

North Carolina Medical Board

Quarterly Board Actions Report | August - October 2014

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ANNULMENTS			
NONE			
SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS			
COOPER, William Levi, PA (000102775) Texas	10/28/2014	Action against PA's Texas license; PA was disciplined based on findings that PA engaged in sexual relations with three inmates who were patients under his care	Order of Summary Suspension of License
ROGERS, Rayna Larain, MD (200801709) Fayetteville, NC	10/02/2014	History of mental health issues and substance abuse/alcohol use issues; MD failed to participate in a monitoring contract with NCPHP as required by a prior Board order.	Order of Summary Suspension of License
REVOCATIONS			
NONE			
SUSPENSIONS			
FLEURY, Robert Andre, MD (000025998) Pinehurst, NC	9/23/2014	MD, a psychiatrist, initiated a social/dating relationship with a patient whom he had treated for moderate depression. It goes against the ethics of the psychiatric profession to enter into romantic relationships with current or former patients.	License is suspended indefinitely, immediately stayed except for a period of three months that shall begin on Dec. 1, 2014, and end on March 1, 2015, after which time MD's license shall be automatically reinstated. MD shall pay a fine of \$10,000.
HAN, Timothy Mark, MD (200401066) Wilmington, NC	09/23/2014	History of substance abuse; history of arrest for domestic violence in December 2012; inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances.	Indefinite suspension on medical license; MD may not apply for reinstatement for one year after the date of the order; MD must pay a fine of \$5,000 and provide evidence of treatment for psychiatric and substance abuse disorders before applying for reinstatement.
OENBRINK, Raymond Joseph, DO (200901584) Wilkesboro, NC	09/12/2014	History of inappropriate conduct, including unwanted touching, inappropriate comments and sexualized jokes, with patients and staff. A Board-ordered assessment resulted in DO's diagnosis with Asperger's Disorder which, left untreated, renders DO unable to practice safely.	Indefinite suspension of medical license, immediately stayed upon the following conditions: DO must maintain NCPHP contract and abide by all its terms; DO must follow treatment recommendations made by Acumen. DO must restrict weekly work hours to 40 hours.
SHEN, John, MD (000036429) Albemarle, NC	10/16/2014	While MD was out of town, one of MD's obstetric patients presented to the hospital in labor. MD was about five hours from the hospital; MD consulted with the nursing staff by telephone to discuss concerns about signs of fetal distress. Fetal monitoring was conducted but MD did not have mobile access to the results. Although a local physician was on call for MD, the on call physician was not consulted. The situation deteriorated for more than three hours before the on call physician was contacted. When the on call physician examined the patient, no fetal heart rate could be detected and it was concluded that the patient's baby died in utero.	MD's license is suspended for 30 days, immediately stayed except for a period of seven days, beginning Dec. 12, 2014, and ending Dec. 19, 2014, during which MD shall serve an active suspension. MD must provide the hospital where he practices with a detailed call schedule that will ensure MD's patients are managed by an on-call physician when MD is unable to report to the hospital within 30 minutes of the medical need to do so.

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WALKER, Orrin Abraham, MD (200000656) China Grove, NC	08/08/2014	MD inappropriately and excessively prescribed controlled substances, specifically hydrocodone-acetaminophen, to his wife and several of her co-workers and friends.	Indefinite suspension
PROBATIONS			
SHUCK, Linda Michele, DO (200500550) Dobson, NC	09/09/2014	Inappropriate and excessive prescribing of controlled substances.	DO is placed on probation for 12 months; Within 6 months of the date of the order, DO must complete an assessment by the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians or similar assessment for pain management approved by the Board.
REPRIMANDS			
ANDERSON, Jeffery Stuart, MD (000039759) Greensboro, NC	10/23/2014	Substandard practice of pain management care, inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances and inadequate medical records documentation.	Reprimand; MD shall have the medical director of the practice where he is employed review every patient chart where a Schedule II controlled substance is prescribed.
BAKER, John Harrison, MD (000019308) Durham, NC	10/20/2014	History of alcohol abuse; MD consumed alcohol in violation of his NCPHP contract.	Reprimand; MD's private non practice agreement is converted to a public non practice agreement effective the date of this order
FISHER, Michael Lawrence, MD (009800047) Hickory, NC	10/16/2014	Inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances.	Reprimand; MD has implemented practices to increase his vigilance against the possibility that patients may be abusing or diverting medications prescribed to them.
FREDERICK, Maximus Eziudo, MD (009400118) Raleigh, NC	08/21/2014	MD prescribed methadone to a patient for methadone maintenance treatment in a manner that was not lawful. MD was not registered with DEA as a narcotic treatment program as required by law and failed to meet other requirements.	Reprimand; MD must complete CME in prescribing controlled substances. MD must obtain and read, "Responsible Opioid Prescribing – A Physician's Guide".
HAMEL, John David, MD (009300141) Nebo, NC	08/21/2014	Substandard practice of cosmetic surgery.	Reprimand; MD is restricted from performing any elective surgical procedure that requires more than topical anesthesia EXCEPT for the following, which MD may continue to perform: Liposuction; Fat transfer; and Follicular unit extraction with implantation.
HOLMES, Joseph Nathan, MD (000037854) Salisbury, NC	9/30/2014	Quality of care; MD inappropriately treated multiple patients who presented seeking weight loss treatments. In some instances, MD prescribed phentermine to patients who presented with a normal or low-normal BMI. Medical records for patients whose care was reviewed was inadequate.	MD's license is suspended one year, immediately stayed; MD is reprimanded and fined \$5,000. MD must complete CME in prescribing controlled substances and in the treatment of obesity.
LEWIS, Marvin, MD (000033542) Spring Lake, NC	10/06/2014	Quality of care; inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances; MD's supervision of mid-level practitioners failed to conform to accepted standards.	Reprimand; MD is limited and restricted from prescribing controlled substances in Schedules II, III, and IV; MD may not supervise mid-level practitioners.

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NAVARRO-MCGUINESS, Cheryl Tan, DO (200601750) Mooresville, NC	08/04/2014	Inappropriate and excessive prescribing of controlled substances.	Reprimand; \$1,000 fine
RUSSAKOV, Alan David, MD (200501767) New Bern, NC	09/24/2014	MD prescribed opioids and other controlled substances without proper justification; MD failed to take proper precautions to limit patients' potential abuse and diversion of medications and complications from medications; Inadequate medical records documentation; Failure to document that patients were monitored with appropriate physical examinations and diagnostic tests.	Reprimand; MD shall complete CME courses in medical records documentation and in prescribing medications; MD shall obtain a practice monitor and provide a monthly list of all patients to whom MD has prescribed a controlled substance. The monitor shall review 5 patient charts per month.
WEFALD, Franklin Charles, MD (000031685) Smithfield, NC	08/21/2014	MD used profanity and made other inappropriate comments via his Twitter account; MD inappropriately prescribed medications, including controlled substances, to a family member and attempted to conceal the controlled substances prescribing by prescribing using another physician S DEA number and signing the other physician's name. MD has been assessed by NCPHP and consulted with a private therapist. He has also completed and assessment and treatment program.	Reprimand
<u>DENIALS OF LICENSE/APPROVAL</u>			
REECE, (II), Donald Brooks, MD (000018559) Morehead City, NC	10/03/2014	Prior history of Board discipline related to lengthy history of prescribing issues; MD has been out of active clinical practice for more than two years and has not demonstrated continued competency.	Application for reinstatement of NC medical license denied.
<u>SURRENDERS</u>			
NONE			
<u>PUBLIC LETTERS OF CONCERN</u>			
BLACKBURN, Brian Bruce, MD (000029531) Mooresville, NC	10/15/2014	The Board is concerned that care provided to a patient MD treated for recurrent sinusitis, erectile dysfunction and low testosterone may have been below accepted standards of care. A review of the patient's records found that, among other problems, evidence of polycythemia and hyperlipidemia were not addressed, signs of sleep apnea were not evaluated and use of antibiotics to address recurrent sinusitis may have been excessive. A review of other patient records found evidence of substandard care, and suggested that medical record documentation may have been inadequate.	Public Letter of Concern; MD has completed a course in medical recordkeeping and a five day internal medicine review course.
BOLANOS, Rodrigo Antonio, MD (200300224) Pinehurst, NC	08/13/2014	Professional boundary issues. In January 2014, MD's coworker filed a complaint alleging that MD made inappropriate comments. MD acknowledges making inappropriate comments to this coworker on two occasions on one day. The Board is concerned about this incident as well as MD's prior history of complaints (from co-workers) regarding inappropriate comments and touching. MD has completed a course in maintaining proper boundaries.	Public Letter of Concern

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ERRANTE, Natalie Ann, NP (950013) Salisbury, NC	08/04/2014	Inappropriate diagnosis and treatment of obesity.	Public letter of concern; NP must complete CME course in medical record documentation.
KING, Joseph David, MD (200900659) Plano, TX	10/14/2014	Disciplinary action by the Texas Medical Board; Quality of anesthesia care provided to a seven-year-old male undergoing a restorative dental procedure failed to meet accepted and prevailing standards.	Public letter of concern
HOLCOMBE, Kevin Westray, MD (200700145) Sebastia, FL	08/04/2014	MD failed to properly evaluate a patient who presented to the ER with fever, chills, cough, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. MD diagnosed the patient with gastroenteritis; the patient returned to the ER three days later when she was diagnosed with pneumonia. The Board is concerned that MD failed to adequately evaluate the patient's cough and fever, failed to address the patient's low blood pressure and failed to explain his decision not to admit her.	Public letter of concern
HOUSTON, Thaddeus Drexel, MD (200902068) Charlotte, NC	09/29/2014	The Board is concerned that MD may have failed to appropriately interpret a patient's CT scan. This may have contributed to a delay in the proper management of the patient's condition and allowed for a progressive deterioration in the patient's condition.	Public letter of concern
MCCORISON, Andrew Buckbee, PA (000101095) Butner, NC	08/13/2014	The Board is concerned that PA failed to recognize that a patient's symptoms and abnormal EKG suggested that the patient suffered from ischemic heart disease. The patient died 11 days after presenting to PA in the emergency room; autopsy attributed the patient's death to ischemic heart disease secondary to hypertensive heart disease.	Public letter of concern
PERKINS, Brent Lee, PA (000100328) Calabash, NC	09/18/2014	The Board is concerned that care PA provided to patients presenting with upper respiratory illness failed to conform to accepted and prevailing standards.	Public letter of concern; PA is required to take CME in treatment of upper respiratory illness and pulmonary embolism.
RITCHIE, John Edward, MD (000039071) Winston-Salem, NC	10/29/2014	The Board is concerned that MD performed a wrong site surgery. The error occurred despite a "Time Out" in the operating room to confirm the correct surgery site, during which a nurse indicated the procedure was to be on the patient's right knee when, in fact, it should have been performed on the left knee. MD informed the patient of the error and did not bill for the procedure or followup care.	Public letter of concern
WEBB, Bruce Jonathan, MD (200201326) Portsmouth, VA	10/14/2014	History of alcoholism and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); MD surrendered his NC medical license in August 2013. MD has completed a military inpatient treatment program for alcoholism and PTSD.	Public Letter of Concern; MD is urged to follow all military and NCPHP recommendations.
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS			
LAIZURE, Clancy Conde, PA (000100970) Asheboro, NC	10/16/2014	Concerns about quality of care/medical knowledge. An examination of patient medical records found that PA failed to obtain appropriate laboratory and radiographic studies, failed to obtain or document a complete patient history and physical examination, failed to refer patients to appropriate specialists for evaluation or treatment and failed to establish and document an appropriate differential diagnosis.	PA must obtain a comprehensive assessment from CPEP and comply with all recommendations
LOBITZ, Bruce Harlan, MD (200200137) Hendersonville, NC	08/21/2014	MD failed to respond to a Board inquiry in a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner.	MD's license is placed on inactive status
MCKNIGHT, Kevin Michael, MD (000038137) Morehead City, NC	08/04/2014	Prior history of chemical dependence; MD has completed three months of inpatient treatment	MD's license is reinstated; MD must maintain NCPHP contract

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WEBSTER, Laurence Seaton, MD (009500269) Winston Salem, NC	09/24/2014	Inappropriate contact and conversations with patients and staff; inappropriate self-treatment with testosterone; Concerns about quality of care.	Consent Order with reentry provisions; MD shall have a chaperone present when seeing female patients; MD shall not provide any form of hormonal treatment; MD shall not provide self-treatment. MD shall maintain a contract with NCPHP and comply with all terms.
<u>CONSENT ORDERS AMENDED</u>			
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.
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.
<u>TEMPORARY/DATED LICENSES: ISSUED, EXTENDED, EXPIRED OR REPLACE BY FULL LICENSES</u>			
NONE			
<u>COURT APPEALS/STAYS</u>			
NONE			
<u>DISMISSALS</u>			
NONE			

FINES

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

Date	Reason	Amount
08/15/2014	Error/omission on license application or annual renewal	\$1,000.00
09/12/2014	Error/omission on license application or annual renewal	\$500.00
10/29/2014	Error/omission on license application or annual renewal	\$1,000.00