

North Carolina Medical Board

Quarterly Board Actions Report | May– July 2014

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ANNULMENTS			
None			
SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS			
None			
REVOICATIONS			
None			
SUSPENSIONS			
BRABHAM, Felicia Browne, MD (000031248) Hendersonville, NC	05/09/2014	Failure to cooperate with a Board investigation, failure to respond to a request to appear for an interview with Board members. History of arrest for breaking and entering and theft.	MD's license is indefinitely suspended.
KALDAS, Amir Ishak, MD (201001177) Davidson, NC	06/19/2014	Inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances; prescribing to family members in a manner not consistent with the Board's Position Statement on treatment of self and/or family members.	MD's license is suspended for six months; MD shall comply with the Board's Position Statement on treatment of self/family.
MCGRATH, Timothy John, MD (200200571) Mebane, NC	07/23/2014	MD prescribed controlled substances to three family members in conflict with the NCMB's position on prescribing to family; MD took opiate medication prescribed to a family member for personal use.	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license.
TURBYFILL, Patricia Kay, NP St. Augustine, FL	05/13/2014	NP worked for a practice owned by a naturopathic practitioner who does not have a license to practice in NC. NP's treatment of a patient with ALS departed from accepted and prevailing standards.	12-month suspension, stayed except for a period of 30 days beginning on May 13, 2014, and ending on June 13, 2014.
WESTBROOK, Brent Ashley, PA (001000569) Newton, Grove, NC	06/16/2014	History of prescription opiate abuse	Indefinite suspension of PA license.
WICKE, Susan Holly, MD (000036618) Durham, NC	06/30/2014	MD entered into an intimate relationship with her patient that resulted in marriage; MD prescribed medications to her patient after they began a sexual relationship. MD unlawfully prescribed methadone to her patient and spouse, and to two other patients. MD later falsely stated in a sworn affidavit that she did not have a sexual relationship with her patient.	Indefinite suspension, effective July 18, 2014.
PROBATION			
ROGERS, Rayna Larain, MD (200801709) Fayetteville, NC	05/16/2014	History of alcohol and substance abuse; noncompliance with NCPHP monitoring contract.	MD is placed on probation; must maintain a contract with NCPHP and maintain a relationship with a therapist, must comply with other conditions.

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<u>REPRIMANDS</u>			
OVERS, Shannon Nicole, MD (201301727) Charlotte, NC	05/27/2014	MD was issued a license with a Public Letter of Concern on 8/6/13, and a \$2,000 fine. MD ordered to obtain an assessment. The assessment came back positive for cannabis, which MD acknowledged using. NCPHP believes MD is safe to practice.	Reprimand; \$2,000 fine; MD must comply with her NCPHP contract.
PELLICORE, Karen M., NP Sherrills Ford, NC	05/27/2014	Inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances; NP concealed chronic pain patients' charts from the supervisor.	Reprimand; NP must complete CME in controlled substances prescribing/medical record keeping.
WEATHERSPOON-CUPID, Melissa Jo-Ann, MD (200301427) Charlotte, NC	05/05/2014	Inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances; MD's treatment of patients with chronic pain was found to be substandard. MD prescribed controlled substances and then diverted pills for personal use.	MD is reprimanded; shall not accept or treat new chronic pain patients; must comply with other conditions.
<u>DENIALS</u>			
None			
<u>SURRENDERS</u>			
LE, Mark Tuan, MD (09700088) Huntersville, NC	06/25/2014		Voluntary surrender of NC medical license
<u>PUBLIC LETTERS OF CONCERN</u>			
BERNSTEIN, Daniel Joseph, MD (000034951) Denver, NC	05/27/2014	The Board is concerned that MD's supervision of an NP supervisee's treatment of chronic pain patients was inadequate. The Board is also concerned that MD agreed to supervise other mid-level providers at other pain clinics in NC, although he is only able to observe their practice on-site periodically. MD is in Charlotte but supervises mid-levels in Mt. Airy, Hendersonville, Asheville and Denver, NC.	Public Letter of Concern; MD must disassociate himself with pain practices owned by Dr. Williams.
DAVIS, Ashley Royal, PA (001000771) Smithfield, NC	07/07/2014	PA's care of a patient who presented with right knee pain may have fallen below accepted standards in some aspects. Laboratory results that suggested the patient may have had an infection were placed in the patient chart but not reviewed before the patient was admitted to a hospital and subsequently diagnosed with methicillin-sensitive staph aureus bacteremia. The patient underwent surgery to address the infection and later died of complications related to bacterial endocarditis and severe mitral regurgitation, which may have been related to the knee infection. The Board is concerned that the failure to review the labs prior to admission created a delay in appropriate treatment.	Public letter of concern
FILIP, Stanley John, MD (000039590) Durham, NC	05/12/2014	The Board is concerned about the quality of care MD provided to two patients, who MD performed laparoscopic procedures on. Patient A died from sepsis associated with peritonitis, right colon perforation and ischemia. Patient B suffered two bladder lacerations, which became infected. The lacerations were repaired and Patient B recovered.	Public Letter of Concern

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HARRIS, Pamela D., MD (200300671) Wilmington, NC	07/14/2014	The Board is concerned that MD works in a medical spa that is owned by an individual who is not a licensee of the Board as required by NC law; in addition, the Board is concerned that patients treated for weight loss at the medical spa received treatments that did not conform to accepted and prevailing standards.	Public Letter of Concern; MD is required to complete a course in weight loss treatment and a course in medical records documentation.
HEWETT, Krista Newman, PA (000103822) Whiteville, NC	05/28/2014	The Board is concerned that the care PA provided to a patient who was eventually diagnosed with diabetic ketoacidosis and pancreatitis may have fallen below accepted and prevailing standards.	Public Letter of Concern
INGRAM, Alice Michelle, MD (201401274) Houston, TX	06/16/2014	The Board is concerned about care MD provided to patients in Texas. Each case resulted in malpractice and the Texas Board entered into an agreed order with MD requiring she comply with conditions.	Public letter of concern
KLINK, Jaleen Lynn, NP Kernersville, NC	05/27/2014	NP practiced at a medical spa not owned by a licensee of the NCMB; NP provided weight loss treatments to patients that did not conform to accepted and prevailing standards.	Public letter of concern
MARTINEZ, Paul Armando, MD (009300219) Apex, NC	05/29/2014	The Board is concerned that the quality of care MD provided to a patient who presented in the ER with a two day history of nausea, vomiting and diarrhea may have been below accepted and prevailing standards of care.	Public Letter of Concern
SEGREST, Justin Fletcher, NP Hazel Green, AL	06/19/2014	The Board is concerned that NP pre-signed prescription blanks and that he failed to properly secure returned controlled substances.	Public letter of concern
TIMMERMAN, Daniel Steven, DO (200800710) Enka, NC	06/03/2014	The Board is concerned that a patient upon whom DO performed a hemorrhoidectomy may not have conformed to accepted standards.	Public letter of concern; DO agrees to perform three hemorrhoidectomies with a mentor.
WILLIAMSON, Steven Grover, MD (000031694) Hickory, NC	05/16/2014	The Board is concerned that MD's treatment of a patient who presented for treatment after a fall did not conform to accepted standards of care. MD failed to conduct thorough and sequential neurological examinations, which may have contributed in a delay in diagnosis of the patient's central cord syndrome.	Public Letter of Concern; MD must complete a CME course in the evaluation and management of cervical spine injuries.
WRIGHT, Kimberly L., NP Kernersville, NC	05/19/2014	NP practiced at a medical spa not owned by a licensee of the NCMB; NP provided weight loss treatments to patients that did not conform to accepted and prevailing standards.	Public Letter of Concern; NP must complete CME courses in weight loss treatment and in medical record keeping.
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS			
JUSTIS, Christopher Morrow, MD (000038991) Edenton, NC	05/30/2014	Prior history of substance abuse	License issued by consent order; Must comply with conditions
ORTON, Jonathan, MD (201401078) Greensboro, NC	05/29/2014	Prior history of substance abuse	License issued by consent order; Must comply with conditions
REACH, Ralph Thomas, MD (201401815) Johnson City, TN	08/12/2014	Prior history of alcohol/substance abuse	License issued by consent order; Must comply with conditions

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STEINER, Drew John, MD (009901479) St. Michael, MN	07/24/2014	History of alcohol abuse; MD has completed inpatient treatment; MD has not practiced since July 2007.	Amended Consent Order; MD is issued a temporary license to practice medicine. Must comply with conditions
CONSENT ORDERS AMENDED			
None			
TEMPORARY/DATED LICENSES: ISSUED, EXTENDED, EXPIRED, OR REPLACED BY FULL LICENSES			
ARTIS, Daniellee Lynettee, MD (201401194) Greensboro, NC	06/10/2014	On her application for an NC medical license, MD failed to disclose that she was placed on academic probation during medical school; Prior history of substance abuse.	Temporary/Dated Licenses Issued; Expires 06/10/2015; \$250 administrative fine; must maintain NCPHP contract.
CASSIDY, John Francis, PA (000103164) Raleigh, NC	06/11/2014	History of failing to maintain proper boundaries.	Temporary license issued; Expires June 11, 2015. Must maintain NCPHP contract.
COURT APPEALS/STAYS			
None			
DISMISSALS			
None			

FINES

The NCMB issues non-disciplinary administrative fines in certain cases where incorrect and/or incomplete information on a medical licensing application causes Board staff to spend an inordinate amount of time resolving the issue(s).

Date	Reason	Amount
5/7/14	Error/omission on license application or renewal	\$500.00
5/30/14	Error/omission on license application or renewal	\$500.00
5/30/14	Error/omission on license application or renewal	\$500.00
6/2/14	Error/omission on license application or renewal	\$250.00
6/16/14	Error/omission on license application or renewal	\$2,000.00
6/16/14	Error/omission on license application or renewal	\$500.00
6/23/14	Error/omission on license application or renewal	\$250.00
6/24/14	Error/omission on license application or renewal	\$1,500.00
7/3/14	Error/omission on license application or renewal	\$1,000.00
7/11/14	Error/omission on license application or renewal	\$500.00
7/28/14	Quality of care	\$1,000.00

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