

North Carolina Medical Board

Quarterly Board Actions Report | August - October 2015

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ANNULMENTS			
NONE			
SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS			
NONE			
SUSPENSIONS			
KRISHNARAJ, Ramesh Loganathan, MD (009901228) Morganton, NC	09/23/2015	History of alcohol use disorder; MD consumed alcohol in violation of NCPHP contract. MD has successfully completed residential treatment.	MD's license is indefinitely suspended, immediately stayed; Must maintain NCPHP contract
MARTINEZ, Paul Armando, MD (00 9300219) Apex, NC	09/24/2015	History of alcohol use; MD consumed alcohol in violation of NCPHP contract. MD has successfully completed residential treatment.	MD's license is indefinitely suspended, immediately stayed; MD must maintain NCPHP contract.
MORRISON, Angela Sharnell, MD (201001402) Rock Hill, SC	10/22/2015	MD aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of medicine by acting as medical director for a Huntersville practice that provided weight loss treatments. The practice was owned by an out of state physician who is not licensed by NCMB as is required by state laws governing the corporate practice of medicine. MD stated that she was unaware that the practice's ownership was in conflict with NC law. Protocols followed by the clinic did not conform to accepted standards of care. Patients initially seen by MD were reassessed by medical assistants and in some cases received medication refills on MD's authority without MD's knowledge or consent.	MD's license is suspended for 12 months, immediately stayed. MD must complete a course in medical record keeping that is approved by the Board; \$5,000 fine.
SPIVEY, David Lee, MD (000030582) Winston-Salem, NC	09/11/2015	History of substance abuse; MD has entered inpatient relapse prevention treatment.	Indefinite suspension, immediately stayed. MD must maintain NCPHP contract and abide by all condition.
THOMPSON, Joel Wesley, MD (RTL) Charlotte, NC	08/27/2015	History of alcohol dependence; Resident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired in March 2015, while under a consent order with the Board that required him to refrain from the use of alcohol.	Indefinite suspension of resident training license (RTL)

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PROBATION/CONDITIONS			
BAKKEN, Whitney Jo Dennison, MD (200900784) Greenville, NC	09/14/2015	Inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances for the treatment of pain	MD is limited and restricted from treating any and all kinds of pain (acute or chronic); MD must complete 10 hours of CME in EACH of the following subjects: medical record and prescribing.
BRONSTHER, Rachel Beth, MD (RTL) Greenville, NC	08/27/2015	History of alcohol abuse	Resident must maintain NCPHP contract and abide by all terms, including refraining from the use of any mind- or mood altering substance not lawfully prescribed to her.
HAYES, John David, MD (200201473) Asheville, NC	09/22/2015	Concerns about quality of care provided to patients choosing home birth delivery	MD may perform home birth deliveries, subject to conditions stated in the order.
TYLER, Brian Carey, MD (009601121) Gloucester, VA	08/06/2015	Unprofessional conduct; MD was charged with stalking his wife (dismissed).	MD must maintain NCPHP contract and abide by all terms.
REPRIMANDS			
LAIZURE, Clancy Conde, PA (000100970) Asheboro, NC	09/09/2015	Failure to comply with the terms of the October 16, 2014, consent order, which required PA to have 100 percent of his patient charts reviewed and signed by his supervising physician.	Reprimand
LONNEMAN, Kimberly Watson, PA (102711) Wilmington, NC	11/04/2015	PA prescribed controlled substances to a close family member, in direct conflict with administrative rules that prohibit this.	Reprimand; PA must complete a course in professional ethics.
MCGEE, (Jr.), Thomas Page, MD (200200740) Franklin, NC	09/09/2015	MD performed medical examinations (of the breasts and genitalia) without adequately informing patients beforehand of the location and purpose of the physical examinations.	Reprimand; MD shall have his patient interview skills evaluated by a professional mentor and make improvements to his interview technique based on the mentor's observations and recommendations. MD must maintain NCPHP contract.

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VANDE LUNE, Daniel Wayne, MD (201101889) Iowa City, IA	09/22/2015	Disruptive conduct; MD threw an instrument in the OR and also struck a patient with his fist.	Reprimand; MD must complete a communications course with an anger management component.
DENIALS OF LICENSE/APPROVAL			
NONE			
SURRENDERS			
NONE			
PUBLIC LETTERS OF CONCERN			
ALEX, Vikki May, PA (000102576) Taylorsville, NC	08/06/2015	PA diverted controlled substances from her employer to treat leg pain. When confronted, PA stated that should could not afford medication to treat her pain.	Public Letter of Concern
ARENAS, Gilbert Domingo, MD (000035256) Rockingham, NC	10/23/2015	The Board is concerned that MD failed to provide patients timely access to their medical records when he closed his practice and moved to another state. Licensees are professionally obligated to ensure patients are provided with their records in a timely manner.	Public Letter of Concern
GACCIONE, Craig Stephen, MD (009700556) Asheboro, NC	08/18/2015	MD failed to appropriately follow up to confirm whether a patient's 1972 hysterectomy included removal of the ovaries. MD's patient record mistakenly indicated that MD reviewed the 1972 records when, in fact, he had not yet done so.	Public Letter of Concern
GIORDANO, Stephen Robert, DO (200701965) Huntersville, NC	08/12/2015	DO treated at least four family members without maintaining appropriate patient records and in a manner that conflicts with the Board's position on treatment of self/family. In addition, DO failed to comply with a 2014 Board order that required him to obtain an assessment. DO has completed the assessment and is complying with a recommendation to receive treatment.	Public Letter of Concern
HOWARD, Chad Daniel, MD (200200125) Elizabeth City, NC	08/03/2015	MD prescribed controlled substances to an immediate family member from July 2009 until April 2014. Prescribing controlled substances to immediate family members is inappropriate and prohibited by NC administrative rules.	Public Letter of Concern; MD required to take an ethics course.

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KAPLAN, Richard David, MD (000023389) Greensboro, NC	10/08/2015	The Board is concerned MD attempted to effectuate vaginal delivery in a patient who presented at 41 weeks gestation by using both a vacuum extractor and then forceps. After these efforts were not successful a fetal scalp electrode was placed and a fetal bradycardia was detected and MD ordered an emergency cesarean section. The Board is concerned that the use of two vaginal operative procedures resulted in a delay in ordering the cesarean section.	Public Letter of Concern
OJIEGBE, Vitalis Ohakwe, MD (200200430) Lanham, MD	10/13/2015	The Board is concerned that MD entered into a consent order with the Maryland medical board related to allegations that MD was overprescribing controlled substances. MD's North Carolina license was made inactive as of February 25, 2015. Should MD seek reactivation, the Board will take the issues involved in the MD order into account in making a decision.	Public Letter of Concern
SCHAEFER, William Dickson, MD (009701583) Fayetteville, NC	11/04/2015	The Board is concerned that MD performed a wrong site surgery on a patient, performing surgery on the right thumb instead of the right index finger as intended. MD immediately acknowledged the error, apologized to the patient and scheduled surgery for the correct finger at no additional charge.	Public Letter of Concern
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS			
SPAHN, Kreig, DO (201502151) Cochran, PA	10/08/2015	DO failed to appropriately disclose a consent agreement he entered into with the Pennsylvania medical board related to allegations of substandard care.	DO is issued a medical license via consent order, with a \$2,000 fine.
CONSENT ORDERS AMENDED			
BOGGOLA, Vijaya Prakash, MD (RTL) Greensboro, NC	08/05/2014	History of soliciting sex from a minor online; MD has completed treatment and has been judged by the treatment center and the NCPHP to be safe to practice.	MD is issued a resident training license; MD must enter into a monitoring contract with NCPHP and abide by all terms; MD must also continue treatment.

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EVANS, Michael Allen, MD (200001370) Smithfield, NC	10/24/2014	Restrictions no longer needed.	Consent order dated August 2, 2013, is amended; restrictions on controlled substance prescribing lifted. MD may administer and prescribe controlled substances in any practice setting.
TEMPORARY/DATED LICENSES			
NONE			
ISSUED, EXTENDED, EXPIRED, OR REPLACED BY FULL LICENSES			
NONE			
COURT OF APPEALS/STAYS			
NONE			
DISMISSALS			
NONE			