

Name/license #/location	Date of action	Cause of action	Board action
ANNULMENTS			
NONE			
SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS			
WHITE, Anne Litton, MD (000029552) Winston-Salem, NC	05/07/2018	Multiple former employees reported that MD repeatedly used single-use pharmaceutical products such as Kybella® on more than one patient from the same vial. Former staff alleged that MD would also collect unused Botox® in “community vials”, store them in her office or desk and then reuse the product to inject into other patients, often by reusing contaminated syringes. Staff also alleged that MD failed to properly dispose of medical waste following liposuction procedures. Additionally, MD practiced poor controlled substance storage and reporting regarding 97 hydrocodone doses that went missing from her practice and were not reported to the DEA.	Summary Suspension of NC medical license overturned at Superior Court on 05/15/2018
REVOCATIONS			
MCCUTCHEN, (III), William, DO (200501619) Aiken, SC	02/28/2018	MD was convicted of four felony counts of Unlawful Distribution of a Controlled Substances in United States of America v. Dr. William McCutchen, 15-cr-20144.	Revocation of NC medical license
SUSPENSIONS			
ALBRIGHT, Elizabeth Rae Bakisae, PA-C	03/15/2018	Relapse of substance abuse disorder. PA	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license

(001004908) Fayetteville, NC		voluntarily surrendered her license in June 2017.	
ANIXTER, William Leighton, MD (000031426) Columbus, NC	07/26/2018	MD engaged in an intimate personal relationship with his patient prior to her becoming a patient in October and November 2006. MD began treating her as a psychiatrist in December 2007.	Suspension of NC Medical License for 6 months; Immediately stayed. MD must complete ProBE: Ethics and Boundaries Program
EARLY, (Jr.), Ira Gordon, MD (000032936) Spartanburg, SC	03/23/2018	MD has requested that the probation ordered by his Feb. 1, 2018, Consent Order be substituted with a stayed indefinite suspension that mirrors the SC Board's 2017 Final Public Order. MD reports that the probation in the NCMD order resulted in negative consequences with insurance credentialing, which was not the Board's intent.	Amended Consent Order, Reprimand and NC medical license placed on indefinite suspension. Suspension is stayed on the condition that MD comply with certain requirements of SC Board's 2017 Final Public Order related to expired medications and the disposal of medical waste.
GRIFFIN, Gail Michelle, MD (200401505) Charlotte, NC	04/04/2018	MD suffers from substance use disorder. In August 2017 MD reported to work while impaired by alcohol. She was relieved of her clinical duties and placed on medical leave and, at the request of the Board, MD inactivated her license in September 2017.	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license
HARRIS, (Jr.), John Joel, MD (000032114) Wilmington, NC	07/02/2018	MD has a history of disruptive behavior, mental health issues, and substance use disorder. In August 2017, MD underwent a comprehensive assessment where it was determined that he was not safe to practice due	Interim Non-Practice Agreement dissolved; MD indefinitely suspended; immediately stayed showing active suspension from June 24, 2017, through the date of the execution of July 2, 2018 Consent

		to cognitive impairment. In September 2017, MD entered inpatient treatment. He is currently under a monitoring contract with NCPHP, which has provided the Board with a return to work plan for MD and advocates for his safe return to practice subject to certain conditions.	Order. MD to maintain his current contract with NCPHP and abide by its terms.
HOOVER, Michael Shane, MD (200800507) Goldsboro, NC	03/06/2018	MD has a history of alcohol abuse and he had previously entered into a consent order in January 2014 with the Board that required him to refrain from possession or use of alcohol. In November 2017, MD admitted to regularly consuming alcohol since September 2017 and placed his NC medical license on inactive status.	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license
KARAM, Philip Jerome, MD (000024674) Liberty, NC	05/25/2018	Board is concerned that MD aided and abetted in the unlicensed practice of medicine by utilizing medical assistants to treat some patients, and in some instances, issue prescriptions using prescription blanks that were pre-signed by MD. MD also aided and abetted the unlicensed corporate practice of medicine and engaged in unethical fee-splitting.	Suspension of NC Medical License for 12 months; Immediately stayed with conditions.
NWOSU, Martin Nwabunike, MD (200601971) Murfreesboro, TN	04/19/2018	Action taken by another state medical board; The NC Board is concerned about actions taken by	Suspension and Probation/Conditions; MD's North Carolina medical license is

		<p>the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners, which suspended MD for 30 days followed by a probationary period of three years. MD has probationary conditions including prescribing limitations, record keeping CME and controlled substance CME.</p>	<p>suspended for thirty days and MD is placed on probation for three years subject to conditions.</p>
<p>ORLI, Tom, MD (200201510) Mount Airy, NC</p>	<p>03/07/2018</p>	<p>MD has a history of substance use disorder and had a relapse in September 2017. MD was assessed by NCPHP in October 2017 and referred to a treatment center. He signed a Medical Non-Practice Agreement in November 2017. Upon completing treatment, he was discharged in December 2017. MD has signed a five-year monitoring contract with NCPHP and his Non-Practice Agreement was dissolved.</p>	<p>Indefinite suspension of NC medical license; Stayed as long as conditions are met.</p>
<p>SCOTT, Gregory Earl, MD (009400142) Salisbury, NC</p>	<p>07/10/2018</p>	<p>In December 2017, the U.S. Veteran's Administration Medical Center (VAMC) in Salisbury reported to NCMB that MD admitted to coming to work after having consumed an alcoholic beverage. Board investigation revealed that MD was charged in Dec. 2017 by the VAMC Police Department with</p>	<p>Indefinite suspension of NC medical license; MD shall maintain his current contract with NCPHP and abide by its terms.</p>

		entering the premises under the influence of alcoholic beverages and unauthorized introduction on VAMC controlled property of alcoholic beverages. In January 2018, MD presented to the North Carolina Physicians Health Program (NCPHP) for an assessment and was diagnosed with an alcohol use disorder. MD signed a monitoring contract with NCPHP and agreed to enter inpatient treatment. MD voluntarily surrendered his license in Jan. 2018.	
WADDELL, Roger Dale, MD (000030105) Aberdeen, NC	03/15/2018	Relapse of substance abuse disorder. MD voluntarily surrendered his license in August 2017.	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license
WARD, W. Gregory, MD (201502327) Hendersonville, NC	07/30/2018	In January 2018, MD was charged with Driving While Impaired. MD returned home, went to sleep, and went to work the next morning, but was set home because he remained intoxicated. MD sought assistance from the North Carolina Physicians Health Program (NCPHP) and was referred to a 12-week residential treatment program. MD voluntarily surrendered his NC medical license on February 1, 2018.	Indefinite Suspension on NC medical license with an effective date of February 1, 2018
WOLFE, William Ralph, MD	06/05/2018	Actions taken by other	Indefinite suspension of

<p>(201302251) West Conshohocken, PA</p>		<p>state medical boards. In June 2016, the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners temporarily suspended MD's New Jersey medical license and Controlled Dangerous Substances Registration based on MD's improper prescribing of controlled substances. Additionally, in August 2017, the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine entered a Final Order of its June 2017 Adjudication and Order in which MD's Pennsylvania medical license was indefinitely suspended based on the New Jersey action.</p>	<p>NC medical license</p>
<p>PROBATION/CONDITIONS</p>			
<p>GRAVES, Stephanie Holton, PA-C (001007985)</p>	<p>03/26/2018</p>	<p>Action taken by another state medical board action; A complaint was made to the State of Maine, Board of Licensure in Medicine (Maine Board) that alleged the PA falsified medical records by failing to perform examinations of patients as documented. The complaint was resolved via an August 2017 consent agreement, in which required PA to provide a written summary of her cognitive behavioral therapy to the Maine Board and placed her on a two-year probation with monitoring by a physician practice monitor.</p>	<p>Probation/Conditions; PA issued a license to practice in NC but is on probation for a minimum of two years with conditions.</p>

<p>HOWARD, Chad Daniel, MD (200200125) Matthews, NC</p>	<p>03/28/2018</p>	<p>MD has a history of alcohol abuse and had previously had his NC medical license indefinitely suspended in June 2017. MD is an ongoing participant in NCPHP, which reports that MD is compliant with his contract and advocates for his return to the practice of medicine.</p>	<p>License reinstated; MD to maintain current contract with NCPHP and abide by its terms</p>
<p>MCCONNELL, Matthew Wells, MD Chapel Hill, NC</p>	<p>02/01/2018</p>	<p>In November 2015, MD admitted to his residency program director that he had consumed alcohol at his home while on call for residents under his charge. MD had an inpatient evaluation, followed by inpatient treatment for alcohol dependence. In February 2016, MD signed a Recovery Monitoring Contract with VHPMP. It is MD's intention to move to North Carolina and practice medicine. In April 2017, MD was evaluated by the North Carolina Physicians Health Program. MD is currently under a parallel agreement with NCPHP while he is being monitored by VHPMP, but upon relocating, NCPHP will become his</p>	<p>Board to issue resident training license (RTL); MD shall maintain his current contract with NCPHP and abide by its terms.</p>

		primary monitor.	
MOHAN, Chandler Vimal, MD (200800729) Lake City, FL	05/21/2018	Action taken by another state medical board; The NC Board is concerned about actions taken by the Florida Board of Medicine wherein the Florida Board filed an Administrative Complaint in May 2017 against MD alleging that he failed to manage breast lumps and performed unnecessary breast biopsies in several patients. In a Final Order from December 2017, the Florida Board and MD resolved the case with the following: (1) MD was issued a letter of concern; (2) MD was fined \$20,000; (3) MD paid \$10,162.45 in costs; (4) MD agreed to engage in continuing medical education in risk management and malignancies; and (5) MD agreed that all his cases in which a female patient had breast pathology would be referred to a breast specialist for treatment and follow-up care.	Consent Order; MD agrees that all female patients he treats who have a breast pathology shall be referred to a breast specialist for all treatment and follow-up care
RUSSELL, Anthony Otis, MD (000035491) Gainesville, FL	04/24/2018	MD has a history of substance use disorder and had his NC medical license revoked in May 2012. MD relocated to Florida, where he successfully completed treatment and obtained a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in Florida in	License Reinstated; MD to maintain his current contract with NCPHP and abide by its terms.

		April 2016. MD applied for reinstatement of his NC medical license and met with the Board in March 2018.	
SILVERMAN, David Louis, MD (009900349) Rosedale, MD	03/06/2018	In June 2009, MD was suspended by Virginia Board of Medicine (Virginia Board) for issues related to substance abuse. The North Carolina Medical Board also suspended MD based on the Virginia Board action in February 2010. MD maintained sobriety since 2008, leading the Virginia Board to reinstate MD's license in January 2014 and the subsequent relief of his February 2010 NC consent order obligations in April 2015.	NC medical license reinstated
TEOTONIO, Jean Felipe, MD (201801616) Richmond, VA	06/19/2018	MD's resident training license was indefinitely suspended in 2016, after the Board found that MD had an inappropriate relationship with a patient. In December 2017, MD applied for a full license to practice medicine. MD has been assessed by the North Carolina Physicians Health Program and is in full compliance with his NCPHP contract.	MD issued a NC medical license with restrictions
REPRIMANDS			
ABRAHIM, Ken Shafquat, MD (200901373) E Amherst, NY	07/25/2018	NCMB is concerned that MD failed to report a State of Florida Board of Medicine administrative complaint action from February 2017 on his	Reprimand; MD also fined \$5,000

		2017 annual registration for his North Carolina license. This omission constitutes making false statements or representations to the Board, or willfully concealing material information.	
AMBATI, Balamurali K, MD (200100295) Eugene, OR	07/25/2018	In May 2017, MD submitted a license renewal application to NCMB upon which failed to disclose that he had three actions against him from the Idaho State Board of Medicine.	Reprimand; MD also fined \$1,500
ARMITAGE, Mark Samuel Thomas, MD (200101001) Wilmington, NC	06/12/2018	Quality of care, including substandard and excessive prescribing of controlled substances, failure to adequately document prescribing rationale or address aberrant or addictive behavior in his patient and failure to recognize or counsel patient's opioid addiction and Benzodiazepine addiction.	Reprimand; MD shall not prescribe any controlled substances and will surrender his DEA privileges, attend a ProBE Ethics course and adhere to additional numbered conditions in his consent order.
COOK, (Jr.), Briggs Edward, MD (200100337) Huntersville, NC	06/07/2018	Quality of care. Upon review of patient records, NCMB found many concerns about MD's preoperative assessments, histories and physicals; substandard documentation of surgical procedures;	Reprimand; MD shall not perform or supervise any procedure or surgery in an office-based setting that requires the administration of anesthesia resulting in sedation.

		<p>substandard documentation and administration of anesthesia; use of Hibiclens® (skin cleanser and antiseptic) for facial surgeries even though the manufacturer clearly warns physicians that the product as contraindicated for this purpose; and global concerns about the suitability of MD's office as a setting for surgical procedures.</p>	
<p>DANIEL, Selwyn George, PA-C (000103165) Rocky Mount, NC</p>	<p>04/10/2018</p>	<p>In November 2016, The Board received a complaint against the PA that was related to administrative deficiencies. A February 2017 practice site visit revealed that the PA had not submitted an Intent to Practice form, and was not in compliance with numerous administrative, including failure to notify the Board of changes to his primary supervising physicians in a timely manner, and failure to keep written records of quality improvement meetings with the primary supervising physician. Additionally, PA entered into a Memorandum of</p>	<p>Reprimand</p>

		Agreement with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in July 2016 due to the expiration of his DEA controlled substance registration and PA failed to notify the Board.	
EARLY, (Jr.), Ira Gordon, MD (000032936) Spartanburg, SC	02/01/2018	Action taken by another state medical board; The Board is concerned that MD was publicly reprimanded for violating the South Carolina Medical Practice Act by having and administering expired medications at his practice, failing to properly dispose of biohazardous waste, incorrectly coding certain patient records, being absent from his medical office when a patient needed transferring to a hospital and having a social relationship with an active patient. The SC Board reprimanded and indefinitely suspended MD's license but stayed these action on the condition that MD comply with conditions and pay a fine.	Reprimand; MD is placed on probation until SC Board probationary period expires.
ENNEVER, Peter Robert, MD (009500567) High Point, NC	03/05/2018	In July 2017, the Board received a complaint alleging that MD had provided an evaluation	Reprimand; MD shall take and pass the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians

		and directed treatment to a nurse employed by him without a proper physician-patient relationship and without performing a physical examination or maintaining appropriate medical records. MD ordered laboratory studies and subsequently directed treatment with Feraheme® for anemia, wto which the employee experienced an adverse reaction.	ProBE ethics course within six month of March 2018 consent order.
HARGRAVE, Ronald Paul, MD (000031028) Mount Pleasant, SC	05/04/2018	Action taken by another state medical board; NCMB is concerned MD was publicly reprimanded by the State Board of Medical Examiners for South Carolina based on findings that MD prescribed controlled substances in a substandard manner. MD was fined \$400.00 and required to complete continuing education courses in record-keeping and prescribing.	Reprimand; MD shall comply with the terms of the September 2017, final order of the South Carolina Board.
HOLLEMAN, (Jr.), James Bennett, MD (009800281) Columbus, NC	03/15/2018	In April 2017, NCMB received notice of a malpractice payment made on behalf of MD relating to his care of a patient who had received a laparoscopic cholecystectomy. On two post-operative visits, patient complained of abdominal pain, nausea, and vomiting. MD obtained no labs or imaging studies and sent	Reprimand; MD shall undergo a comprehensive professional assessment within six months of the date of this Consent Order and comply with all recommendations made by the approved assessment center including any recommendation that MD complete a period

		<p>patient home. Patient returned a third time with no improvement and MD ordered a CT scan and labs as well as a planned EGD to further evaluate the patient. An eventual HIDA scan showed evidence of a bile duct injury.</p>	<p>of remediation, training, or proctoring.</p>
<p>HOWER, David Kemp, MD (201401610) Burlington, NC</p>	<p>07/12/2018</p>	<p>MD is involved in a child custody dispute with his estranged wife. On at least nine separate occasions, MD accessed the North Carolina Controlled Substance Reporting System (NCCSRS) to search his estranged wife's medication history and to search his son's on at least one occasion. Prescription information submitted to NCCSRS is confidential, is not a public record, is not subject to subpoena or discovery or any other use in civil proceedings, except under certain circumstances that do not apply in MD's matter. By accessing his family's medication history and attempting to use it in his child custody dispute, MD violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.74.</p>	<p>Reprimand; MD fined \$2,500</p>
<p>MARIA, Josette, MD (200100412) Dunn, NC</p>	<p>03/02/2018</p>	<p>Action stems from an August 2015 quality of care case in which the Board ordered MD to obtain a competency examination and assessment. Because of her finances, MD was</p>	<p>Reprimand; MD shall enter into an agreement to be monitored and mentored by Board approved company for a minimum of one year which shall begin within</p>

		<p>unable to obtain the assessment until August 2017. Overall, MD passed the PACE assessment, but with recommendations for remediation.</p> <p>Additionally, during this investigation, the Board learned MD had been investigated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in 2013 related to office dispensing of controlled substances. During that investigation MD surrendered DEA controlled substances prescribing privileges for Schedule II controlled substances for one year, restored in January 2015. MD failed to disclose this information when she renewed her NC medical license in 2014.</p>	30 days of the date of the Consent Order.
MORROW, Vicki Olivia, MD (201201667) Westfield, NC	05/25/2018	<p>NCMB is concerned that MD departed from standard of care and ethics of the profession by engaging in a personal relationship with a patient. MD overbilled for services and prescribed medication for which there was not adequate documentation, either for rationale or for discussing potential adverse effects.</p>	Reprimand
NEITLICH, Jeffrey David, MD (201100269) Chapel Hill, NC	03/15/2018	<p>In or around October 2017, the Board received three complaints regarding MD's</p>	Reprimand; MD shall take and pass the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians

		<p>prescribing of controlled substances to a person with whom MD has a significant personal and emotional relationship. A North Carolina Controlled Substances Reporting System (“NCCSRS”) report of prescriptions written by MD from October 23, 2015, to October 23, 2017, revealed that MD wrote ten controlled substance prescriptions to three individuals (Person A, Person A’s daughter, and a friend of Person A). MD did not have an established physician/patient relationship with these individuals, did not prepare any documentation for any of the prescriptions, and did not contact any of these individuals’ treating physicians to report the prescriptions he had authorized. These actions violated rule 21 NCAC 32B .1001(c)</p>	<p>ProBE ethics course.</p>
<p>NWADIKE, Valinda Riggins, MD (009901271) California, MD</p>	<p>06/06/2018</p>	<p>Action taken by another state medical board. NCMB is concerned that in November 2017, MD entered into a Consent Order and Stipulation with the Michigan Board of Medicine based on findings that MD authorized prescriptions for patients by means of telemedicine without adequately making a</p>	<p>Reprimand</p>

		<p>medical determination that the prescriptions were medically indicated. Additionally, the prescriptions were later filled by a single compounding pharmacy that charged patients, or their insurance companies, exorbitant fees for prescriptions, including two that averaged over \$10,000.00 per prescription. The Michigan Board placed MD's license on probation for one year and required MD to complete continuing education courses and pay a fine of five thousand dollars</p>	
<p>REED, Tammy Marie, DO (201302008) Albemarle, NC</p>	<p>05/22/2018</p>	<p>On August 2017, the Board received a complaint from a pharmacist in Wilmington regarding DO's prescribing of Lunesta®, a schedule IV controlled substance. During the Board's investigation, DO admitted that the prescription was for a family friend and that DO had written the prescription without having an established physician/patient relationship. A North Carolina Controlled Substance Reporting</p>	<p>Reprimand; Within six months of the order, DO must complete an approved continuing medical education course on prescribing.</p>

		System report showed that DO wrote four controlled substance prescriptions to three individuals for Lunesta® from December 2016 to June 2017 who turned out to be family members of the DO, which violates Rule 21 NCAC 32B .1001(c).	
THOMPSON, Lee Adam, PA-C (001001193) Woodlawn, VA	04/04/2018	Action taken by another state medical board. PA entered into a consent order with the Virginia Board of Medicine wherein he accepted a reprimand and agreed to remain in the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program based on findings that PA practiced without physician supervision, prescribed controlled substances to family members absent a bona fide practitioner/patient relationship, and diverted controlled substances that he had prescribed to others for his personal and unauthorized use.	Reprimand; PA shall enter into and maintain a contract with NCPHP and abide by its terms.
VARALY, Jonas John, DO (201201105) Charlotte, NC	03/06/2018	Action taken by another state medical board; DO entered into a Final Order with the State Board of Medical Examiners for South Carolina in which DO's South Carolina medical license was suspended for two years. The South Carolina Board's suspension was immediately stayed upon MD's compliance	Reprimand and two-year suspension immediately stayed.

		with probationary conditions.	
DENIALS OF LICENSE/APPROVAL			
LASSITER, Paulette Denise, MD (200001401) Norman, OK	03/20/2018	Prior history of professional sexual misconduct; The Board entered into a Consent Order with MD in October 2016 that indefinitely suspended MD's license based on evidence of inappropriate relationships with current and former patients.	License denied
POKHAREL, Saurav, MD (201801361) Winston Salem, NC	05/30/2018	History of alcohol use, action by another state medical board; MD signed a Stipulation with the North Dakota Board of Medicine in March 2017 due to MD admitting to drinking while serving as an on-call pulmonologist on September 16, 2016. MD agreed to undergo a substance abuse evaluation within four months if his stipulation, accept a public letter of censure, and pay the costs of the North Dakota Board's prosecution. MD has been assessed by the NCPHP and they advocate for his safe return to practice.	Consent Order; MD issued a license to practice in NC with conditions.
SURRENDERS			
CLARK, Bendik Larson, MD (201300724) Kingsport, TN	04/02/2018		Voluntary surrender of NC medical license
LEAK, Byron Christopher, MD (201001423) Charlotte, NC	05/28/2018		Voluntary surrender of NC medical license
MUENZNER, Paul Scott, MD (000022789) Fayetteville, NC	05/01/2018		Voluntary Surrender of NC medical license

WARD, W. Gregory, MD (201502327) Hendersonville, NC	02/01/2018		Voluntary surrender of NC medical license
PUBLIC LETTERS OF CONCERN			
BENJAMIN, Alexis Hubert, PA-C (001002135) Monroe, NC	04/23/2018	The Board is concerned that PA's prescribing of controlled substances and care of patients may have failed to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical care. Specifically, PA repeatedly prescribed controlled substances without clear, documented justification; (2) failed to exhaust conservative treatment measures prior to initiating treatment using controlled substances; (3) failed to refer to the North Carolina Controlled Substances Reporting System; (4) failed to use controlled substance agreements appropriately; and (5) failed to take appropriate action when urine drug screens were positive for an illicit substance or showed inconsistencies that suggested possible diversion.	Public Letter of Concern; PA to complete six hours of Category I CME related to management of chronic pain and controlled substance prescribing.
D'ALESSIO, Thomas Louis, MD (009901394) Greensboro, NC	02/05/2018	Board is concerned that MD's care of patient may have failed to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in North Carolina, but it makes no finding in that regard.	Public Letter of Concern
ERAMI, Cauveh, MD	06/05/2018	Board is concerned	Public Letter of Concern

(201101270) Durham, NC		about a complaint received alleging that MD engaged in rude and inappropriate behavior while working as Medical Director at a substance abuse treatment center in 2016 and 2017. The Board notes that MD denies the allegations and attended a professional boundary continuing medical education course in November 2017.	
ESSER, James Mark, MD (009900488) Clearwater, FL	04/25/2018	Board is concerned that MD interpreted a thoracic spine MRI as a normal study when in fact, there was a mass lateral to the spine that MD did not mention in his report. Several months later this mass was diagnosed as a lymphoma.	Public Letter of Concern
EVERHART, Robert George, MD (000031982) Wilmington, NC	03/14/2018	The Board is concerned that MD's hospital privileges to independently perform invasive and interventional cardiac procedures were suspended by a diagnostic clinic in July 2016. MD's privileges were suspended as a result of an institutional review that focused on the treatment of three patients. An independent review of MD's treatment of the patients found MD's treatment of two of the patients within the standard of care. However, regarding the	Public Letter of Concern

		<p>third patient, the reviewing expert was concerned about MD's lack of adequate documented informed consent, and inadequate optimization of medical therapy prior to performing a procedure. The reviewing expert expressed his opinion that the procedure was not indicated and should not have been attempted.</p>	
<p>FORD, Francesann Dillard, MD (200600110) Raleigh, NC</p>	<p>04/16/2018</p>	<p>Board is concerned that MD's diagnosis, treatment, records, and overall care of her patient fell below the standard of care in North Carolina.</p>	<p>Public Letter of Concern</p>
<p>FRANCZAK, Jenny Elizabeth, MD (000039803) Chapel Hill, NC</p>	<p>02/28/2018</p>	<p>The Board is concerned that MD acquiesced to the patient's mother's conclusion that the patient carried the diagnosis of chronic Lyme disease despite negative laboratory studies, and without MD having obtained patient's prior medical records or lab work from his prior treating physicians. The Board is also concerned that MD's treatment of the patient included escalating narcotic dosages with minimal oversight or monitoring. Review of MD's medical records showed little justification for narcotic dosing, limited face to face visits with the patient, no use of the</p>	<p>Public Letter of Concern; MD to complete 10 hours of category I continuing medical education regarding prescribing controlled substances and record keeping.</p>

		North Carolina Controlled Substances Reporting System, and no use of urine drug screens.	
FULLER, Lance Robert, MD (200701083) Durham, NC	06/05/2018	MD unknowingly aided and abetted the unlicensed corporate practice of medicine by holding the position of medical director for a psychiatric practice that was owned by a non-physician and MD's compensation arrangement constituted inappropriate fee splitting. Additionally, after an abrupt closure of the medical practice, the Board received several complaints from patients detailing problems getting prescriptions refilled, disruptions in continuity of care, and difficulties obtaining copies of medical records.	Public Letter of Concern
GONZALES, (Jr.), Lazaro, PA-C (001002029) Durham, NC	03/09/2018	The Board is concerned that PA's care of a patient who presented with a headache and a third nerve palsy but eventually suffered a left-sided ruptured aneurysm that caused her disability may have failed to conform to current accepted standards of care. Specifically, PA failed to request all available radiology reports for studies previously	Public Letter of Concern

		performed on his patient.	
HALL, Bradley Thomas, DO (201202075) Knoxville, TN	03/22/2018	Action taken by Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination ; NCMB is concerned that DO entered into a Consent Order with the TN Board in August 2017, in which DO was reprimanded, assessed a \$2,000.00 civil penalty, required to maintain compliance with his Tennessee Medical Foundation monitoring contract and required to complete an ethics and boundaries course. The TN Board concluded that DO had an alcohol use problem and that he prescribed non-narcotic controlled substances during one month to someone who DO had a close personal relationship with and did not maintain medical records related to this prescribing.	Public Letter of Concern
HARDIN, James Benford, MD (000021788) Lumberton, NC	03/15/2018	The Board is concerned that MD authorized six prescriptions, including controlled substances, to an immediate family member from October 2016 to May 2017, which is prohibited by administrative rule 21 NCAC 32B .1001.	Public Letter of Concern
HAYNES, Gregory Delano, MD (200800455) Lenoir, NC	02/28/2018	The Board is concerned that it received a complaint indicating that MD may have failed to follow up adequately regarding a patient	Public Letter of Concern; \$500 fine.

		<p>whose laboratory studies suggested H. pylori infection. The test results were obtained in February 2016 but treatment was not initiated until August 2016, and not until the patient continued to experience symptoms and an upper gastrointestinal series study was ordered. Additionally, MD failed to respond to a written request from the Board seeking a response to the complaint. A response was obtained after the Board sent an investigator to visit MD. MD was notified of the complaint in September 2016 and the Board did not get a response from until April 2017.</p>	
<p>HODGES, Ernest Sidney, PA (000101035) Winston-Salem, NC</p>	<p>03/27/2018</p>	<p>The Board received information from the NC Department of Health and Human Services related to MD's controlled substance prescribing. Three patients' records were reviewed by an expert pain management physician and who felt that MD's care of Patient A, who died of opioid poisoning two days after her last appointment, was below the accepted standard of care. Areas of concern included MD's failure to confirm</p>	<p>Public Letter of Concern; PA to complete 10 hours of Board approved pain management and controlled substance prescribing</p>

		<p>Patient A's reported prior opioid dose with her previous health care provider. MD issued a prescription, and escalated the opioid dose, to Patient A for an opioid despite the fact that she had a positive urine drug screen for cocaine. With respect to Patients B and C, the expert opined that treatment was within the accepted standard of care; however, the expert expressed concern about several aspects of MD's treatment of Patient B, including overuse of templates.</p>	
<p>JAVED, Khurram, MD (201100498) Miami Beach, FL</p>	<p>06/07/2018</p>	<p>Action taken by another state medical board; NCMB is concerned that in December 2017, the Florida Board entered a Final Order adopting a Settlement Agreement that: Imposed a Letter of Concern, a \$7,500 fine, required CME in risk management and other conditions related to MD's alleged performance of a wrong-site surgery in June 2013.</p>	<p>Public Letter of Concern</p>
<p>JEYANANDARAJAN, Dhiraj Raj, MD (200800056) Irvine, CA</p>	<p>03/01/2018</p>	<p>Action taken by Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine; The Board is concerned that MD</p>	<p>Public Letter of Concern</p>

		<p>failed to complete CME required to renew his Pennsylvania Medical Physician and Surgeon license. This failure led MD to enter into a September 2017 consent agreement with the Pennsylvania board, wherein MD accepted a reprimand and fine.</p>	
<p>KIHM, John Turner, MD (000031315) Durham, NC</p>	<p>02/01/2018</p>	<p>Board is concerned that MD pre-signed prescription blanks, some of which were used to refill prescriptions for controlled substances. This behavior is inappropriate as it presents a security issue wherein individuals may obtain the pre-signed blanks to obtain dangerous drugs by fraud.</p>	<p>Public Letter of Concern</p>
<p>MENDES, Celia Maria, MD (009501337) Fayetteville, NC</p>	<p>04/02/2018</p>	<p>Corporate practice of medicine issues and other concerns; MD served as a staff medical director for a medical spa that is not owned by licensed medical professionals as required by state law. As a result, MD unwittingly aided and abetted the unlawful corporate practice of medicine. In addition, due to MD's compensation agreement with the medical spa, MD unwittingly engaged in unethical fee splitting. The Board is further</p>	<p>Public Letter of Concern; The Board notes that, once informed of the problems with her employment arrangement, MD immediately took steps to comply with all applicable state laws and Board rules.</p>

		concerned that the medical spa's policy of declining to provide refunds to patients who cancelled treatments after prepaying is not consistent with the ethics of the medical profession.	
MYLES, Sidney Lopez, MD (200501179) Hickory, NC	03/28/2018	The Board is concerned that MD failed to timely respond to three patients who requested release of their medical records.	Public Letter of Concern; MD to take a ProBE course and fined \$2,000
RADDEN, Louis Nathaniel, DO (200301513) Bingham Farms, MI	05/10/2018	Action taken by another state medical board; The NC Board is concerned about actions taken by the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. The Board is concerned that DO entered into a Consent Order and Stipulation with the Michigan Board in October 2017, wherein DO agreed to pay a fine of \$1,500. The Michigan Consent Order was based on a finding of poor documentation, including the failure to clearly document the amount of Depo-Medrol used in injections administered by DO.	Public Letter of Concern
RAHMAN, Mohammed Waliur, MD (009800671) Fayetteville, NC	03/28/2018	The Board is concerned about repeated poor communication and unprofessional behavior of MD towards some of his patients. Since 2001, the Board has issued five private letters expressing concern about MD's poor communication and	Public Letter of Concern; MD to complete The Center for Personalized Education for Physicians ProBE ethics course with a passing score.

		interaction with patients and other healthcare professionals. In 2010, the Board requested that MD take a Continuing Medical Education course on physician-patient communication, which he successfully completed.	
RAO, Lakshman, MD (000032276) Erwin, NC	05/31/2018	Board is concerned that lack of supervision by MD allowed a nurse practitioner he supervises to prescribe Stadol® nasal spray (Butorphanol Tartrate) on a long-term basis for two patients. Because of constant refills authorized by the nurse practitioner, the patients were able to obtain four 2.5 ml bottles of Stadol® nasal spray every three days for three years. Although MD reviewed these patients' charts he did not detect the apparent abuse, and likely diversion, of this drug by these two patients.	Public Letter of Concern
RAPALJE, James John, PA (000100077) Fayetteville, NC	07/16/2018	The Board is concerned that PA prescribed Adderall and Tramadol to his supervising physician on multiple occasions from July 2015 to June 2017. This is against Rule 21 NCAC 32S .0212(8)(b) which states that a physician assistant shall not prescribe controlled substances to a supervising physician.	Public Letter of Concern

<p>SMITH, Tracey, PA-C (000102582) Greenville, NC</p>	<p>03/16/2018</p>	<p>The Board received a complaint alleging that PA over-prescribed Oxycontin to a patient. A record review was performed by an external expert specializing in pain management and the expert opined that PA's treatment did not conform to standard of care. Specifically, the expert criticized: (1) PA's failure to thoroughly work-up the patient's etiology of pain and establish organic cause of the lower back pain; (2) PA's failure to adequately monitor the signs of abuse, misuse, diversion or tampering; and (3) PA's failure to adequately document patient's pathology that supported prescribing opiates.</p>	<p>Public Letter of Concern; PA to take targeted CME in documentation and prescribing</p>
<p>TEBEJE, Legesse Fulla, MD (009900700) El Paso, TX</p>	<p>02/13/2018</p>	<p>Action taken by another state medical board; The Board is concerned that MD entered into a Remedial Plan with the Texas Medical Board that found MD failed to confirm affirmatively and follow-up with a consultant, which as a result led to patient complications. MD was ordered by the Texas Board to complete 16 hours of continuing medical education to include at least eight hours in the topic of risk management and at least eight hours in the</p>	<p>Public Letter of Concern</p>

		topic of patient communication.	
VASLEF, Steven Nicholas, MD (009401358) Durham, NC	07/31/2018	Board had concerns about the quality of care that one of MD's patient received for an elective laparoscopic ventral hernia repair with mesh and adhesion lysis. After surgery, the patient developed tachycardia, abdominal distension and increasing pain. Upon an additional surgery, it was discovered that the inferior edge of the mesh had been inadvertently tacked to a loop of the bowel adherent to the anterior abdominal wall with spillage of small bowel content into the abdominal cavity. The patient experienced a difficult postoperative course that included resection of necrotic sigmoid colon with colostomy, enterocutaneous fistula, multiple episodes of sepsis, acute renal failure and a tracheostomy.	Public Letter of Concern
WILLIAMS, Nathan Edward, MD (000027648) Asheville, NC	07/17/2018	The Board is concerned about the quality of care that MD provided to one of his oncology patients and that it may have failed to conform to acceptable and prevailing standards of medical practice.	Public Letter of Concern
WRIGHT, Robin Diane, MD (009501156)	02/15/2018	In 2016 and 2017, MD worked for a company where she screened	Public Letter of Concern

		<p>patients over the phone for durable medical equipment and a complaint was made against her relating to these screenings. The Board had an expert qualified in this area of medicine review six patient medical records and the expert had concerns about four of the six medical records that were reviewed. Specifically, this expert felt that MD should not have developed the diagnoses made to authorize durable medical equipment to these patients without access to their prior medical records, radiological findings and a more detailed patient history.</p>	
<p>YATES, Gwendolyn Maria, MD (201801619) Minneapolis, MN</p>	<p>06/19/2018</p>	<p>Board is concerned that in February 2015, MD entered into a Consent Order with the Maryland State Board of Physicians, which issued a reprimand and imposed a \$1000.00 fine based on unprofessional conduct and practicing medicine with an unauthorized person.</p>	<p>NC medical license issued, with a Public Letter of Concern</p>
<p>ZALLES, Maria Carola, MD (201001660) Atlantis, FL</p>	<p>04/05/2018</p>	<p>The Board is concerned MD failed to confirm that a cancerous pathologic specimen belonged to the correct patient resulting in a patient receiving unnecessary chemotherapy.</p>	<p>Public Letter of Concern</p>

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS			
<p>ANYADIKE, Chukwuma Paul, MD (201601885) Saipan, VA</p>	<p>05/04/2018</p>	<p>Action taken by another state medical board; NCMB is concerned that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct charged MD with committing professional misconduct by practicing medicine below accepted standards of care on more than one occasion and for failing to maintain a medical record that accurately reflected the evaluation and treatment of patients. NY Board and MD entered into a consent agreement in November 2017 that included a provision that inactivated MD's New York medical license until he obtained a competency assessment and the NY Board decided that it was appropriate to reactivate MD's New York medical license.</p>	<p>NC Medical license inactivated</p>
<p>HALL, Brent Dwayne, MD (000034026) Boone, NC</p>	<p>02/21/2018</p>	<p>MD has a history of repeated alcohol abuse. In February 2018, MD self-reported that he had been arrested and charged with Driving While Impaired; Offering Bribes; Carrying a Firearm after Consuming</p>	<p>Interim Non-Practice Agreement; MD agrees to not practice medicine until he is given permission to do so by the Board President.</p>

		an Impairing Substance; Transporting Open Container after Consuming Alcohol; Obstructing Traffic; and Resist Public Officer/Arrest.	
HALLIDAY, Sharon Raynes, MD (201501072) Durham, NC	07/13/2018	In May 2018, The Board received information that MD may have practiced medicine outside the limited scope of her medical school faculty license. During the Board's investigation, it was discovered that the MD does not have a full-time appointment and she currently has no medical school or affiliate where she can practice medicine as specified in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-12.3.	Interim Non-Practice Agreement
HOBBS, (Jr.), Joseph Henry, PA-C (001003447) Supply, NC	05/14/2018	Board is concerned that PA was charged with misdemeanor peeping in Brunswick County, NC.	Interim Non-Practice Agreement; PA agrees that he will not practice until he is given permission to do so by the Board President.
TURNER, Lee Leatherwood, MD (201101454) Morganton, NC	05/14/2018	Board is concerned that on May 8, 2018, MD was charged in Burke County, NC, with several offenses, including driving while impaired, reckless driving, driving the wrong way on a dual lane highway, and driving with a revoked license. The charges stem from a motor vehicle accident in which MD is alleged to have been intoxicated and driving down the wrong	Interim Non-Practice Agreement; MD agrees that he will not practice medicine until he is given permission to do so by the Board President.

		side of an interstate highway, resulting in a collision in which the driver of the other car was injured.	
CONSENT ORDERS AMENDED			
GETTINGS, Justin Luke, MD (201700229) Chapel Hill, NC	06/20/2018	History of substance use; MD has complied with the terms and conditions of his 2015 Consent Order and 2017 Amended Consent Order.	Second Amended Consent Order; MD is relieved of the provision of his consent order restricting his practice to his residency training program and now has a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in North Carolina. All other terms and conditions of the February 2017 Amended Consent Order remain in effect.
TEMPORARY/DATED LICENSES: ISSUED, EXTENDED, EXPIRED, OR REPLACED BY FULL LICENSES			
NONE			
COURT APPEALS/STAYS			
NONE			
DISMISSALS			
NONE			