

Adverse Actions Report January 2021 – February 2021

The digital edition of the *Forum* presents a two-month report of recent adverse actions. This report does not include non-adverse action such as reentry agreements or relief of consent order obligations. To view all public actions, visit www.ncmedboard.org/BoardActions.

Name/license #/location	Date of action	Cause of action	Board action
ANNULMENTS			
NONE			
SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS			
NONE			
REVOCATIONS			
KUMAR , Sanjay, MD (200200938) Butner, NC	02/27/2021	On August 12, 2019, MD was found guilty by a jury in United States of America v. Sanjay Kumar, 4:17-CR-5-FL-1 of 13 felonies including five counts of prescribing oxycodone outside the usual course of professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose; five counts of money laundering and three counts of tax evasion. In September 2019, the Board issued a Notice of Revocation to MD who in October 2019, requested a hearing on the Notice of Revocation. The Board heard this matter in February 2021 and voted for revocation.	Revocation of NC Medical License
SUSPENSIONS			
BARNES , Kenneth Patrick, MD (200701088) Elon, NC	01/05/2021	MD has a history of severe alcohol use disorder. During his recent relapse, MD was arrested and charged with driving while impaired in February 2020. MD was evaluated by the NCPHP, which recommended inpatient relapse assessment. That	Indefinite suspension

		assessment recommended a residential treatment program. MD voluntarily inactivated his NC medical license on April 21, 2020, and attended a residential treatment program from April 2020 to July 2020. He signed a 5-year monitoring agreement with NCPHP in March 2020.	
BAZEL , Sohail, MD (009601768) High Point, NC	02/09/2021	Boundary violations; MD had an allegation of inappropriately touching a patient and was asked by his employer to have a chaperone present during any examination of a female patient. After a second allegation was registered, it was discovered that MD had failed to regularly use chaperones. MD resigned from his employment in March 2020. Four additional patients came forward with allegations of inappropriate and/or unnecessary breast examinations.	Indefinite suspension; stayed effective April 1, 2021 with conditions
HOWER , Erin Lynn, MD (000140358) Greensboro, NC	01/04/2021	Boundary violation; MD engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient.	Indefinite suspension
PESCHONG , Donald Francis, PA-C (000103596) Whiteville, NC	01/19/2021	Standard of care; PA's supervising MD was concerned about PA's practice of prescribing controlled substances, primarily stimulants and benzodiazepines, to female patients. The Board reviewed the care of five female patients	Indefinite suspension

		and found that prescribing was not justified or supported by documentation. Many times, controlled substances were prescribed without explanation.	
MOORE , Barry Allen, MD (000019520) Hampstead, NC	02/08/2021	MD practiced poor pharmacovigilance by failing to include sufficient medical histories and failing to document the rationale for treatment decisions. He ignored aberrant drug screen results and seemed to have several patients who were prescribed “higher than usual” or “higher than average” medication doses without explanation. Additionally, MD admitted to the Board that he authorized controlled substance prescriptions for the patients of a longstanding colleague who had lost his Drug Enforcement Agency privileges.	License suspended for one year; stayed with conditions
WALLENBORN , Jacqueline Grace, PA-C (001005299) Asheville, NC	02/23/2021	In January 2020, PA was charged with driving while consuming alcohol. PA immediately stopped practicing medicine, sought help, and entered an alcohol treatment program in February 2020. PA underwent an assessment and was diagnosed with alcohol use disorder. She obtained 3 months of in-patient treatment and	Indefinite suspension

		entered into an agreement in May 2020 with the NCPHP. In late May, the Board was informed that PA had relapsed and subsequently re-entered treatment. She inactivated her PA license in June 2020.	
LIMITATIONS/CONDITIONS			
SHANTON , Gregory Damon, PA Newport, NC	1/28/2021	PA applied for reinstatement of his NC physician assistant license in May 2020. The Board denied PA's reinstatement application on October 21, 2020, after which PA requested a formal hearing. PA has a long history of public actions with the Board including multiple suspensions due to PA's diversion of controlled substances to patients and close family members and his own substance abuse. He has not practiced as a PA since July 2010 and it has been determined that PA requires educational remediation.	License reinstated via consent order; PA to complete a CPEP administered remediation plan. PA must enter into and maintain an agreement with NCPHP. PA shall ensure that a chaperone is present at any time he examines a female patient. PA must complete eight hours of CME on sexual boundaries
REPRIMANDS			
BAKER , John Harrison, MD (000019308) Durham, NC	02/12/2021	Quality of Care; MD performed an elective pregnancy termination which he confirmed to be complete with the use of abdominal ultrasound. The patient presented to an emergency department three days post-operative with reported abdominal pain, bleeding, nausea, and	Reprimand; MD to complete CME

		vomiting. She was admitted to the hospital and underwent exploratory laparotomy surgery which revealed a uterine perforation with a portion of a fetus protruding through the perforation, a posterior vaginal fornix perforation and a large defect in the sigmoid colon. As a result of these injuries, the patient required a hysterectomy and a colostomy.	
HARMAN, Ann Marie, MD (200200228) Lynchburg, VA	02/25/2021	Action based on the action of another state medical board. In September 2020, the Virginia Board of Medicine and MD entered into a Consent Order in which MD was reprimanded and assessed a \$5,000 fine. The action was based upon MD having a professional connection with, and aiding and abetting, the unlicensed practice of medicine of a registered nurse and estheticians at a Virginia medspa, by authorizing and allowing them to perform, outside of MD's direction, control, and/or supervision and when she was not physically present, discretionary duties requiring the exercise of professional judgment.	Reprimand
KONESWARAN, Suresh Aravinth, MD (201400260) Greensboro, NC	02/10/2021	Boundary violation; In November 2019, the Board received a	Reprimand; MD to have trained female chaperone present

		complaint alleging that MD inappropriately touched a patient's breasts during a routine follow-up examination to address a patient's heart palpitations.	when providing medical care to female patients
LALONDE , John Charles, MD (000020154) Greensboro, NC	02/23/2021	An ED physician who treated MD's patient discovered that patient had been prescribed multiple controlled substances and refills but had not been seen by MD since 2015. A review of additional patient charts from MD showed that he routinely failed to conduct face to face office visits with patients when prescribing controlled substances; failed to establish a diagnosis justifying the prescribing of a controlled substance; failed to query NC CSRS prior to prescribing controlled substances; failed to conduct urine drug screens; failed to appreciate and discuss the risks of prescribing an opioid, a benzodiazepine, and a sedative concomitantly; failed to attempt and discuss alternative non-opioid therapies; and failed to discuss the risks and benefits of long term opioid therapy.	Reprimand; MD to complete ProBE course and 10 hours of controlled substance prescribing CME
OVERHOLT , Dustin Thomas, PA (001008061) Dexter, NY	02/08/2021	PA entered into a Consent Agreement in which PA was censured, reprimanded, and assessed a \$5,000 fine. This action was based on	Reprimand

		PA knowingly writing prescriptions to two patients without a supervising physician and without consideration of patient history, examination, or maintaining a record reflecting proper evaluation and treatment of the patients.	
RHOADES , Alan Raymond, MD (200700193) Salisbury, NC	02/05/2021	MD participated in a straw ownership arrangement of two clinics and engaged in fee-splitting.	Reprimand
SALEH , Oussama Ahmad, MD (201501877) Creedmoor, NC	02/02/2021	MD was terminated from his position based on complaints from coworkers that MD engaged in improper banter and failed to respect some co-worker's personal space.	Reprimand; MD to complete the ProBE course offered by CPEP
UCHE , John Obinna, MD (201602140) Charlotte, NC	02/08/2021	Action based on the action of another state medical board. In August 2020, the State Medical Board of Ohio and MD entered into a Consent Agreement in which MD was reprimanded and assessed a \$5,000 fine. The Ohio Consent Agreement was based upon MD authorizing Suboxone prescriptions using a nurse practitioner's name without the nurse practitioner's knowledge or consent.	Reprimand
WOLF , Aharon Aviv, MD (201801476) Coral Springs, FL	02/27/2021	Action based on another state medical board action. In June 2019, the Medical Board of California (California	Reprimand

		Board) entered a Proposed Decision to deny MD's application for a California physician's and surgeon's certificate based on MD's omission of material information in his application related to his academic history, including a formal academic warning, academic probation, and resignation from a residency program. Additionally, in June 2020, the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine and MD entered into a Consent Agreement and Order in which MD was publicly reprimanded based on the 2019 California Board action.	
DENIALS OF LICENSE/APPROVAL			
NONE			
SURRENDERS			
NONE			
PUBLIC LETTERS OF CONCERN			
HUNTLEY, Mark Ronnial, MD (000036201) Flat Rock, NC	02/25/2021	Quality of care; The Board is concerned that MD failed to properly treat a patient who presented to the emergency department after developing post-surgical breathing issues. MD made the decision to paralyze and intubate the patient, which resulted in hypoxic cardiac arrest and an anoxic brain injury. Patient ultimately died from his injuries. The Board had MD's treatment of the patient	Public Letter of Concern

		<p>reviewed by an independent medical expert who opined that prior to intubation, MD should have had a planned, deliberate, and safe plan for airway management for the patient and that the intubation could have been delayed while a plan was being formed.</p>	
<p>JOVANOVICH, Alexandar, MD (201702617) Chicago, IL</p>	02/17/2021	<p>Action based on the action of another state medical board. In August 2020, Iowa Board of Medicine executed a Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement asserting allegations and imposing disciplinary action against MD for violating the standards of practice for telemedicine in Iowa. MD failed to establish a valid physician-patient relationship; failed to perform interviews of his patients sufficient for diagnosis and treatment prior to providing medical treatment, including issuing prescriptions; and prescribed medications to patients based solely on an internet questionnaire.</p>	Public Letter of Concern
<p>KALALA, Jamal Mohamad, MD (000035149) Statesville, NC</p>	02/12/2021	<p>The Board is concerned that MD inappropriately prescribed multiple prescriptions, including several for controlled substances, to a former colleague. MD did not have an established physician/patient</p>	Public Letter of Concern

		relationship with his colleague, and he did not prepare adequate, or in some instances, any, documentation, or medical charting related to the issuance of these prescriptions.	
PERRY , Samuel Joseph, MD (000036798) Brentwood, TN	02/15/2021	Action based on the action of another state medical board; The Board is concerned that in May 2020, MD entered into a Consent Order with Tennessee Board in which he was placed on probation for six months, assessed a civil penalty of \$4,400, assessed the costs for prosecuting the Tennessee Board case, and restricted from serving as a supervising physician or a substitute supervising physician. The Tennessee Board Consent Order was based on MD's failure to properly supervise two advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), including failing to adequately review the APRNs medical records, failing to be on-site every 30 days as required, and failing to develop protocols and clinical guidelines with the APRNs.	Public Letter of Concern
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS			
ONUSCHECK , Douglas Samuel, MD (201902561) Columbia, MO	02/17/2021	In March 2020, MD voluntarily inactivated his license to practice medicine, and, on August 11, 2020, MD and	License reinstated with conditions; MD shall maintain a contract with NCPHP and abide by all its terms

		the Board entered into a Consent Order, whereby MD's license was indefinitely suspended. MD has a history of anxiety and depression and has undergone residential treatment for this disorder. NCPHP advocates for MD's return to the practice of medicine.	
CONSENT ORDERS AMENDED			
NONE			
TEMPORARY/DATED LICENSES: ISSUED, EXTENDED, EXPIRED, OR REPLACED BY FULL LICENSES			
SALEH, Aiman Anwar, MD (202000084) Chapel Hill, NC	02/12/2021	MD was initially issued a Special Purpose License dated January 14, 2020. MD's Special Purpose License permitted him to practice medicine as a clinical fellow at the University of North Carolina, Department of Emergency Medicine beginning March 1, 2020, and ending March 1, 2021. The University of North Carolina, Department of Emergency Medicine has extended MD's fellowship training to end on March 1, 2022. As such, MD has applied to the Board for an extension of his Special Purpose License to March 1, 2022.	Special Purpose License Agreement
COURT APPEALS/STAYS			
NONE			
DISMISSALS			
NONE			