

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD
Board Orders/Consent Orders/Other Board Actions
January-February 2007

DEFINITIONS

Annulment:

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

Conditions:

A term used 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 authorization to practice, or the conditions placed on 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:

Decision denying an application for practice authorization or reconsideration of a 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 authorization to practice. Authorization may not be reissued for at least two years.

Stay:

Full or partial stopping or halting of a legal action, such as suspension, on certain stipulated grounds.

Summary Suspension:

Immediate withdrawal of 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 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 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.)

ANNULMENTS

NONE

REVOCATIONS

NONE

SUSPENSIONS

See Consent Orders:

CARBONE, Dominick John, Jr, MD
CHAVIS, Robert Michael, Physician Assistant
McMANUS, Shea Eamonn, MD
RUSSELL, Anthony Otis, MD
SPENCER, John Herbert, Physician Assistant
WEED, Barry Christopher, MD

SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS

McKEEL, Cameron Roberts, Physician Assistant

Location: Asheville, NC (Buncombe Co) | DOB: 1/09/1968

License #: 0001-03586

PA Education: College of Health Sciences, Virginia (2002)

Cause: Mr McKeel may be unable to practice as a physician assistant with reasonable skill and safety as shown by the Board's Notice of Charges and Allegations, Notice of Hearing dated 2/01/2007.

Action: 2/01/2007. Order of Summary Suspension of License issued: Mr McKeel's license physician assistant license is suspended on service of this Order.

NG, Chun-Ho Patrick, MD

Location: Kannapolis, NC (Cabarrus Co) | DOB: 4/06/1959

License #: 0000-32813 | Specialty: FP (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Medical College of Georgia (1985)

Cause: The Board has information that Dr Ng repeatedly committed unprofessional conduct by his departure from or failure to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice or the ethics of the medical profession. His offending conduct is described in the full Order of Summary Suspension and in the Notice of Charges and Allegations dated 2/22/2007.

Action: 2/22/2007. Order of Summary Suspension of License : Dr Ng's North Carolina medical license is suspended on service of this Order.

CONSENT ORDERS

CARBONE, Dominick John, Jr, MD

Location: Winston-Salem, NC (Forsyth Co) | DOB: 8/09/1965

License #: 0097-00498 | Specialty: US (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: University of Michigan (1990)

Cause: Dr Carbone engaged in a sexual relationship with one of his patients from approximately December 2005 to March 2006. He voluntarily surrendered his license in January 2007. He has completed an in-depth evaluation at the Professional Renewal Center in Kansas and has entered into a contract with the NCPHP.

Action: 2/21/2007. Consent Order executed: Dr Carbone's North Carolina medical license is indefinitely suspended.

CHAVIS, Robert Michael, Physician Assistant

Location: Raeford, NC (Hoke Co) | DOB: 7/28/1955

License #: 0001-01956

PA Education: Trevecca Nazarene College (1992)

Cause: From 2002 to 2005, Mr Chavis wrote numerous prescriptions for five patients without keeping a patient record. For several of the patients, he wrote multiple prescriptions for controlled substances. Prescriptions for those patients were on blanks for the Hoke County Health Center and several other clinics where there is no record of the patients. Some prescriptions were written on days Mr Chavis was not working. In November 2005, he issued two prescriptions for a single narcotic to one of the patients and they were filled at different pharmacies. Many of the prescriptions involved did not include Mr Chavis' name or the name and phone number of his supervising physician.

Action: 2/21/2007. Consent Order executed: Mr Chavis' PA license is suspended for two years; suspension will be stayed on April 30, 2007, and he shall be placed on probation based on specific requirements; prior to resuming practice he must obtain site approval from the president of the Board; he shall work only at a site where a physician is present on-site when the clinic is open; prior to resuming practice, he must have a plan of reentry into practice that includes having his charts co-signed by his supervising physician within seven days for the first six months; he shall permit random inspections of his office and records by Board investigators; must comply with other requirements.

CLARKE, Theresa Sharon, Physician Assistant

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co) | DOB: 1/15/1959

License #: 0001-03209

PA Education: Cornell Medical School (1994)

Cause: In March 2006, the Board learned Ms Clarke had been discharged from her position and failed to complete certain patient charts following her dismissal. In June 2006, the Board reviewed her medical records for five patient and found she failed to maintain adequate records.

Action: 1/23/2007. Consent Order executed: Ms Clarke is reprimanded; she shall strictly comply with the Board's Position Statement on Medical Record Documentation; within six months, she shall attend an acceptable records training course and provide proof of satisfactory completion of the course; must comply with other requirements.

FREEMAN, Tyler Ira, MD

Location: Charlotte, NC (Mecklenburg Co) | DOB: 2/01/1934

License #: 0000-25706 | Specialty: IM/OM (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Chicago Medical School (1959)

Cause: On application for reinstatement of license. The Board indefinitely suspended Dr Freeman's North Carolina medical license in October 2005 because he had allowed someone not a physician to perform chelation therapy and medical acts and to prescribe medications in his name without his ever examining the patients.

Action: 2/23/2007. Consent Order executed: Dr Freeman is issued a full, unrestricted medical license; he shall meet with the Board in May 2007; he shall confirm his CME credits in May 2007; he intends to work for Global Labs as a medical review officer and conduct disability evaluations for the state, but before beginning any other employment he must get site approval from the president of the Board; must comply with other requirements.

GALYON, Ronald Curtis, MD

Location: Virginia Beach, VA | DOB: 8/12/1953

License #: 2003-01531 | Specialty: OS (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Eastern Virginia Medical School (1986)

Cause: Request for amended Consent Order.

Action: 1/23/2007. Amended Consent Order executed: The numbered paragraphs of Dr Galyon's Consent Order of 12/18/2003 are no longer in effect; prior to resuming practice in North Carolina, however, he must obtain site approval from the president of the Board, meet with the Board, and complete a program of reentry.

HADDON, Werner Scott, MD

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co) | DOB: 5/27/1959

License #: 0000-35356 | Specialty: GS/EM (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: University of North Carolina School of Medicine (1985)
Cause: In 2005, Dr Haddon entered into an Agreement and Stipulation with the South Carolina Board. He admitted that following a difficult divorce he made certain non-specific threatening statements in recorded phone conversations and that his ex-wife filed a complaint against him in June 2004. Law enforcement authorities determined there was a high risk that Dr Haddon would engage in violent or dangerous behavior. In July 2004, he was arrested on a charge of stalking and was incarcerated. In October, the South Carolina Board ordered him to be evaluated. The evaluation stated in part that he did not appear to appreciate the seriousness of his behavior and recommended treatment. In February 2006, the South Carolina Board reprimanded Dr Haddon and ordered he undergo evaluation and treatment within 90 days. In November 2006, Dr Haddon underwent an assessment by the NCPHP, after which it recommended he undergo outpatient therapy.
Action: 2/21/2007. Consent Order executed: Dr Haddon is reprimanded; he shall maintain and abide by a contract with the NCPHP and follow all recommendations made by the NCPHP; must comply with other requirements.

HAMBURGER, David Phillip, MD

Location: Baltimore, MD | DOB: 11/17/1946
License #: 2000-00224 | Specialty: PD/ADM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: New York University School of Medicine (1972)
Cause: Dr Hamburger's North Carolina medical license has been inactive since 2004. He has been employed as medical director by several out-of-state organizations since 1997. He has not practiced clinical medicine since that time and does not intend to do so now.
Action: 2/09/2007. Non-Disciplinary Consent Order executed: Dr Hamburger is granted a limited administrative license and shall not engage in clinical practice; prior to resuming clinical practice, he must obtain approval of the Board's president for a practice site and for a plan to update his skills.

LASSITER, Alan Kent, MD

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co) | DOB: 7/09/1956
License #: 2007-00151 | Specialty: Admin Med/ PD (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Texas, Galveston (1981)
Cause: On application for licensure. Dr Lassiter has been president and CEO of several medical business consulting firms since 2001. He has not been involved in clinical practice. He has no plans to practice clinical medicine at present.
Action: 1/22/2007. Consent Order executed: Dr Lassiter is granted an administrative license limited to administrative medicine and not to include clinical practice; should he plan to resume clinical practice, he must obtain approval of a plan to update his skills and approval of the practice site by the president of the Board.

McMANUS, Shea Eamonn, MD

Location: Wilmington, NC (New Hanover Co) | DOB: 11/04/1965
License #: 0097-01056 | Specialty: IM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Tulane University (1994)
Cause: Dr McManus has a recent history of alcohol and substance abuse. New Hanover Regional Medical Center changed his staff privileges in October 2006 and the Board learned from Dr McManus that he underwent 14 weeks of inpatient treatment for alcohol and drug addiction beginning in August 2006. He has remained alcohol and drug-free since then.
Action: 1/21/2007. Consent Order executed: Dr McManus' North Carolina medical license is indefinitely suspended.

MERRITT, Benjamin Keith, MD

Location: Whiteville, NC (Columbus Co) | DOB: 5/15/1953
License #: 0094-00930 | Specialty: OB/GYN/FP (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of North Carolina School of Medicine (1992)
Cause: Dr Merritt prescribed medication for a patient, with whom he had a significant emotional relationship, and her family without preparing or keeping a medical record.

Action: 2/26/2007. Consent Order executed: Dr Merritt is reprimanded; he shall abide by his NCPHP contract; must comply with other requirements.

MOSS, John Simpson, Sr, MD

Location: Weldon, NC (Halifax Co) | DOB: 10/03/1952

License #: 2007-00158 | Specialty: OS/SM (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Virginia Commonwealth University (1979)

Cause: On application for licensure. Dr Moss has a history of substance abuse. He entered treatment at Farley Center in Virginia in 2003 has maintained sobriety since then. He has a monitoring contract with the Virginia Impaired Physician Program and is under contract with the NCPHP, which specifies he will be monitored for two years when he moves to North Carolina.

Action: 2/09/2007. Non-Disciplinary Consent Order executed: Dr Moss is issued a North Carolina medical license; unless lawfully prescribed by someone else, he shall refrain from the use of mind- or mood-altering substances, including alcohol, and he shall inform the Board within 10 days of such use, noting the prescriber and the pharmacy filling the prescription; at the Board's request, he shall supply bodily fluids or tissues to allow screening for use of such substances; he shall maintain and abide by a contract with the NCPHP; must comply with other requirements.

OKOSE, Peter Chukwuemeka, MD

Location: Texas City, TX | DOB: 1/08/1954

License #: 0000-39979 | Specialty: IM/Pharm (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: University Ibadan, Nigeria (1981)

Cause: In July 2006, the Texas Board summarily suspended Dr Okose's Texas medical license on allegations he failed to conform to minimal standards of medical practice, failed to keep adequate records, and prescribed medications inappropriately. Based on its investigation, the Texas Board found cause to reprimand him, place him on probation for 10 years, prohibit him from practicing chronic pain management, prohibit him from supervising mid-level practitioners, and take other actions against him.

Action: 2/23/2007. Consent Order executed: Dr Okose is reprimanded; he shall comply with all requirements set in the Texas Consent Order.

ROSS, Robert Edward, Jr, MD

Location: Hendersonville, NC (Henderson Co) | DOB: 9/22/1963

License #: 2001-01488 | Specialty: FP/OB/GYN (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: University of Mississippi (2000)

Cause: Dr Ross had some issues with the Tennessee Board relating to substance abuse and to competency during residency. He was required to enter a five-year agreement with the Tennessee Medical Foundation in February 2006 when the Tennessee Board issued him a license. He self-referred to the NCPHP in 2004 and the NCPHP reports he has been compliant.

Action: 1/22/2007. Non-Disciplinary Consent Order executed: Dr Ross shall maintain and abide by an NCPHP contract; unless lawfully prescribed by someone else, he shall refrain from the use of mind- or mood-altering substances, including alcohol, and he shall inform the Board within 10 days of such use, noting the prescriber and the pharmacy filling the prescription; at the Board's request, he shall supply bodily fluids or tissues to allow screening for use of such substances; must comply with other requirements.

RUSSELL, Anthony Otis, MD

Location: High Point, NC (Guilford Co) | DOB: 5/07/1961

License #: 0000-35491 | Specialty: AN/APN (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: New York University (1987)

Cause: Dr Russell was arrested in July 2006 in High Point and charged with three felonies: possession of Schedule II anabolic steroids, possession of precursor chemicals for methamphetamine, and possession of precursor chemicals with intent to manufacture methamphetamine. He voluntarily surrendered his medical license on July 5, 200. He is a participant in the NCPHP and is reported to be compliant. He has entered a deferred prosecution agreement with the Guilford County District Attorney's office for one year and is to be compliant with his NCPHP contract and this

Consent Order. The District Attorney has agreed to give him credit for the counseling and therapy he has completed since his license surrender.

Action: 1/18/2007. Consent Order executed: Dr Russell's medical license is indefinitely suspended and he shall not reapply for at least one year from the date of his license surrender.

SPENCER, John Herbert, Physician Assistant

Location: Rocky Mount, NC (Nash Co) | DOB: 1/16/1950
License #: 0001-02279
PA Education: University of Oklahoma (1986)
Cause: In 2004 and 2005, Mr Spencer prescribed medications for two patients he treated for pain but seldom noted in the records the medication name, dose, and other appropriate information. He also failed to perform or order adequate physical examinations for those patients and did not ask during patient visits whether the patients were receiving medications from other sources. He did note that one patient was being treated by another physician and had had surgery and that the other had a history of substance abuse, had attempted suicide, and had obtained controlled substances illegally. Mr Spencer failed to take other appropriate steps required when treating pain.

Action: 2/21/2007. Consent Order executed: Mr Spencer's PA license is suspended for six months; suspension being stayed as of March 31, 2007 based on his complying with requirements set forth in this Consent Order; for one year he shall meet weekly with his supervising physician to have his charts involving controlled substances and a random sample of his other charts reviewed and signed, not including charts of patients seen in the hospital; he shall improve his keeping of records and comply with the related position statements of the Board; he shall keep a log of all controlled substances he prescribes and have it available for inspection for one year, not including prescriptions for his hospital patients; must comply with other requirements.

TICKLE, Dewey Reid, MD

Location: Wilson, NC (Wilson Co) | DOB: 10/18/1929
License #: 0000-9903 | Specialty: R (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Duke University School of Medicine (1954)
Cause: Dr Tickle has not practiced in over seven years, though he has an active North Carolina license. In October 2005 the Board determined Dr Tickle has prescribed for himself. He was informed this was against the Board's stated position relating to self-prescribing. He was sent a Private Letter of Concern in January 2006. In April 2006, he was found to be continuing prescribing for himself. None of the prescriptions involved controlled substances. His license went inactive in February 2007.

Action: 2/23/2007. Consent Order executed: Dr Tickle is issued a Public Letter of Concern regarding his conduct.

UMESI, Joseph Jack, MD

Location: Angier, NC (Wake Co) | DOB: 10/01/1958
License #: 2004-00427 | Specialty: FP (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: East Carolina University School of Medicine (2000)
Cause: The Board has identified concerns regarding Dr Umesi's ability to practice obstetrics. It has also identified other concerns regard his practice that need attention. He reports he no longer practices obstetrics.

Action: 1/30/2007. Non-Disciplinary Consent Order executed: Before resuming practice of obstetrics, he must get Board approval; his practice shall be observed by a physician colleague for six months and that physician shall report to the Board after three months and after six months concerning Dr Umesi's clinical skills; he shall meet with members of the Board as requested.

WALKER, Rogers Smith, MD

Location: Calabash, NC (Brunswick Co) | DOB: 1/14/1953
License #: 0000-27331 | Specialty: EM/FP (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Medical University of South Carolina (1979)
Cause: Dr Walker was the supervising physician for John Alden Blake, PA, in Shallotte, NC, from October 2004 to January 2006. Mr Blake practiced in an unacceptable manner. Dr Walker failed

to take reasonable measures to ensure Mr Blake practiced appropriately, though he developed a comprehensive remediation plan concerning Mr Blake's treatment of certain patients after he became aware of the situation.

Action: 2/22/2007. Consent Order executed: Dr Walker is reprimanded.

WEED, Barry Christopher, MD

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co) | DOB: 7/06/1969

License #: 2002-00625 | Specialty: P (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: East Carolina University School of Medicine (1998)

Cause: Dr Weed has a history of alcoholism and abusing other substances. He entered the NCPHP after graduation from medical school and was reported to be compliant with that program. However, beginning in 2002, he began to believe he could drink in moderation. In 2005, he had a single-vehicle accident and was charged with DWI. He disclosed this incident on his 2006 registration, but a criminal record check found he had not disclosed certain misdemeanor convictions on his license application. He said he did not believe he had to report those events because they happened when he was a teenager. He entered inpatient treatment for his abuse problem in June 2006 and reports he successfully completed treatment. He surrendered his license in November 2006.

Action: 1/18/2007. Consent Order executed: Dr Weed's medical license is suspended indefinitely effective November 27, 2006.

WHITE, Steven William, Physician Assistant

Location: Fayetteville, NC (Cumberland Co) | DOB: 12/19/1962

License #: 0001-02116

PA Education: Midwestern University (1996)

Cause: Request for amended Consent Order.

Action: 1/31/2007. Amended Consent Order executed: Mr White is issued a temporary/dated license to expire on the date shown on the license [7/31/21007]; his supervising or back-up supervising physician must be on-site not less than 10 full work days a month; must comply with other conditions.

WINGFIELD, Thomas Whetsell, MD

Location: Gastonia, NC (Gaston Co) | DOB: 1/10/1939

License #: 0000-17744 | Specialty: AN (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: University of Maryland (1965)

Cause: In 2006, Dr Wingfield prescribed drugs to a close friend who was not his patient, did not document the prescriptions, and did not discuss the person's treatment with the treating physician. Also in 2006, he prescribed drugs to a close relative without documentation.

Action: 1/16/2007. Consent Order executed: Dr Wingfield is reprimanded; must comply with the Board's position statement on Self-Treatment and Treatment of Family Members and Others with Whom Significant Emotional Relationships Exist.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS

NONE

DENIALS OF RECONSIDERATION/MODIFICATION

NONE

DENIALS OF LICENSE/APPROVAL

SUTHERLAND, James Michael, DO

Location: Tallahassee, FL | DOB: 6/05/1957

License #: 0096-00376 | Specialty: GS/VS (as reported by physician)

Medical Ed: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (1991)

Cause: Dr Sutherland failed to disclose a criminal conviction on his original application for a license in 1996 and failed to disclose a 2005 arrest on his current application for license reinstatement.

Action: 2/08/2007. Letter issued denying Dr Sutherland's application for reinstatement of his North Carolina medical license.

VINCENT, Robert Allen, MD

Location: Fitchburg, WI | DOB: 5/15/1944
License #: NA | Specialty: R (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Wisconsin Medical School (1970)
Cause: Dr Vincent failed to satisfy the Board of his qualifications for a medical license. The states of California, North Dakota, and Wisconsin has acted against his license.
Action: 2/08/2007. Letter issued denying Dr Vincent's application for a North Carolina license.

SURRENDERS

CARBONE, Dominick John, MD

Location: Winston-Salem, NC (Forsyth Co) | DOB: 8/09/1965
License #: 0097-00498 | Specialty: US (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Michigan (1990)
Action: 1/17/2007. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

HOLMBERG, Ricky David, MD

Location: Greensboro, NC (Guilford Co) | DOB: 5/17/1949
License #: 0000-28651 | Specialty: NS (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Calgary, Canada (1975)
Action: 2/01/2007. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

RIOS, Gustavo Ernesto, MD

Location: Jacksonville, NC (Onslow Co) | DOB: 9/13/1967
License #: 2006-01305 | Specialty: PD (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Faculty of Medicine, Autonomous University of Guadalajara (1998)
Action: 2/17/2007. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

SQUIRE, Edward Noonan, Jr, MD

Location: West End, NC (Moore Co) | DOB: 11/27/1948
License #: 0098-01509 | Specialty: AI/PD (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Kentucky (1974)
Action: 2/01/2007. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

STEINER, Drew John, MD

Location: Elkin, NC (Surry Co) | DOB: 12/03/1962
License #: 0099-01479 | Specialty: FP/EM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Georgetown University (1989)
Action: 1/11/2007. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

WHITLOCK, Gary Thomas, III, MD

Location: Jacksonville, NC (Onslow Co) | DOB: 7/15/1948
License #: 0000-24331 | Specialty: EM/ADDM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of North Carolina School of Medicine (1978)
Action: 2/01/2007. Voluntary surrender of North Carolina medical license.

PUBLIC LETTERS OF CONCERN

KING, Joseph John, MD

Location: Monroe, NC (Union Co) | DOB: 12/27/1946
License #: 0000-22933 | Specialty: OS (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Jefferson Medical College (1973)

Cause: Payment of a claim on his behalf arising out of the delayed diagnosis and treatment of a patient's injury that resulted in a worse outcome after subsequent surgery.
Action: 2/27/2007. Public Letter of Concern issued: Dr King is admonished and cautioned that a repetition of such practice may lead to disciplinary proceedings.

McNEAL, JoAnn Erlene, Physician Assistant

Location: Raleigh, NC (Wake Co) | DOB: 10/24/1956
License #: 0010-00807
PA Education: Charles R. Drew University of Med and Science (1983)
Cause: Action was taken in 1987 against Ms McNeal through a Stipulation Settlement with the California Board based on her alteration of the expiration date on her California Interim Approval card in 1985 and her practicing with an expired card for two months. She was placed on probation for three years. She disclosed this information on her application to the North Carolina Medical Board and has had no other actions against her since that time.
Action: 1/02/2007. Public Letter of Concern issued: Ms McNeal is cautioned that a repetition of behavior similar to that that led to the California action may lead to disciplinary proceedings.

PULEO, Joel Gregg, MD

Location: Pinehurst, NC (Moore Co) | DOB: 9/15/1953
License #: 0000-27965 | Specialty: OB/GYN (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Duke University School of Medicine (1979)
Cause: Dr Puleo performed an in-office surgical procedure and the patient suffered complications requiring transfer to a hospital. He did not have admitting privileges at the hospital and another physician completed the surgery. Dr Puleo did not directly contact the accepting physician to advise him of the nature of the patient's condition prior to her arrival. The complications could not have been predicted and the Board does not fault him for those.
Action: 2/01/2007. Public Letter of Concern issued: Dr Puleo is cautioned that repetition of similar facts and circumstances may lead to disciplinary proceedings.

STALLINGS, Martin Wade, MD

Location: Kings Mountain, NC (Cleveland Co) | DOB: 6/30/1943
License #: 0000-19089 | Specialty: PD (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Alabama (1969)
Cause: Writing prescriptions for family members.
Action: 1/30/2007. Public Letter of Concern issued: Dr Stallings is admonished and he is cautioned that repetition of the practice may lead to disciplinary proceedings.

TALLAPUREDDY, Sreedhar Reddy, MD

Location: Charlotte, NC (Mecklenburg Co) | DOB: 12/10/1973
License #: RTL | Specialty: OB/GYN (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Osmania Medical College, India (1998)
Cause: Dr Tallapureddy accepted a Consent Order with the Texas Board reprimanding his license in that state. Texas acted because he failed to report previous disciplinary action in Oklahoma, where he was placed on probation during residency. Charges were filed and then dismissed by the Oklahoma Board. He states his failure to report those actions was unintentional.
Action: 2/02/2007. Public Letter of Concern issued: Dr Tallapureddy is admonished and is cautioned to be completely candid when applying for licenses in future. Complaints about any failure in this regard may lead to disciplinary proceedings.

See Consent Orders:

TICKLE, Dewey Reid, MD

COURT APPEALS/STAYS

NONE

CONSENT ORDERS LIFTED

BLEVINS, Douglas Dane, MD

Location: Durham, NC (Durham Co) | DOB: 8/31/1950
License #: 2005-00141 | Specialty: IM/Inf Dis (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Virginia School of Medicine (1976)
Action: 2/02/2007. Order issued lifting Consent Order of 2/07/2005.

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

See Consent Orders:

WHITE, Steven William, Physician Assistant

DISMISSALS**KHAN, Ahmed Iqbal, MD**

Location: Plano, TX | DOB: 6/13/1946
License #: 0000-38790 | Specialty: VS/GS (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Dacca, Bangladash (1972)
Cause: Good cause to dismiss was determined following hearing.
Action: 1/30/2007. Order Dismissing Charges Without Prejudice issued. Charges of 7/13/2006 are dismissed without prejudice.

MASON, Rudolph Amadeus George, MD

Location: Norcross, GA | DOB: 12/10/1965
License #: 2002-00954 | Specialty: FP/SM (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Howard University (1994)
Cause: Good cause to dismiss was determined following hearing.
Action: 1/31/2007. Order Dismissing Charges Without Prejudice issued. Charges of 5/30/2006 are dismissed without prejudice.

REENTRY AGREEMENTS**BLEVINS, Douglas Dane, MD**

Location: Durham, NC (Durham Co) | DOB: 8/31/1950
License #: 2005-00141 | Specialty: IM/ID (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: University of Virginia School of Medicine (1976)
Cause: Dr Blevins has not practiced clinical medicine since September 2003. His CME is current.
Action: 2/12/2007. Reentry Agreement executed: Dr Blevins is issued a North Carolina medical license; his practice shall be observed by a physician colleague for six months and that physician shall report to the Board within 30 days after that period concerning Dr Blevin's clinical skills; he shall meet with members of the Board as requested.

BYRD, Lelan Clinton, MD

Location: Zirconia, NC (Henderson Co) | DOB: 10/30/1955
License #: 0000-34262 | Specialty: US (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Medical College of Georgia (1986)
Cause: Dr Byrd has not been in practice since September 2001.
Action: 1/23/2007. Reentry Agreement executed: Dr Byrd is issued a North Carolina medical license; his practice shall be observed by a physician colleague for 12 months and that physician shall report to the Board after six months and after 12 months concerning Dr Byrd's clinical skills; he shall meet with members of the Board as requested.

GOSFIELD, Edward, III, MD

Location: Asheville, NC (Buncombe Co) | DOB: 10/30/1948
License #: 2007-00160 | Specialty: PM/Rehab
Medical Ed: University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine (1989)
Cause: Dr Gosfield has not practiced clinical medicine since October 2004. His CME is current.
Action: 2/20/2007. Reentry Agreement executed: Dr Gosfield is issued a North Carolina medical license; his practice shall be observed by a physician colleague for three months and that physician shall report to the Board within 30 days after that period concerning Dr Gosfield's clinical skills; he shall meet with members of the Board as requested.

KROEGER, Christopher Allan, MD

Location: Chapel Hill, NC (Orange Co) | DOB: 3/30/1968
License #: 2007-00162 | Specialty: GS (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Stanford University School of Medicine (1996)
Cause: Dr Kroeger has not practiced clinical medicine since July 2003. He agrees his practice will be limited in specified ways.
Action: 2/19/2007. Reentry Agreement executed: Dr Kroeger is issued a North Carolina medical license; his practice shall be observed by a physician colleague for six months and that physician shall report to the Board after the six months concerning Dr Kroeger's clinical skills; he shall practice only as specified; he shall meet with members of the Board as requested.

KUHL, Lauren Elizabeth, Physician Assistant

Location: Cary, NC (Wake Co) | DOB: 9/25/1967
License #: 0010-00805
PA Education: Yale University School of Medicine (2003)
Cause: Ms Kuhl has not practiced since November 2004.
Action: 1/18/2007. Reentry Agreement executed: Ms Kuhl is issued a North Carolina PA license; her practice shall be observed by her supervising physician for 12 months and that physician shall report to the Board after six months and after 12 months concerning Ms Kuhl's clinical skills; she shall meet with members of the Board as requested.

MORGAN, Perri Anne, Physician Assistant

Location: Chapel Hill, NC (Orange Co) | DOB: 12/27/1958
License #: 0001-01009
PA Education: Emory University (1987)
Cause: Ms Morgan has not practiced since August 2004. Her CME is current.
Action: 2/05/2007. Reentry Agreement executed: Ms Morgan is issued a North Carolina PA license; her practice shall be observed by her supervising physician for six months and that physician shall report to the Board after three months and after six months concerning Ms Morgan's clinical skills; she shall meet with members of the Board as requested.

STUART, Paula Shropshire, Physician Assistant

Location: Winston-Salem, NC (Forsyth Co) | DOB: 11/06/1974
License #: 0010-00811
PA Education: Wake Forest University School of Medicine (2004)
Cause: Ms Stuart has not practiced since completing her education in 2004.
Action: 2/06/2007. Ms Stuart is issued a North Carolina PA license; her practice shall be observed by her supervising physician, working on-site, for six months and that physician shall report to the Board after those six months concerning her clinical skills; she shall meet with members of the Board as requested.

WALKER, Cheryl Lynn, MD

Location: Charlotte, NC (Mecklenburg Co) | DOB: 11/17/1958
License #: 2007-00157 | Specialty: IM/AI (as reported by physician)
Medical Ed: Duke University School of Medicine (1984)
Cause: Dr Walker has not practiced clinical medicine since April 2003. Her CME is current.

Action: 2/09/2007. Reentry Agreement executed: Dr Walker is issued a North Carolina medical license; her practice shall be observed by a physician colleague for 12 months and that physician shall report to the Board quarterly concerning Dr Walker's clinical skills; she shall meet with members of the Board as requested.