

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

Board Orders/Consent Orders/Other Board Actions

August-October 2008

DEFINITIONS:

Annulment:
Retrospective and prospective cancellation of the practitioner's authorization to practice.

Conditions:
A term used in this report to indicate restrictions, requirements, or limitations placed on the practitioner.

Consent Order:
An order of the Board stating an agreement between the Board and the practitioner regarding the annulment, revocation, suspension, or surrender of the authorization to practice, or the conditions placed on the authorization to practice, or other action taken by the Board relative to the practitioner. (A method for resolving a dispute without a formal hearing.)

Denial:
Final decision denying an application for practice authorization or a request for reconsideration/modification of a previous Board action.

Dismissal:
Board action dismissing a contested case.

Inactive Medical License:
To be "active," a medical license must be registered on or near the physician's birthday each year. By not registering his or her license, the physician allows the license to become "inactive." The holder of an inactive license may not practice medicine in North Carolina. Licensees will often elect this status when they

retire or do not intend to practice in the state. (Not related to the "voluntary surrender" noted below.)

NA:
Information not available or not applicable.

NCPHP:
North Carolina Physicians Health Program.

Public Letter of Concern:
A letter in the public record expressing the Board's concern about a practitioner's behavior or performance. Concern has not risen to the point of requiring a formal proceeding but should be known by the public. If the practitioner requests a formal disciplinary hearing regarding the conduct leading to the letter of concern, the letter will be vacated and a formal complaint and hearing initiated.

Reentry Agreement:
Arrangement between the Board and a practitioner in good standing who is "inactive" and has been out of clinical practice for two years or more. Permits the practitioner to resume active practice through a reentry program approved by the Board to assure the practitioner's competence.

RTL:
Resident Training License. (Issued to those in post-graduate medical training who have not yet qualified for a full medical license.)

Revocation:
Cancellation of the authorization to practice. Authorization may not be reissued for at least two years.

Stay:
The full or partial stopping or halting of a legal action, such as a suspension, on certain stipulated grounds.

Summary Suspension:
Immediate withdrawal of the authorization to practice prior to the initiation of further proceedings, which are to begin within a reasonable time. (Ordered when the Board finds the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action.)

Suspension:
Withdrawal of the authorization to practice for a stipulated period of time or indefinitely.

Temporary/Dated License:
License to practice for a specific period of time. Often accompanied by conditions contained in a Consent Order. May be issued as an element of a Board or Consent Order or subsequent to the expiration of a previously issued temporary license.

Voluntary Surrender:
The practitioner's relinquishing of the authorization to practice pending or during an investigation. Surrender does not preclude the Board bringing charges against the practitioner. (Not related to the "inactive" medical license noted above.)

To view the public documents for each action, please visit the Board's Web site at www.ncmedboard.org

ANNULMENTS

NONE

REVOICATIONS

AUGUSTUS, Carl Trent, MD

Location: Charlotte, NC (Mecklenburg Co)
License #: 009601218 | Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)
Cause: Dr. Augustus violated an Oct. 17, 2007 Consent Order.
Action: 10/01/2008. Medical license revoked.

FRIEDES, Larry Matthew, MD

Location: St. Augustine, FL
License #: 200101041 | Specialty: EM (as reported by physician)
Cause: Dr. Friedes was convicted of a felony in the case, State of Florida v. Lawrence Friedes.
Action: 09/15/2008. Notice of revocation issued.

PYKE, George Albert, MD

Location: Anna Maria, Fla.
License #: 009600690 | Specialty: FP (as reported by physician)
Cause: Dr. Pyke was convicted of committing a lewd, lascivious or indecent act upon a child under 16 years of age in State of Florida v. George Albert Pyke, case number 2006CF002541A
Action: 08/28/2008. Entry of revocation.

ROJO, Rodolfo, MD

Location: Cary, NC (Wake Co)
License #: 009600131 | Specialty: GS/EM (as reported by physician)
Cause: Dr. Rojo was convicted of a felony in U.S. v Rodolfo Rojo, case number 3:07-CR287-R.
Action: 08/06/2008. Entry of revocation.

SUSPENSIONS

JONAS, Dannie Burton, PA

Location: Hayesville, NC (Clay Co)

License #: 000101500
Cause: On Aug. 10, 2007, Jonas was arrested by the Greenville Police Department and charged with felony manufacture of marijuana, felony possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, felony maintaining a dwelling for keeping and selling marijuana and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. On Sept. 19, 2007, Jonas pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of possession of marijuana and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was given a suspended sentence and placed on unsupervised probation for 12 months. In December 2007, a Board investigator conducted a physician extender site check and several deficiencies were noted.
Action: 10/01/2008. Jonas' Physician Assistant license is indefinitely suspended.

See Consent Orders:

- GRAY, Jack Kenneth Jr., MD
- JONES, Deborah Adee, PA
- LAND, Phillip Barton, PA
- LEWIS, Deborah Lynn, MD
- LOZEVSKI, Jonathan Leonid, MD
- MESSNER, Keith Harold, MD
- MILES, Martha Cope, MD
- PAUL, Robert Allen, Jr., PA-C
- PIXTON, Jan Maree, PA
- STEVENS, William Michael, MD
- TARASZKA, Steven Robert, MD
- TORRES, Rafael Guillermo, MD
- VILLAREAL, Andrea Currin, PA
- WRENN, Cynthia Helen, PA

SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS

CRUMMIE, Robert Gwinn, MD

Location: Rutherfordton, NC (Rutherford Co)
License #: 000014636 | Specialty: P (as reported by physician)

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Cause: Dr. Crummie is an admitted alcoholic who has received treatment for his disease and continues to receive counseling for his alcoholism. In November 2007, his medical license was suspended for unprofessional conduct stemming from three drunk driving arrests. As part of the Board's Order of Discipline, Dr. Crummie was required to enter into a five-year monitoring contract with the North Carolina Physicians Health Program (NCPHP). His contract required him to call a telephone number every day to determine if he had been selected for a random urine screen. He missed 14 phone calls in June, July and August, 2008. His contract also required him to abstain from consuming alcohol. In August, Dr. Crummie provided a urine specimen that tested positive for alcohol metabolites. The Board found that the public health, safety or welfare required emergency action.

Action: 09/03/2008. Dr. Crummie's license to practice medicine is summarily suspended.

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BLOCK, Matthew, MD

Location: Laurinburg, NC (Scotland Co)
License#: 200100308 | Specialty: CD (as reported by physician)
Cause: A NC Division of Public Health Investigation linked an outbreak of hepatitis C to possible unsafe medical practices during myocardial perfusion studies, or nuclear stress tests. Seven patients who had nuclear stress tests at Dr. Block's practice tested positive for hepatitis C.

Action: 08/28/2008. Interim consent order executed. Dr. Block's practice is restricted to exclude invasive office-based procedures, including but not limited to nuclear stress tests. Dr. Block shall also supervise the drawing of blood and enforce the use of standard precautions.

BROADHEAD, Daniel David, MD

Location: Virginia Beach, Va.
License #: 000016325 | Specialty: P (as reported by physician)
Cause: In January 2008 Dr. Broadhead entered into a Consent Order with the Board based on findings that he had certain deficiencies in the manner in which he practices medicine. He was ordered by the Board to undergo a professional assessment by the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP). The Board then learned that Dr. Broadhead had a medical condition that could affect his ability to practice medicine with a reasonable degree of skill and safety.

Action: 09/16/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Broadhead will develop a remediation plan consistent with the recommendations of the CPEP report. He also will enter into and maintain a contract with the North Carolina Physicians Health Program.

CLAYTON, Christy Lou, MD

Location: Cary, NC (Wake Co)
License #: 000039362 | Specialty: OB/GYN (as reported by physician)
Cause: The Board alleged that Dr. Clayton performed a certain surgical procedure on a high-risk, surgical patient without first pursuing an alternative, less-invasive course of treatment for the diagnosed condition. Dr. Clayton contends she discussed alternative treatment with the patient and informed the patient of the risks of the surgery. Dr. Clayton's documentation of her treatment of the patient is unclear as to what alternative treatments were discussed. The Board also expressed concern regarding the post-op-

erative care of the patient. Dr. Clayton assured the Board that appropriate procedures were in place. Dr. Clayton's documentation of her discussions with the patient failed to conform to acceptable and prevailing standards of medical practice.

Action: 09/19/2008. Consent order executed as a Public Letter of Concern.

COFIELD, Trina Lashawn, MD

Location: Greenville, NC (Pitt Co)
License#: NA - RTL | Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)
Cause: Dr. Cofield served as a resident physician at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center from June 2004 to March 2005. In April 2005, the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners issued an order of suspension regarding Dr. Cofield's training license. The suspension was based on allegations that Dr. Cofield failed to meet generally accepted standards of medical practice. The Colorado Board lifted the suspension on Nov. 17, 2005. Dr. Cofield was also issued a letter of admonition by the Colorado Board outlining the Board's concerns about Dr. Cofield's performance. Dr. Cofield applied for a NC resident training license on April 18, 2008, to allow her to participate in the training program in internal medicine at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Dr. Cofield has interviewed with a subcommittee of the Board to discuss her public record in Colorado and alleged performance issues.

Action: 08/18/2008. Consent order executed. Dr. Cofield is issued a resident training license.

CRUMP, Carolyn Faydene, MD

Location: Lexington, NC (Davidson Co)
License#: 200501115 | Specialty: GP (as reported by physician)
Cause: Dr. Crump entered into a consent order with the Board in June 2005 that specified the terms of her reentry into the active practice of medicine after a number of years out of active clinical practice.

Action: 08/25/2008. Amendment to consent order executed. Dr. Crump's order is amended to allow her to work 30 hours a week provided she has coverage by her supervising physician.

GRAY, Jack Kenneth Jr., MD

Location: Norman, Okla.
License #: 000033054 | Specialty: P (as reported by physician)
Cause: In April 2007, the Department of Health for the State of Florida filed an Administrative Complaint alleging that Dr. Gray failed to practice medicine within the standard of care. In December 2007 he voluntarily relinquished his medical license in Florida and is forever barred from reapplication for a Florida license.

Action: 09/10/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Gray's license to practice medicine in North Carolina is indefinitely suspended.

JONES, Deborah Adece, PA

Location: Greenville, NC (Pitt Co)
License #: 001000762
Cause: While staffing a work place health clinic, Jones authorized a prescription for Chantix to a patient, who was a non-smoker. The patient and a clinic employee had agreed to obtain the drug and then give it to the employee's husband. Both indicated that Jones was fully aware of their diversion plan and agreed to authorize the prescription knowing the patient was a non-smoker. The employees and Ms. Jones were all terminated from their jobs at the

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clinic. Jones indicated she was never aware of the diversion plan, but had strong suspicions that the patient was a non-smoker and was attempting to obtain the drug for improper reasons. Jones admitted it was wrong of her to authorize the prescription.

Action: 09/19/2008. Consent order executed: Jones' license is suspended for six months, immediately stayed except for a period of 30 days wherein she serves an active suspension.

KASTRUP, John Joseph, MD

Location: St. Cloud, Fla.

License #: 200801891 | Specialty: OS (as reported by physician)

Cause: In 2000, a payment was made on Dr. Kastrup's behalf based on allegations that a surgery scheduled to be performed on a patient's right foot was in fact performed on the left foot.

Action: 10/17/2008. Non-disciplinary consent order executed. Dr. Kastrup is issued a full and unrestricted license to practice in North Carolina.

LAND, Phillip Barton, PA

Location: Greensboro, NC (Guilford Co)

License #: 009001593

Cause: In April 2006 Land was arrested by Greensboro police officers for assault and going armed in the terror of the public. He had displayed a gun while ordering food at a restaurant drive-through window. When he was arrested, Land appeared impaired and was taken to the hospital later on the same day. He resolved these criminal charges by agreeing to a one-year deferred prosecution agreement and the charges were dismissed in June 2007. When he renewed his PA license in October 2006, he inaccurately responded to questions about any previous criminal charges. After later relapsing in his recovery from chemical dependence, Land surrendered his PA license in May 2008.

Action: 09/19/2008. Consent order executed: Land's license is indefinitely suspended.

LANGLEY, Dawn Tracy, PA

Location: Lumberton, NC (Robeson Co)

License#: 000102637

Cause: Ms. Langley did not register her PA license as required by law, causing the Board to place her license on inactive status effective February 6, 2008. On her application for reactivation Ms. Langley falsely answered "No" to a question that asked whether she had ever had privileges limited, suspended, placed on probation, etc. by any facility where she has been on staff. In 2000, Ms. Langley was put on probation and later terminated from her position at a hospital.

Action: 08/08/2008. Consent order executed. Ms. Langley is reprimanded. Her PA license is reinstated effective the date of this order.

LEWIS, Deborah Lyn, MD

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co)

License #: 000039843 | Specialty: FP (as reported by physician)

Cause: On August 27, 2007, Dr. Lewis was arrested and charged with driving while impaired. She was subsequently ordered to undergo assessment and treatment for alcohol abuse. During this time, she agreed to refrain from alcohol use. Nonetheless, she admitted consuming alcohol on June 19, 2008. She voluntarily placed her license on inactive status on July 2, 2008.

Action: 09/02/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Lewis' medical license is indefinitely suspended.

LOZEVSKI, Jonathan Leonid, MD

Location: Chapel Hill, NC (Orange Co)

License#: 200600451 | Specialty: Radiology (as reported by physician)

Cause: Dr. Lozevski suffers from neuropathy of the leg, for which he is under the care of a physician. On two occasions, Dr. Lozevski altered a prescription given to him by another physician, adding pain medicine that the prescribing physician did not authorize. Dr. Lozevski then took this medicine seeking relief from pain. In 2008 Dr. Lozevski self-referred to the NCPHP seeking help with his use of pain relievers. He had completed a 16-week residential treatment program.

Action: 08/21/2008. Consent order executed. Dr. Lozevski's license is suspended for two years. However, the action is immediately stayed and Dr. Lozevski is placed on probation and subject to conditions.

MESSNER, Keith Harold, MD

Location: Fayetteville, NC (Cumberland Co)

License #: 200600748 | Specialty: EM (as reported by physician)

Cause: In December 2007, Dr. Messner was ordered by the Board to undergo an evaluation by the North Carolina Physicians Health Program. On Feb. 13, 2008, he entered into a one-year agreement with NCPHP to refrain from the consumption of alcohol or other mood-altering chemicals and to participate in random urine screenings. In May 2008, Dr. Messner admitted to consuming alcohol during an interview with a Board investigator. He underwent a four-day assessment, admitted himself to a 90-day residential treatment program and completed the program.

Action: 10/08/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Messner's medical license is indefinitely suspended.

MILES, Martha Cope, MD

Location: Sanford, NC (Lee Co)

License #: 000035989

Cause: On January 15, 2004, Dr. Miles entered into a Consent Order with the Board based on, among other things, admissions that she failed to keep a property inventory of controlled substances, that she pre-signed prescription blanks and that she prescribed to family members. Dr. Miles entered into a contract with the North Carolina Physicians Health Program and on July 13, 2006, the Board terminated the Consent Order. In 2007, the Board received a complaint that Dr. Miles was prescribing narcotics to a patient in an inappropriate manner. The Board reviewed the medical charts of this patient and 15 other patients. Dr. Miles could only produce records on nine of the patients, and some of these were incomplete. In August 2008, Dr. Miles was indicted on two felony counts of distributing or dispensing controlled substances. On May 21, 2008, Dr. Miles requested her medical license become inactive.

Action: 09/19/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Mile's license to practice medicine is indefinitely suspended.

PAUL, Robert Allen, Jr., PA-C

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co)

License#: 000102781

Cause: Mr. Paul was arrested by the Raleigh Police Department on June 13, 2008, on evidence that he had forged prescriptions for Vicodin in the names of patients who were seen at his place of employment. Mr. Paul, who suffers from alcohol and substance dependency, then diverted the drugs obtained for personal use. Mr. Paul surrendered his PA license on June 13, 2008.

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Action: 08/12/2008. Consent order executed. Mr. Paul's license is indefinitely suspended.

PIXTON, Jan Maree, PA

Location: Waynesville, NC (Haywood Co)

License #: 000102080

Cause: 09/10/2008. Ms. Pixton has mental health issues and a history of substance abuse problems. In February 2008, Ms. Pixton attempted suicide by overdosing on a controlled substance. She was involuntarily committed and, upon release, admitted to a residential treatment facility for mental health issues.

Action: Consent order executed: Ms. Pixton's PA license is indefinitely suspended.

STAMP, Ian Patrick, MD

Location: Shelby, NC (Cleveland Co)

License #: 009800706 | Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)

Cause: After examining and treating a patient, Dr. Stamp made comments and phone calls to the patient that caused her to believe Dr. Stamp had personal feelings toward her. Dr. Stamp contends his comments and interactions were not intended to offend the patient, but realizes his actions could have been seen as crossing proper patient boundaries and were inappropriate. After the Notice of Charges and Allegations were served in this case, the Board received another complaint about Dr. Stamp's interaction with a patient. Dr. Stamp denies he violated any patient boundaries, but accepts responsibility for any perceived boundary violations. In August, 2008 he attended and completed a course on maintaining proper boundaries.

Action: 09/19/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Stamp is reprimanded.

STEVENS, William Michael, MD

Location: Sylva, NC (Jackson Co)

License #: 200700370 | Specialty: OB/GYN (as reported by physician)

Cause: In November 2007, the Kansas Board of Healing Arts revoked Dr. Stevens' medical license based on allegations that he abandoned his patients by closing his medical practice without adequate notice, that he failed to report he had surrendered his DEA registration, and that he falsified his Kansas Board license renewal application. When applying for a North Carolina medical license, Dr. Stevens responded inaccurately to a question about prior investigations by a governmental agency or a professional licensing board.

Action: 09/19/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Stevens' medical license is indefinitely suspended.

TARASZKA, Steven Robert, MD

Location: Monroe, Ga.

License #: 009600070 | Specialty: GP (as reported by physician)

Cause: On Oct. 9, 2007, the Georgia Composite Board of State Medical Examiners summarily suspended Dr. Taraszka's Georgia medical license. The Georgia Board found that he posed a threat to the public health, safety and welfare as a result of his diagnosis of opioid dependence.

Action: 10/07/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Taraszka's medical license is indefinitely suspended.

TORRES, Rafael Guillermo, MD

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co)

License #: 009901342 | Specialty: FP (as reported by physician)

Cause: Dr. Torres treated two co-workers after having personal relationships with each of them. When first interviewed by a Board investigator, he denied having personal relationships with either one, but he later contacted the investigator and acknowledged the relationships. He has received counseling regarding proper personal interactions with patients and staff from the Center for Professional Well-Being.

Action: 09/19/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Torres' medical license is suspended for one year, and is immediately stayed upon his scheduling an appointment with the North Carolina Physicians Health Program and obtaining an assessment.

VILLAREAL, Andrea Currin, PA

Location: Sanford, NC (Lee Co)

License#: 000103377

Cause: Ms. Villareal has applied for reissuance of her PA license, which became inactive on March 14, 2007 after she failed to register her license as required by law. Ms. Villareal continued to practice as a PA until May 22, 2008. An audit of Ms. Villareal's practice also found that she was out of compliance with requirements that her license number appear on prescription blanks, and that she have a written policy in place for periodic review of written instructions for prescribing.

Action: 08/21/2008. Consent order executed. Ms. Villareal's PA license is reinstated. However, her license is suspended from May 22, 2008, until the date this order is executed.

WEINTRAUB, Richard Alan, MD

Location: Greensboro, NC (Guilford Co)

License #: 000021134 | Specialty: C (as reported by physician)

Cause: The Board issued a Public Letter of Concern based on allegations that Dr. Weintraub used profanity and struck a patient in the head when the patient became agitated during a procedure in a hospital operating room. The hospital suspended Dr. Weintraub's privileges as a result of the incident, but made a finding that Dr. Weintraub did not intend to injure or harm the patient. The Board also became aware of reported concerns from the hospital and its staff that Dr. Weintraub had been disruptive in the past toward the staff. The Board ordered an assessment for these reported concerns, and Dr. Weintraub was encouraged to work with a therapist to help his behavior. The hospital reinstated Dr. Weintraub's privileges and implemented certain procedures to monitor his behavior toward the hospital staff.

Action: 09/19/2008. Consent order executed as a Public Letter of Concern.

WRENN, Cynthia Helen, PA

Location: Fayetteville, NC (Cumberland Co)

License #: 000102752

Cause: While having a significant emotional relationship with a patient, Wrenn prescribed controlled substances and non-controlled substances to the patient. On several occasions she did not document the prescriptions in the patient's chart. In September 2007, Wrenn elicited the help of a co-worker to divert controlled substances to the patient. She also wrote prescriptions for four other patients without proper documentation. In May 1999, Wrenn answered inaccurately a Board questionnaire on previous criminal violations. In October 1983, she was convicted of driving a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content of greater than .1 percent. In June 1976, Wrenn was convicted of the sale of cocaine. On July 25, 2008, she surrendered her license to

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the Board and submitted herself for inpatient residential therapy for substance abuse issues.
Action: 09/19/2008. Consent order executed: Wrenn's license is indefinitely suspended effective July 25, 2008.

YONGUE, Judith Salle, MD

Location: Greenville, NC (Pitt Co)
License #: 000013542 | Specialty: P (as reported by physician)
Cause: In January 2004, Dr. Yongue treated a patient for a variety of complaints including depression, anxiety, insomnia and migraine headaches. She continued to treat the patient until November 2007 by prescribing various medications, including antidepressants, hypnotics and mood stabilizers. Dr. Yongue did not maintain a complete patient care record for the patient. She also started treating another patient in November 2006 for symptoms including depression, pain and suicidal ideation. Dr. Yongue prescribed various narcotic analgesics without performing a physical assessment and without documented collaboration or consultation with the patient's treating orthopedist or pain management clinic. She also did not maintain a complete patient care record the second patient.
Action: 09/19/2008. Consent order executed: Dr. Yongue is reprimanded.

See Miscellaneous Actions:

ALRUZZEH, Sharif Mohamed, MD
BECKER, Robert Lee, MD
RADHAKRISHNAN, Jay K., MD

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ALRUZZEH, Sharif Mohamed, MD

Location: Charlotte, NC (Mecklenburg Co)
License#: RTL | Specialty: GS
Action: 10/02/2008. Non-Disciplinary Consent Order: The Board issued Dr. Alruzzeh a resident training license pursuant to the terms of a Non-Disciplinary Consent Order.

BECKER, Robert Lee, MD

Location: Rockville, Md.
License#: 000027425 | Specialty: Pathology (as reported by physician)
Cause: Dr. Becker has not practiced clinical medicine since 2004, and he let his North Carolina license lapse when he failed to renew it in January 2007. In May 2008, Dr. Becker appeared before the Board for an interview to discuss his application for reinstatement of his license. He has no present plans to return to the clinical practice of medicine.
Action: 08/19/2008. Consent order executed. Dr. Becker is granted a limited administrative license and required to limit his practice to administrative medicine only.

RADHAKRISHNAN, Jay K., MD

Location: Burlington, Iowa
License #: 200801873/Specialty: DR (as reported by physician)
Action: 10/29/2008. Non-Disciplinary Consent Order: The Board issued Dr. Radhakrishnan a license to practice medicine

DENIALS OF RECONSIDERATION/MODIFICATION

NONE

DENIALS OF LICENSE/APPROVAL

COOPERMAN, Glenn Arthur, MD

Location: Las Vegas, NV.

License #: 009600150 | Specialty: OB/GYN (as reported by physician)
Action: 09/04/2008. Application to reactivate North Carolina license to practice medicine denied.

CUELLAR, Jacob, MD

Location: Greensboro, NC (Guilford Co)
License #: NA | Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)
Cause: Dr. Cuellar was convicted of a misdemeanor on July 8, 1999, specifically, preparation of obscene photo.
Action: 08/01/2008. Denial of North Carolina resident training license.

DEFRESE, Geridharma Rose, DO

Location: Indianapolis, IN
License #: NA | Specialty: GP (as reported by physician)
Action: 09/03/2008. Application for North Carolina license to practice medicine denied.

GONZALEZ, Ramon Humberto, MD

Location: Madisonville, KY
License#: NA | Specialty: OB/GYN
Action: 09/03/2008. Application for North Carolina license to practice medicine denied.

McGHEE, James Ernest, MD

Location: Charlotte, NC (Mecklenburg Co)
License#: 9400578 | Specialty: FP
Action: 10/17/2008. Application to reinstate North Carolina license to practice medicine denied.

REDDY, Rajashaker Pullagurram, MD

Location: Atlanta, Ga.
License#: NA | Specialty: R (as reported by physician)
Action: 10/23/2008. Application to reinstate North Carolina license to practice medicine denied.

SESSOMS, Rodney Kevin, MD

Location: Clinton, NC (Sampson Co)
License #: 000033927 | Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: East Carolina University/1989
Action: 10/15/2008. Application to reinstate North Carolina license to practice medicine denied.

SMAYDA, Richard John, DO

Location: Harwich, Mass.
License#: NA | Specialty: FP (as reported by physician)
Action: 10/14/2008. Application to activate North Carolina license to practice medicine denied.

SMITH, Tracey, PA

Location: Wilmington, NC (New Hanover Co)
License#: 000102582
Action: 09/03/2008. Application to reinstate North Carolina PA license denied.

SMITH, Yale Robert, MD

Location: Rockledge, Fla.
License#: NA | Specialty: AN (as reported by physician)
Action: 10/24/2008. Application to reinstate North Carolina license to practice medicine denied.

TOMPKINS, Kenneth James, MD

Location: Virginia Beach, Va.
License #: 009701625 | Specialty: D (as reported by physician)
Action: 10/21/2008. Application to reinstate North Carolina license to practice medicine denied.

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SURRENDERS

BLACK, Steven Ray, MD

Location: Sylva, NC (Jackson Co)
License #: 200500976 | Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)
Action: 09/18/2008. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

CAGGIANO, Christopher John, PA

Location: Concord, NC (Cabarrus Co)
License #: 000102355
Action: 10/20/2008. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

FARRELL, Edwin Gayle, MD

Location: Wilmington, NC (New Hanover Co)
License #: 000017345 | Specialty: P
Action: 10/15/2008. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

GRANT, Gregory, MD

Location: Asheville, NC (Buncombe Co)
License #: 000027461 | Specialty: GYN (as reported by physician)
Action: 10/14/2008. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

PERRY, Robert Francis, MD

Location: Wilmington, NC (New Hanover Co)
License #: 009401472 | Specialty: GP (as reported by physician)
Action: 10/07/2008. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

TAUB, Harry Evan, MD

Location: Fletcher, NC (Henderson Co) | DOB: 11/24/1970
License #: 200600491 | Specialty: P (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Dartmouth Medical College (2001)
Action: 08/22/2008. Voluntary surrender of medical license.

PUBLIC LETTERS OF CONCERN

GALYON, Steven Wayne, MD

Location: Williston, ND
License #: 200701072 | Specialty: OTO (as reported by physician)
Cause: The Board is concerned that Dr. Galyon was formally reprimanded by the New Mexico Medical Board for fraud or misrepresentation in connection with applying for or procuring the renewal of a license in 2006.
Action: 10/02/2008. Public letter of concern issued.

GREENSTONE, Sidney Thomas, DO

Location: Hayesville, NC (Clay Co)
License #: 009900061 | Specialty: FP (as reported by physician)
Cause: The Board is concerned that Dr. Greenstone failed to admit a patient who had displayed multiple risk factors for cardiac disease. After consulting with an on-call physician, Dr. Greenstone sent the patient home. The patient died the next day. The Board feels he should have made an independent decision to arrange for admission of the patient for a cardiac work-up and treatment.
Action: 10/02/2008. Public letter of concern issued.

PHILIPS, Sherif Antoun, MD

Location: Greenville, NC (Pitt Co)
License #: 009501056
Cause: The Board dismisses all charges regarding the care of 10 extremely ill patients who were the subject of a notice of

charges and allegations issued October 2, 2007. However, the Board is concerned about some aspects of the care Dr. Philips provided these 10 patients, many of whom were terminally ill and had chronic, co-morbid medical problems. Dr. Philips has agreed to take appropriate CME courses.

Action: 08/26/2008. Public letter of concern issued.

SORIANO, Clinton R, MD

Location: Winston-Salem, NC (Forsyth Co)
License #: 000022056 | Specialty: VS
Cause: The Board is concerned that Dr. Soriano's treatment of a surgical patient with a soft tissue mass on her right arm may have fallen below the standard of care. Specifically, the Board believes Dr. Soriano may have failed to perform appropriate pre-operative testing, including peripheral nerve conduction studies and an electromyography.
Action: 10/21/2008. Public letter of concern issued.

STARKEY, Suzanne Renee, MD

Location: Wilson, NC (Wilson Co)
License #: 009701829 | Specialty: OB/GYN (as reported by physician)
Cause: The Board is concerned that Dr. Starkey failed to conduct a physical examination of certain patients receiving laser hair removal procedures at a salon where she was a medical consultant. She also failed to conduct a physical examination of certain patients prior to providing them with prescriptions for medications.
Action: 09/19/2008. Public letter of concern issued.

STEMEN-GALLAGHER, Mary Jane, NP

Location: Raeford, NC (Bertie Co)
License #: 000600078
Cause: The Board is concerned that Ms. Stemen-Gallagher authorized a prescription for controlled substances for a patient with a known substance abuse history under the name of a physician who was not her primary supervising physician. Further, when that physician disavowed the prescription, Ms. Stemen-Gallagher re-issued the prescription after consulting with an unlicensed physician regarding the appropriateness of the prescription. The Board is also concerned that Ms. Stemen-Gallagher treated and prescribed for a relative outside her collaborative practice agreement and in conflict with the Board's position on treatment of family members.
Action: 08/15/2008. Public letter of concern issued.

STURDIVANT, Mark Cooper, MD

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co)
License #: 000039377 | Specialty: GS (as reported by physician)
Cause: The Board is concerned that Dr. Sturdivant treated a patient for a peripheral nerve lesion. He removed what he believed to be a fibroma, but instead the lesion was a schwannoma. The manner in which the lesion was removed caused the patient to suffer right common peroneal nerve injury.
Action: 09/15/2008. Public letter of concern issued.

REAVES, John Earl, MD

Location: Mount Holly, NC (Gaston Co) | DOB: 04/16/1962
License #: 000038828
Medical Ed: University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham (1987)
Cause: The Board is concerned that Dr. Reaves prescribed medications to several patients for the treatment of chronic pain without keeping accurate and complete patient charts

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documenting his evaluations, consultations, treatment plans and objectives, and periodic reviews or patients' pain treatment. Further, the Board is concerned that in many cases, Dr. Reaves may have missed or overlooked warning signs that patients were at high risk of medication abuse or diversion.

Action: 08/22/2008. Public letter of concern issued.

WINFIELD, John Buckner, MD

Location: Boone, NC (Watauga Co)
License #: 000022450 | Specialty: RHU/IM (as reported by physician)

Cause: The Board is concerned that Dr. Winfield prescribed medication to his sister, which is in conflict with the Board's position on treatment of family members. It is the Board's position that, except for minor illnesses and emergencies, physicians should not treat or prescribe for their family members.

Action: 10/23/2008. Public letter of concern issued.

See Consent Orders:

CLAYTON, Christy Lou, MD

WEINTRAUB, Richard Alan, MD

COURT APPEALS/STAYS

NONE

CONSENT ORDERS LIFTED

AARONS, Mark Gold, MD

Location: Rockingham, NC (Richmond Co)
License #: 000031233 | Specialty: Nephrology, IM (as reported by physician)

Action: 10/22/2008. Consent Order terminated

HARRIS, Dennis Bret, PA

Location: Goldsboro, NC (Wayne Co)

License #: 000102356

Action: 10/17/2008. Consent Order terminated

MABE, Layla Myers, NP

Location: Hamlet, NC (Richmond Co)

License#: 000900378

Cause: No longer needed.

Action: 08/25/2008. Order terminating consent order issued.

MARTONE, Arlene Rae, MD

Location: Venice, Fla.

License#: 000018781 | Specialty: OB/GYN (as reported by physician)

Action: 08/26/2008. Order terminating consent order issued.

TAYLOR, Dennis Absher, NP

Location: Charlotte, NC (Mecklenburg Co)

License #: 005001488

Action: 10/20/2008. Consent Order terminated

TEMPORARY/DATED LICENSES: ISSUED, EXTENDED, EXPIRED, OR REPLACED BY FULL LICENSES

LARSON, Michael Joseph, MD

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co)

License #: 000028661 | Specialty: R (as reported by physician)

Action: 03/27/2008. Temporary/dated license issued to expire on 09/30/2008.

LARSON, Michael Joseph, MD

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co)

License #: 000028661 | Specialty: R (as reported by physician)

Action: 09/18/2008. Temporary/dated medical license issued to expire 9/30/2009.

MCMANUS, Shea Eamonn, MD

Location: Oxford, NC (Granville Co)

License #: 009701056 | Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)

Action: 03/27/2008. Temporary/dated license issued to expire on 03/31/2009.

ROSNER, Michael John, MD

Location: Hendersonville, NC (Henderson Co)

License #: 000026865 | Specialty: NS (as reported by physician)

Action: 09/18/2008. Temporary/dated medical license issued to expire 11/30/2008.

VAUGHAN, Howell Anderson, PA

Location: Knightdale, NC (Wake Co)

License #: 000101513

Action: 03/27/2008. Temporary/dated license issued to expire on 01/31/2009.

WHITLOCK, Gary Thomas, III, MD

Location: New Bern, NC (Craven Co)

License #: 000024331 | Specialty: EM (as reported by physician)

Action: 03/27/2008. Temporary/dated license issued to expire on 03/31/2009.

WHITMER, Gilbert Gomer, Jr., MD

Location: Fayetteville, NC (Cumberland Co)

License #: 000036854 | Specialty: OS (as reported by physician)

Action: 03/27/2008. Full and unrestricted license issued.

WESSEL, Richard Frederick, Jr., MD

Location: Coinjock, NC (Currituck Co)

License #: 009600772 | Specialty: C (as reported by physician)

Action: 03/27/2008. Full and unrestricted license issued.

WILLIAMS, Dwight Morrison, MD

Location: Roanoke Rapids, NC (Halifax Co)

License #: 000033577 | Specialty: GP (as reported by physician)

Action: 03/27/2008. Full and unrestricted license issued.

DISMISSALS

WISE, Matthew Jay, MD

Location: Gallup, NM

License#: 200000331 | Specialty: OB/GYN (as reported by physician)

Action: 08/27/2008. Dismissal of charges issued June 14, 2007, without prejudice.

REENTRY AGREEMENTS

NONE