ward, Shallotte, N.C. -- A hearing was held before the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina upon and concerning charges and accusations preferred by the Board in the above matter at The Wilmington Hilton, Wilmington, North Carolina, on Friday, October 14, 1977, at which hearing Dr. Ward was not represented by counsel. Following this hearing and the presentation of evidence, and upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, Dr. Ward's license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina was revoked; revocation stayed upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of the Board.

RE: Dr. Ralph C. Reid, Pineville, N.C. -- A hearing was held before the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina upon and concerning charges and accusations preferred by the Board in the above matter at The Wilmington Hilton, Wilmington, North Carolina, on Friday, October 14, 1977, at which hearing Dr. Reid appeared and was represented by counsel, George S. Daly, Jr., Esq. Following this hearing and the presentation of evidence, and upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, Dr. Reid's license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina was revoked; revocation stayed upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of the Board.

RE: Pitt County Emergency Medical Technician -- possible practice of medicine. After considerable discussion on the information presented regarding the performance of certain medical acts without proper authorization by an emergency medical technician, who was also not trained to perform those acts, Dr. Staub moved that the Board receive this as information at this time, and request Mr. Chris Gentile and Colonel Speed of the Office of Emergency Medical Services to investigate the case further and report in person to the Board at the December, 1977 Board meeting. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Emergency Medical Technicians -- Question from Dr. Sara Dent, Hillsborough, N. C. as to whether she could authorize the Rescue Squad members to start an IV on standing orders. Members of this rescue squad have not had training and are not certified by the Board as Emergency Medical Technicians - IV. The Executive Secretary was instructed to advise Dr. Dent that there is no legal way her request can be fulfilled.

RE: October, 1978 Board meeting -- Dr. Galusha moved that the October, 1978 meeting be held in Wilmington, N.C. at The Wilmington Hilton, at the most convenient time and date as outlined by the Executive Secretary. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: March, 1978 Board meeting -- Dr. Galusha moved that the meeting be held at The Velvet Cloak Inn in Raleigh on March 16-19, 1978, as is now reserved, and make every effort not to have the March meeting in Raleigh in the future since two meetings are always held in Raleigh for the examinations. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Conversion -- limited to full license: Dr. Pence moved that Dr. Adel Wagdi Mohamed have his medical license converted from a limited to a full license, if all credentials are in order. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.



Conversion, cont'd.

Dr. Galusha moved that the Board approve the action taken by the Executive Secretary in extending Dr. Burt M. Walden's license to practice medicine, and now approve his request for a full license to practice in North Carolina, if and when all credentials are in order, satisfactory to the Executive Secretary. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Registration -- Reinstatement: Dr. Galusha moved that if all fees and penalties have been paid, the following physicians' licenses, which were suspended for failure to register as required by North Carolina General Statute 90-15, be duly registered. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed. They are:

William G. Howard	Ronald L. Mauldin	Henry C. O'Roark	Douglas C.
Gitta W. J. Lampertz	Wirt Thomas Neale	Leon W. Powell	Tilt

RE: Proposed Budget, Fiscal Year 1977-78: Dr. Citron moved that the budget be approved as amended. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Mobile Intensive Care Nurses -- Applications: Dr. Staub moved that the seven applications for Mobile Intensive Care Nurses submitted for N. C. Memorial Hospital be approved. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Emergency Medical Technician-I.V. -- applications: Dr. Staub moved that the six applications for certification as EMT-I.V.'s from Forsyth County be approved. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

Dr. Staub moved that the application for Mr. Charles Land from Rockingham County be approved for an EMT-I.V. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: License certificates -- The Board considered re-designing the license certificate issued to all physicians licensed to practice medicine in the state, and instructed the Executive Secretary to bring a sample of the re-designed certificate to the December, 1977 meeting for their review.

Meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Saturday October 15.

Saturday, October 15  
9:00 a.m.

RE: Interviews for license by endorsement of credentials -- Physicians who appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, were individually interviewed by the Board and approved for licensure this date:

Ergun M. Akinli	Johnny E. Gaston*	Edward H. Malone
Richard M. Baker	Ralph Geller	John P. McGuinness*
Evan A. Ballard	Fred S. Girton*	Robert S. McMillen
Thomas K. Barton*	Horace K. Glidden	Maurice R. McNeil
Irving L. Berger	Corrine M. N. Godwin*	John H. McWhorter
Libeau J. Berthelot*	Brent R. Gooch*	Paul J. Meis
Carl L. Bose*	Bruce W. Graham*	Dominador M. Mendoza, Jr.
Marjorie A. Bowman*	Sam D. Graham, Jr.*	Andrew F. Meyer
John J. Brantley, II*	Leo R. Hanrahan, Jr.*	George Michalopoulos
Charles N. Brown, Jr.*	Michael C. Hindman*	Richard L. Moffet
David C. Budson*	Joseph R. Holahan*	Henry N. Nelson*
Dean A. Christensen*	Harris W. Hollis, Jr.*	Kenneth A. O'Beirne
Frank H. Christensen*	William K. Hoots*	Thomas J. O'Donnell*
Alfred J. Cianflocco*	John C. Jennette*	Paul R. Olson
Howard L. Clinton, Jr.*	Curtis C. Johnson	David B. Palmer
James H. Craft	Sally Ann C. Johnson*	John Parkinson*
Louis J. Del Gatto*	Dilip N. Joshi	Nicholas A. Patrone*
Patrick F. Dolan	Jeffrey D. Katz*	Charles G. Pierce*
Millard P. Doster*	Naheed A. Khan	Jess A. Powell, III*
David E. Eifrig	Klara P. Klein*	Barry Powers*
William P. Evans*	Rolf J. Kolden*	Robert J. Quinet*
Kenneth J. Fabian	Douglas E. Lam*	Avvari Rangaswamy
Rose Farias	Eugia C. Land*	Calvin J. Reams, III*
Karl B. Fields*	Thomas Chen-yao Lee	David L. Richardson*
George E. Fissel	Bert R. Lennington*	Lynnette N. Ringenberg*
Rebera E. Foston*	Jeffrey B. Lichtman	Godfrey D. Ripley
Anthony C. Fouts*	Beverly R. Love*	Peter W. Robie*
Frank E. Franasiak*	William T. H. MacNew, Jr.	Bruce A. Rodan*



## License by endorsement, cont'd.

Jimmy L. Rodden*	George W. Tate, Jr.	Angus H. Warren*
Arthur J. Ross, III*	John B. Taylor*	Gregg A. Warshaw*
Allen S. Russek	Michael D. Tharp*	Laurence O. Watkins*
Jozef Safier	Grafton H. Thurman	Janis P. White*
Ilona Brandt-Sasin	Stephen S. Thurman	William D. Wilcox*
Ross J. Simpson, Jr.*	Samuel R. Tipton, Jr.	Clarence L. Wilson, II*
James H. Spillane	Mordecai D. Tyson, Jr.*	Thomas B. Wiltbank
Fred L. Stallings*	Robert J. Uhren, Jr.*	John A. Wimberly
Karl H. Stanley, Jr.*	Robert L. Venable*	Arch Woodard*
Mark E. Swanson*	Alvin Volkman	Marcus J. Zbar
		Barry M. Zide*

\* Indicates applicant who appeared before the Executive Secretary or a Board member, individually, for his personal interview applying for license by endorsement of credentials, and was approved by the Board on this date for licensure.

Physicians who appeared at previous Board meetings applying for license by endorsement of credentials and completed credentials after that meeting date and were approved for licensure this date:

Radhakrishna M. Bellam	Durnell McLaughlin	Sung Fan Shen
Sezai Gursel	Antreas D. Mesrobian	David H. Zornow
Chong H. Lieu	Andrew S. Olearchyk	

Physicians who appeared applying for license by endorsement with incomplete credentials and were held until later Board meetings for approval:

Preecha Bhotiwihok	Satpal K. Grewal	David Mosienko*
Adolphus Bray	Phillip I. Lynch, Jr.	Joseph E. Piracci
H. Rita del Marmol	James G. Macaulay	Samuel B. Pole
Daljit S. Grewal		Audrey J. Sayers

RE: Dr. Dag B. A. Lundberg, Chapel Hill, N.C. -- Application for registration as a Visiting Professor. Dr. Lundberg appeared before the Board applying for his registration as a visiting professor, and was approved for same this date.

RE: Emergency Medical Technician-I.V. -- Application for John Jeffries. The Board reviewed information received from the Office of Emergency Medical Services following the August, 1977 Board meeting, at which meeting Mr. Jeffries had been approved to function as an EMT-IV. After discussion of this information regarding his possibly having performed certain medical acts without proper authorization, Dr. Blackmon moved that the Board's action taken in August approving Mr. Jeffries as an EMT-IV be rescinded. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed. Dr. Galusha moved that the Executive Secretary discuss the situation with Mr. Gentile of the OEMS and make arrangements to handle the problem of Mr. Jeffries' subsequent application on that level. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

Meeting adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 15  
2:00 p.m.

RE: Registered nurses performing medical acts -- subcommittee report: Dr. Pence, Chairman of the joint subcommittee of the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing, reported on the October meeting. The joint subcommittee is continuing to make site visits to various clinics staffed by nurse practitioners. A site visit was made to the Durham County Alcoholism Treatment Center and the Edgecombe County Health Department, and both sites received favorable reports. The Durham County Center visit was made to clarify an application for approval of Jacqueline C. Parrish to function as a registered nurse performing medical acts, and she was approved following report of the site visit by Dr. Joyce Reynolds and Ms. Hettie Nagel. The Edgecombe County visit was made to verify the practice of registered nurses Flossie Dunston and Annie P. Vick in their performance of medical acts, and view the supervision as stated in the application for the two nurses, which were given provisional approval at the August, 1977 subcommittee meeting. The two applications were approved following report of the site visit.

Also discussed in the subcommittee meeting was the question of approving certified nurse midwives to perform home deliveries under the supervision of the applying physician. The subcommittee agreed that the supervising physician would be eligible to apply for approval of a nurse midwife to perform home deliveries, if such were included in the application, under the physician's supervision.



Subcommittee report, cont'd.

Dr. Glenn Pickard, Chapel Hill, and Ms. Cynthia Freund, Chapel Hill, appeared to discuss with the subcommittee the possibility of approving registered nurses holding masters degrees with equivalency courses to perform medical acts. The subcommittee did not feel this was a good idea, and approved a motion that a registered nurse must present a certificate of satisfactory completion of an approved nurse practitioner program to apply for approval as a registered nurse performing medical acts. The subcommittee sought to encourage the people in charge of the operating nurse practitioner programs in the state to consider accepting trainees with master's degrees for advanced standing in the program, and accelerate completion of the courses, and they would then be eligible for a certificate from the program, and thus would be eligible for consideration by the subcommittee and the two Boards.

A proposed workshop for nurses on diaphragm utilization in family planning was discussed again at this meeting. This workshop is sponsored by the Maternal and Child Health Branch of the N. C. Division of Health Services, which wants to train nurses in the proper fitting of diaphragms. The subcommittee approved the planned workshop.

The subcommittee decided not to have a May, 1978 meeting due to conflicts with the Board of Medical Examiners meeting with the North Carolina Medical Society at that time.

Dr. Citron moved that the Board approve the subcommittee report as presented. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

Dr. Pence reported on the applications for registered nurses performing medical acts, and the action taken by the subcommittee on each application:

The following applications were submitted to the subcommittee, reviewed and approved:

Dr. George Macatee, Asheville, N.C. -- Sheila B. Jones  
 Dr. Corodon Fuller, Pittsboro, N.C. -- Martha W. Ballard  
 Dr. George Macatee, Jr., Asheville, N.C. -- Margaret H. Carroll  
 Dr. Emma S. Fink, Crossnore, N.C. -- Estelle L. Cuthbertson  
 Dr. Thomas M. Daniel, Smithfield, N.C. -- Site change for Barbara E. Parker  
 Dr. Godfrey Ripley, Durham, N.C. -- Kathryn D. Spencer  
 Dr. Marjorie O. Strawn, Lenoir, N.C. -- Alyce M. Walton  
 Dr. Charles F. Whicker, North Wilkesboro, N.C. -- Ella D. Waugh  
 Dr. Clement Block, Snow Hill, N.C. -- site change for Elaine S. Morgan

The following applications were submitted to the subcommittee with credentials incomplete, or more information required, and were approved if and when they were completed satisfactory to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners:

Dr. John S. Chamblee, Nashville, N.C. -- Irene H. Hinton  
 Dr. Marjorie O. Strawn, Lenoir, N.C. -- Sharon B. Ide  
 Dr. Thomas W. Kitchen, Jr., Jacksonville, N.C. -- Constance P. Kitchen  
 Dr. Fergus B. Pope, Burnsville, N.C. -- Bonnie P. McCurry  
 Dr. Karl L. Van Horn, Washington, N.C. -- Edna D. Robbins  
 Dr. George C. Hemingway, Jr., Tarboro, N.C. -- Nancy W. Morris  
 Dr. John S. Chamblee, Nashville, N.C. -- Deborah R. Perry  
 Dr. Joseph D. Weaver, Ahsokie, N.C. -- Jean Pratt  
 Dr. Thomas W. White, Kinston, N.C. -- Mary L. Rice  
 Dr. Julian C. Lentz, Fayetteville, N.C. -- Mary L. Simmons  
 Dr. Hamilton W. Stevens, Kenansville, N.C. -- Ruth D. Cooper  
 Dr. John H. Stanley, Jackson, N.C. -- Marion O. Mizell  
 Dr. Walter J. Pories, Greenville, N.C. -- Helen M. Rawls  
 Dr. Davis Fort, Albemarle, N.C. -- Phyllis C. Snuggs  
 Dr. Kevin J. Soden, Charlotte, N.C. -- Wilma L. Wachowiak.

The following applications which were submitted to the subcommittee were not approved or were returned to the applicants requesting clarification of supervision, job descriptions, etc.:

Dr. William L. Wood, Yadkinville, N.C. -- Lyndell J. Baise  
 Dr. Romeo H. Lewis, Faison, N.C. -- Patricia M. Bradshaw  
 Dr. Elizabeth L. Ford, Greensboro, N.C. -- Patricia W. Gottschall  
 Dr. Ernest H. Brown, Jr.,  
 Dr. Edgar S. Douglas, Jr., Greenville, N.C. and Dr. A. McCray Jones, Washington, N.C. -- Sylvia J. Kruger  
 Dr. John H. Stanley, Ahsokie, N. C. -- Rosemary T. Royce

Bowman Gray equivalency program -- subcommittee reviewed information concerning the equivalency program at Bowman Gray for nurse practitioners. When the program is completed all students receive a statement certifying they have taken and passed the course. Five applications have been submitted from nurses completing that course



subcommittee report, cont'd.

They are as follows:

Dr. Carlton Adams, Winston-Salem, N.C. -- Sandra G. Beasley, Nancy C. Trexler,  
Sandra S. Brown  
Dr. Herbert A. Soper, Winston-Salem, N.C. -- Marie M. Jamerson  
Dr. Perry B. Clark, Winston-Salem, N.C. -- Barbara C. Chard

All were approved by the subcommittee.

Dr. Citron moved that the Board approve the actions taken by the subcommittee regarding the applications submitted. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

Saturday, October 15

3:30 p.m.

Hearing held before the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina to change certain regulations of the Board as required by the North Carolina Administrative Procedures Act, by authority vested in the Board by Sections 90-6, 90-9, 90-18.13 entitled: Proposal to adopt new regulations within these chapters and amend regulations in these chapters. These rules and regulations, if adopted, will become effective October 15, 1977.

President of the Board convened the hearing, and the Executive Secretary of the Board proceeded to read each proposed amendment, and those present were given opportunity for discussion.

- (1) (a) Regulation pertaining to the administrative code Title 21, Chapter 32B, Section .0100 entitled "License by Written Examination." The Board proposes to add to that regulation:

".0113: Postgraduate training: Applicant must give evidence that he has successfully completed one year of training after graduation from medical school prior to the issuance of a license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina."

No discussion on this amendment.

- (b) Regulation pertaining to the administrative code Title 21, Chapter 32B, Section .0200 entitled "License by Endorsement." The Board proposes to add to that regulation:

".0213: Postgraduate training: Applicant must give evidence that he has successfully completed one year of postgraduate medical training after graduation from medical school prior to issuance of a license to practice in the State of North Carolina."

Dr. David S. Citron, Board member, discussed a letter received by the Board from Dr. John Gamble, Jr., asking about the situation of a physician who graduates from medical school at the end of the calendar year in December, which is too late to get into an approved training program, most of which begin in July of each year, and questions what this individual can do in a professional way during that six-month period of waiting for a residency program to begin. The Board indicated that their attorney would be in contact with Dr. Gamble about his concerns.

No further discussion on this amendment.

- (c) Regulation pertaining to the administrative code Title 21, Chapter 32B, Section .0300 entitled "Temporary License by Endorsement". The Board proposes to add to that regulation:

".0314: Postgraduate training: Prior to the issuance of a temporary license, the applicant must give evidence that he has successfully completed one year of postgraduate medical training after graduation from medical school."

No discussion on this regulation.



- (2) Regulation pertaining to the administrative code Title 21, Chapter 32B, Section .0100, entitled "License by Written Examination." The Board proposes to add to that regulation:

".0111: Passing score: To pass the examination successfully, the applicant is required to attain a FLEX weighted average of 75 or more on a single, three - day examination. Physicians who have completed the requirements to take the examination, FLEX, and have completed one year of postgraduate training approved by the Board, may be granted a resident's training license to cover their practice as a staff physician at one of the state hospitals upon submission of a letter of application, appointment letter from the hospital director and payment of ten dollar (\$10.00) fee. After issuance of the resident's training license such applicant must take the next available examination and obtain a FLEX weighted average of at least 70 on his first examination in order for the physician to continue working in the state hospital. The applicant must then take the next available examination and obtain a FLEX weighted average of 75 or more in order to be licensed to practice. Failure to make at least 70 on the first examination or at least 75 on the second examination will result in the voiding of the resident's training license."

Dr. Preston Walker, Dorothea Dix Hospital, Raleigh, N.C., spoke to the Board regarding his concern about the medical school graduate who is waiting to start a residency program and is serving as an extern at some state institution, and with this regulation, will not be able to get a full North Carolina license. Dr. Susan Gustke also appeared to speak in this regard. She indicated that most of the physicians they were using as externs in the state institutions are December medical graduates, and have not received one year of postgraduate education. Discussion among Board members and Dr. Walker and Dr. Gustke regarding physicians just out of medical school having had enough training to practice medicine anywhere in the state, which a full North Carolina license would entitle them to do. Also discussed was the problem of having a dual credential system for physicians working in state mental institutions and other physicians in the state. Dr. Walker and Dr. Gustke stressed that these physicians would be working under supervision.

Dr. Walker and Dr. Gustke presented a proposed amendment they had worked out regarding this situation:

"Physicians having obtained their doctorate from approved American and Canadian medical schools may apply for a special temporary license prior to obtaining one year of postgraduate training to cover their practice as a staff physician under supervision at one of the state hospitals." Dr. Walker and Dr. Gustke agreed that the maximum time limit would be for one year, for one time only, and would not necessarily exclude osteopathic school graduates from consideration. General discussion followed regarding a physician who might use this regulation to allow him to work from one July to the next July before even applying for an approved training program. Also, discussion regarding the wording of the proposal, changing "may apply" to "may be granted". Also discussed was the fact that this proposed regulation should be separate and apart from any regulation dealing with the written examination, and should deal only with the issuance of a special temporary license to cover a physician working in a state institution for a one year period of time, maximum, under supervision, who has not met the postgraduate education requirement of the Board. The Board told Dr. Walker and Dr. Gustke that rather than make a completely new regulation for a very small number of physicians that would be affected, they would prefer to deal with each physician on an individual basis, considering his particular situation.

No further discussion on this matter.

- (3) Regulation pertaining to the administrative code Title 21, Chapter 32B, Section .0200, entitled "Personal Interview". The Board proposes to amend that regulation, Rule .0209, to read "...within the past eight years..." in lieu of "...within the past five years..."

No discussion on this proposed amendment.



- (4) Regulation pertaining to the administrative code Title 21, Chapter 32D, Section .0003, entitled "Requirements for Approval." The Board proposes to add a new rule to that regulation:

"(3) give evidence that the applicant has successfully completed the examination given by the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants."

Mr. William Buckley, P.A., Morganton, N.C., appeared to discuss the Board's proposed regulation. He is the Secretary of the North Carolina Academy of Physician's Assistants. He read to the Board the official position statement of the North Carolina Academy on the Board's proposed amendment, which supported the addition of that rule. He indicated that the N. C. Academy felt that successfully passing the examination of the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants should be a prerequisite for the registration of and practice by a physician's assistant in North Carolina. The statement urged further that those assistants who have not already successfully completed this examination be required to do so within a year from the date of enactment of this amendment by the Board. The statement also dealt with people who were functioning as assistants to physicians, but were not registered as such with the Board; with continuing medical education for the assistant; and re-registration and re-certification of the assistant by the National Commission; and temporary privileges for the assistant if he or she graduates from the P.A. program after the opportunity to take the examination for that year. He asked that the Board amend their proposed regulation to allow for temporary registration for those graduating P.A.'s who miss the first examination. This temporary registration would involve much closer and stricter supervision of the P.A. until he passes the examination, and receives full approval by the Board for his functions. Also speaking in support of this was Mrs. Beth Buckley, P.A., and Dr. Susan Gustke, along with several others not introduced at the hearing, but who indicated their support by a show of hands.

Speaking against this proposed requirement was Mr. David Hines, Surgeon's Assistant, from Chapel Hill. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina's Surgeon's Assistant Program. He stated he felt, as did other surgeon's assistants, that they should not be required to take an examination for a primary care assistant since they have not been trained as such, and asked the Board why another examination, such as the one administered to urological assistants, would not satisfy the Board. Also introduced at this time were several letters from some of the faculty at the University of North Carolina's School of Medicine stating that the examination given by the NCCPA would be an inappropriate test for the surgeon's assistants and what they have been trained to do. Also speaking for this viewpoint was Mr. Richard Seifert, S.A., from Chapel Hill, who stated that he and several other surgeon's assistants felt that the S.A. should be considered on a completely separate basis from the primary care P.A., and hoped that there would soon be developed a national or state administered test for S.A.'s.

Ms. Buckley stated that the N. C. Academy's position on this was that the surgeon's assistant should first take and pass the primary care examination, and then a surgeon's assistant examination because many of the S.A.'s were working with a general surgeon in a small community or communities across the state, and would see many family practice and internal medicine problems as well as surgical problems.

Ms. Pat Anderson, representing Dr. John McCain, from the Wilson Clinic, Wilson, N. C., spoke concerning the physician assistant who has not graduated from an approved P.A. program. She presented the view requesting that the Board consider approving these assistants if they pass the NCCPA examination, temporarily waiving the requirement that they be graduates of AMA approved P.A. programs, and having a grandfather clause in the amendment to allow the Board to approve these types of assistants, but only through a certain date. She presented a letter from Dr. McCain concurring in this viewpoint, which she read to the Board.

No further discussion on this amendment.

There being no further amendments to be considered at this time, and no further discussion of those presented, the President of the Board thanked those present for their appearance and statements, advised them all statements would be considered by the Board in their deliberations, and adjourned the hearing.

Board meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Sunday, October 16.



Sunday, October 16

9:00 a.m.

RE: Assistants to Physicians -- Standing Orders: Dr. Susan Gustke appeared to discuss with the Board guidelines for writing standing orders for assistants to physicians which she and Mr. Gerald T. Gowitt, P.A., prepared for the Board's review and consideration. She stated these were drawn up mainly with the situation at Dorothea Dix Hospital in mind, but she felt they could be used for preparing standing orders in other settings. Her main point for assistants to physicians to be able to utilize standing orders is to allow the P.A. to take a verbal order over the phone from the physician after assessing the patient's condition and reporting it to the physician.

Following discussion of these guidelines, Dr. Citron moved that the Board reaffirm their previous policy that a P.A. can never, under any circumstances, initiate an order for a controlled substance; commend Dr. Gustke for making an attempt to standardize standing orders for assistants to physicians and other physician extenders; and after she has amended these guidelines by removing the controlled substances from them, the Board will be glad to consider them for approval for her institution, but by doing so, this would not necessarily commit the Board to approving the guidelines for use in other sites, and would not want her or someone else to think that once they have been approved for one situation, they could be transplanted for use in some other situation, which might not be as well supervised. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed on vote of six for and one against.

RE: Assistants to physicians and registered nurses performing medical acts -- Current status of application approvals by the Board. Following review of the statement prepared by the Board's attorney regarding the Board's policy in approving applications from assistants to physicians and registered nurses performing medical acts, Dr. Blackmon moved that the additions and changes discussed be incorporated in the statement, and be sent to each Board member for their individual review prior to the next Board meeting for consideration at that time. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Regulation changes -- Board action:

RE: License by endorsement: Dr. Galusha moved that the proposed change of five years to eight years for the Executive Secretary interviewing non-foreign medical graduates in lieu of an interview before the full Board be approved as written, amending Section .0200, Rule .0209, Title 21, Chapter 32B. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Postgraduate training: Dr. Galusha moved that the proposed changes in the regulations regarding the requirement that an applicant furnish evidence of successful completion of one year of postgraduate training prior to licensure in North Carolina be approved with the addition of the words "approved by the Board" following "...one year of postgraduate medical training..." for: all applicants for license by examination, amending Section .0113, Title 21, Chapter 32B; all applicants for license by endorsement, amending Section .0213, Title 21, Chapter 32B; all applicants for a temporary license, amending Section .0314, Title 21, Chapter 32B. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: License by written examination: Dr. Staub moved that the proposed change of requiring one year of postgraduate training prior to the issuance of a resident's training license to cover the practice of an applicant as a staff physician at a state hospital while he is waiting to take the examination for licensure in North Carolina be approved as written, amending Section .0111, Title 21, Chapter 32B. Seconded by Dr. Reynolds and duly passed.

The Executive Secretary was instructed by the Board to advise the appropriate personnel in the North Carolina Division of Mental Health that the physicians working there now as staff physicians without one year of postgraduate education could be considered on an individual basis for a limited license under Section 90-12 of the Medical Practice Act, but under no circumstances would the Board consider an application for a special limited license under 90-12 for an applicant without certification of completion of the requirements for receipt of an M.D. degree.

RE: Assistants to Physicians: Following general discussion, Dr. Citron moved that the Executive Secretary prepare a list of all points discussed in the hearing and by the Board regarding assistants to physicians being required to take and pass the National Certifying examination and circulate these to all Board members for their review. Seconded by Dr. Wilkerson and duly passed.

In addition, the Board reaffirmed its present policy of requiring all applicants for approval as assistants to physicians to be graduates of approved physician's assistants programs.



RE: Assistants to physicians -- applications:

RE: Dr. Charles T. Adkins, Morehead City, N.C. -- application concerning James L. Cary. Dr. Citron moved that the application be approved, with a letter to Dr. Adkins included with the approval that every chart of every patient that the assistant sees must be countersigned by one of the physicians listed on the application. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Paul Brigman, High Point, N.C. -- applications concerning Steven Steffan and Frederick W. Coburn, II. Dr. Wilkerson moved that the applications be approved if and when signatures of back-up physicians listed in the applications are obtained. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Jimmie R. Cleary, Rural Hall, N.C. -- application concerning C. Jeff Beach. Dr. Wilkerson moved that the application be approved; even though no back-up physician has been indicated in the application, it has been indicated that the assistant will not perform any professional functions when the supervising physician is not geographically present or accessible by telephone or pager.

RE: Dr. John G. Craddock, Chapel Hill, N.C. -- application concerning Frederick G. Speers. Dr. Wilkerson moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Floyd A. Fried, Chapel Hill, N.C. -- application concerning David Hinds. Dr. Pence moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Stephen W. Friedman, Durham, N.C. -- application concerning Valerie Staples. Dr. Pence moved that the application be approved if and when all credentials are complete satisfactory to the Executive Secretary.

RE: Dr. James C. A. Fuchs, Durham, N.C. -- application concerning David J. Schnell. Dr. Pence moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Ousama Ghaibeh, Williamston, N.C. -- application concerning John T. Hoard. Consideration of application postponed.

RE: Dr. George M. Gianaras, Fayetteville, N.C. -- application concerning Donald R. Eads. Dr. Pence moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Robert W. Hart, III, Hickory, N.C. -- application concerning Barbara T. McKay. Dr. Reynolds moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Lee Harrington, Jr., Winston-Salem, N.C. -- application concerning Wayne Von Seggen. Dr. Reynolds moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Walter L. Holton, Manteo, N.C. -- application concerning Charles N. Clark. Dr. Reynolds moved that the application be approved; even though there is no back-up physician signature on the application, it has been indicated that the assistant will not perform any professional functions when the supervising physician is not present. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Andrew Huang, Durham, N.C. -- application concerning Ann T. Getty. Dr. Reynolds moved that the application be approved if and when all credentials are completed satisfactory to the Executive Secretary. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Howard A. Jemison, Jr., Winston-Salem, N.C. -- application concerning Catherine J. W. Steen. Dr. Blackmon moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Frank R. Johnston, Winston-Salem, N.C. -- application concerning Robert H. Holliday, Jr., Dr. Blackmon moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Murali M. R. Jonnalagadda, Goldsboro, N.C. -- application concerning Diane J. Lancaster. Dr. Blackmon moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Staub and duly passed.



Assistants to physicians: applications, cont'd.

RE: Dr. Leonard Reaves, Fayetteville, N.C. -- application concerning Lewis Schaefer. Dr. Citron moved that the application form be returned to Dr. Reaves for deletion of prescribing of any controlled substances and inclusion of signature of back-up physicians, and should be re-submitted to the Board for approval. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Jerome I. Davis, Salisbury, N.C. -- application concerning James E. Westbrook. Dr. Blackmon moved that the application be approved if and when all credentials are completed satisfactory to the Executive Secretary. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Theodore J. Kocak, Charlotte, N.C. -- application concerning D. A. Richards. Dr. Galusha moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Samuel LeBauer, Greensboro, N.C. -- application concerning Catherine Hall. Dr. Galusha moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Daniel C. Langdon, Nags Head, N.C. -- application concerning Delmar H. Hilbert. Dr. Galusha moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. C. Clement Lucas, Jr., Edenton, N.C. -- application concerning David L. Huth. Dr. Galusha moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Walter M. Newton, Pinehurst, N.C. -- application concerning Kathryn A. Mertitt. Dr. Galusha moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Jerry L. Norton, Morganton, N.C. -- application concerning Wilbur L. Johnson. Dr. Galusha moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Charles H. Miller, Charlotte, N.C. -- application concerning John B. Derrick and additional medical acts and functions to be added to the original application submitted in October, 1976 and approved by the Board at that time. Dr. Galusha moved that the request be approved. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Herbert J. Proctor, Chapel Hill, N.C. -- application concerning Lawrence D. Moore. Dr. Wilkerson moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Francis Robicsek, Charlotte, N.C. -- application complete for Clayton E. Langland. Dr. Citron moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Carl W. Hoffman, Lumberton, N.C. -- application concerning Michael T. Newton. Application originally considered by the Board at its August, 1977 meeting, at which time the application was approved upon the report and assumption that Michael T. Newton had successfully completed training in a physician's assistant program which had been approved by the Board. Since that time, it has been ascertained and has come to the attention of the Board that Mr. Newton did not successfully complete and/or graduate from a physician's assistant training program which has been approved by the Board. Dr. Citron moved that the action taken by the Board at the August, 1977 meeting concerning this application be rescinded because of the finding that Mr. Newton did not successfully complete or graduate from a physician's assistant educational program which had been approved by the Board, and this application be disapproved by the Board. Dr. Galusha seconded the motion and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Maged H. Saad, Goldsboro, N.C. -- application concerning Jon L. Langston. Dr. Citron moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. William M. Taylor, Butner, N.C. -- application concerning Gwendolyn L. Woods. Dr. Citron moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Benson R. Wilcox, Chapel Hill, N.C. -- application concerning James E. Ferrell, III. Dr. Staub moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Reynolds and duly passed.



Assistants to physicians: applications, cont'd.

RE: Dr. John L. Weinerth, Durham, N.C. -- application concerning Corbin J. Peterson. Dr. Staub moved that the application be returned to Dr. Weinerth for more specific detailed information about the procedures this assistant will perform, since the "position description" submitted as the job description is too vague. Seconded by Dr. Reynolds and duly passed.

RE: Dr. David S. Nelson, Winston-Salem, N.C. -- application concerning George B. Ingle, Jr. Dr. Reynolds moved that the application be approved. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Robert J. Andrews, Wilmington, N.C. -- application concerning Glenn A. Withrow. Dr. Pence moved that the application be approved if and when all credentials are completed satisfactory to the Executive Secretary. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Alfred Cordell, Winston-Salem, N.C. -- application concerning Sidney Lavender. Following approval of Mr. Lavender as an assistant to a physician, on the assumption that he was a graduate of a Board approved physician's assistant program, the Board has now learned that he is not a graduate of an approved program. The certificate he presented to the Board indicated he had received a Master of Medical Science degree (M.M.Sc.) in respiratory therapy, which is not the degree received from completion of the approved physician's assistant program at Emory University, which is the M.S.Sc. degree. The Board instructed the Executive Secretary and their attorney to proceed in the appropriate manner in correcting the error concerning this application.

RE: Dr. Eugene A. Stead, Jr., Durham, N.C. -- Request for addition of starting intravenous infusion to the application job description for assistant to physician Katherine A. Enright. Dr. Reynolds moved that this request be approved. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Donald R. Coffman, Norlina, N.C. -- application concerning Earle S. Maloway. The application for Mr. Maloway was originally approved by the Board in March, 1976. In addition to his duties approved by the Board at that time, he now appears to be working also in another clinic; prescriptions are being signed only two or three times a week instead of within 24 hours; and it appears he is possibly writing for controlled substances. Dr. Citron moved that the Board's investigator make a site visit to the clinics where Mr. Maloway is working, and if he finds that the assistant is writing prescriptions for controlled substances, the supervising physician be invited to appear at the December, 1977 Board meeting to discuss this prescribing; additionally, the amendment to the application indicating that the assistant will be working in another clinic away from the original site of approval be approved with an appropriate statement regarding prescribing according to the formulary. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Election of Board officers -- The President opened the floor for nominations for President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, to serve from November 1, 1977 through October 31, 1978:

Dr. Galusha moved that Dr. Staub be nominated to serve as president. Seconded by Dr. Pence. The nominations were closed. Dr. Staub was elected to serve as President of the Board for the period indicated above by acclamation.

Dr. Galusha moved that Dr. Wilkerson be nominated to serve as secretary-treasurer. Seconded by Dr. Pence. The nominations were closed. Dr. Wilkerson was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board for the period indicated above by acclamation.

Dr. Wilkerson was commended on his leadership of the Board while President, and thanked by all members for his work and efforts in the Board's behalf during the past year.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

  
 J. J. Pence, Jr., M.D., Secretary-Treasurer  
 BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF  
 NORTH CAROLINA



