

# **MINUTES**

North Carolina Medical Board

**April 12, 2006**

**1203 Front Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Minutes of the Open Sessions of the North Carolina Medical Board Meeting of April 12, 2006.

The April 12, 2006, meeting of the North Carolina Medical Board was held at the Board's Office, 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609. The meeting was called to order at 8:17 a.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2006, by Robert C. Moffatt, MD, President. Board members in attendance were: H. Arthur McCulloch, MD, President Elect; Janelle A. Rhyne, MD, Secretary; Mr. Aloysius P. Walsh, Treasurer; E. K. Fretwell, PhD; Robin N. Hunter Buskey, PA-C; Donald E. Jablonski, DO; Ralph C. Loomis, MD; Michael E. Norins, MD; Sarvesh Sathiraju, MD; George L. Saunders, III, MD; and Dicky S. Walia.

Staff members present were: R. David Henderson, JD, Executive Director; Thomas W. Mansfield, JD, Legal Department Director; Brian Blankenship, Board Attorney; Marcus Jimison, JD, Board Attorney; Katherine Carpenter, JD, Board Attorney; Todd Brosius, JD, Board Attorney; Ms. Wanda Long, Legal Assistant; Ms. Lynne Edwards, Legal Assistant; Mr. Curtis Ellis, Investigative Department Director; Don R. Pittman, Investigator/Compliance Coordinator; Mr. Edmund Kirby-Smith, Investigator; Ms. Jenny Olmstead, Senior Investigative Coordinator; Ms. Barbara Rodrigues, Investigative Coordinator; Mr. Dale Breaden, Director of Communications and Public Affairs; Ms. Dena Marshall, Public Affairs Assistant; Mrs. Joy D. Cooke, Licensing Director; Ms. Michelle Allen, Licensing Supervisor; Ms. Amy Ingram, Licensing Assistant; Ms. Carol Puryear, Licensing Assistant; Ms. Lori King, Physician Assistant Coordinator; Ms. Quanta Williams, Physician Extender Coordinator; Jesse Roberts, MD, Medical Director; Michael Sheppa, MD, Assistant Medical Director; Ms. Judie Clark, Complaint Department Director; Mrs. Sharon Squibb-Denslow, Complaint Department Assistant; Ms. Sherry Hyder, Complaint Summary Coordinator; Ms. Patricia Paulson, Malpractice/Medical Examiner Coordinator; Mr. Hari Gupta, Operations Department Director; Ms. Rebecca L. Manning, Registration Coordinator; Mrs. Janice Fowler, Operations Assistant; Mr. Peter Celentano, Comptroller; Ms. Ravonda James, Receptionist; Mr. Donald Smelcer, Technology Department Director; Ms. Dawn LaSure, Human Resources Director; and Mr. Jeffery Denton, Executive Assistant/Verification Coordinator.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Presidential Remarks**

Dr. Moffatt commenced the meeting by reading from Governor Easley's Executive Order No. 1, the "ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder." No conflicts were noted.

Dr. Moffatt announced that Dr. Rhyne has been reappointed to the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Finance Committee.

### **Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest**

In accordance with Section 5(b) of Executive Order Number One ("the Order"), the North Carolina Board of Ethics completed their evaluation of the statement of economic interest in the case of Dr. Ralph Loomis. The Medical Board is in receipt of a letter from the Board of Ethics citing the following: "We did not find an actual conflict of interest. We did find a potential for conflict of interest. . . Dr. Loomis is a licensed physician. As such, he is serving on the licensing board for members of his own profession and has the potential for conflict of interest. He must exercise appropriate caution in the performance of his public duties,

including recusing himself from any official matters involving his own license or the licenses of his associates or co-workers...”

### **North Carolina Medical Society (NCMS)**

Representatives of the North Carolina Medical Society met with the Medical Board on April 12, 2006 to discuss the Medical Board’s process for evaluating reports of professional liability insurance payments (PLIP’s). The Medical Society encouraged the Medical Board to utilize outside medical experts to review cases where the Medical Board has received notice of a PLIP regarding a licensee. The Medical Society also discussed the general need to strengthen the Medical Board’s handling of PLIP’s. The Medical Society stressed the need for the Medical Board to have all the information needed to evaluate each PLIP. Medical Society representatives included: Charles F. Willson, MD, President; Darlyne Menscer, MD, President Elect; Robert W. Seligson, Executive Vice President/CEO; Stephen W. Keene, General Counsel and Deputy Executive Vice President, Government Affairs & Health Policy; and Melanie Phelps, Associate General Counsel, Health Policy.

## **MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Motion:** A motion passed that the March 15-17, 2006, Board Minutes are approved as presented.

## **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

### **HEARINGS**

#### **COYNE, Mark – Stoney Creek, NC**

Dr. Coyne was charged with unprofessional conduct, for ordering test that may not have been clinically indicated and aiding and abetting in the unlicensed practice of medicine by relying on an unlicensed physician’s interpretations.

Hearing was continued and a proposed Consent Order was presented.

Dr. Coyne was represented by Ed Hollowell.  
The Board was represented by Marcus Jimison.

BOARD ACTION: Reject Proposed Consent Order

#### **CROOM, Dorwyn, MD – Valdese, NC**

On 8-13-01 Dr. Croom, a pathologist, examined and mistakenly switched the specimens of two patient. As a result, one patient received unnecessary surgery and the other patient’s diagnosis was delayed.

A proposed Consent Order was presented for the Board’s approval.

Dr. Croom was represented by James Wilson  
The Board was represented by Brian Blankenship.

BOARD ACTION: Accept proposed Consent Order

**DIXON, Randall, PA – Philipsburg, MT  
(Out of State)**

On December 16, 2005, Dr. Dixon was issued a Notice of Revocation based on a felony conviction in Montana.

Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2006.

Mr. Dixon was not present and was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Marcus Jimison.

BOARD ACTION: Revoke PA license

**DAUITO, Ralph, MD**

On September 6, 2005, the NC Medical Board denied Dr. Dauito's application for licensure based on action taken by the New Jersey Medical Board whereby Dr. Dauito received a public reprimand, a two-year stayed suspension, was required to take a course on ethics and was assessed a fine. Dr. Dauito admitted to inappropriate treatment and/or diagnosis of a patient. Dr. Dauito requested a hearing.

Hearing continued until a later date.

Dr. Dauito was represented by Donna Eyster.  
The Board was represented by Katherine Carpenter.

BOARD ACTION: Motion for extension of time to appear granted

**DRAKE, Miles, MD – Columbus, OH  
(Out of State)**

On January 30, 2006, Dr. Drake was charged with having a license to practice medicine restricted or acted against by the licensing authority of another jurisdiction. In February and October 2005 Dr. Drake entered into Consent Orders with the Ohio Medical Board restricting his Ohio license. A Continuance is being requested.

Hearing continued to August 16, 2006.

Dr. Drake was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Todd Brosius.

BOARD ACTION: Motion to Continue Hearing was granted.

**GHEN, Mitchell, MD – Lundrum, SC  
(Out of State)**

On January 26, 2006, Dr. Ghen was charged engaging in the unlicensed practice of medicine for interpreting tests for a NC physician while not possessing a North Carolina medical license.

Hearing continued to June 14, 2006.

Dr. Ghen was represented by Denise Stanford.  
The Board was represented by Marcus Jimison.

BOARD ACTION: Motion to Continue Hearing was granted

**GREER, Michael Edward, MD – Seattle, WA  
(Out of State)**

In October 2005 the Washington Medical Board through an Agreed Order suspended Dr. Greer's medical license for five years. The suspension was stayed provided Dr. Greer complied with the restrictions and requirements of the Agreed Order, based on findings that Dr. Greer failed to act in a prudent manner in his management of a patient labor and delivery and that he prescribed medications without medical justification to 5 patients.

Hearing was continued to June 14, 2006.

Dr. Greer was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Todd Brosius.

BOARD ACTION: Motion to Continue Hearing was granted.

**HAGESITH, Christian Ellis, MD – Cherry Point, NC  
(Out of State)**

In November 2005, the Colorado Board issued a Stipulations and Final Agency Order causing Dr. Hagesith to surrender his Colorado Medical License for failing to meet generally accepted standards of practice in his care of a patient, for engaging in a sexual relationship with that patient within six months immediately following the termination of his professional relationship, and for a mental disability that would render him unable to perform medical services with reasonable skill and safety to his patients.

Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2006.

Dr. Hagesith was not present and was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Marcus Jimison.

BOARD ACTION: Revoke

**HOWARD, Charles Dewayne, M.D. – Springfield, KY**

On June 24, 2002, the Kentucky Medical Board entered an Emergency Order of Suspension suspending Dr. Howard's medical license based on his indictment on May 9, 2002, by the Washington Circuit Grand Jury for the First Degree Rape of a patient on or about March 28, 2002; indictment on June 6, 2002 by Washington Circuit Grand Jury for the First Degree Sexual Assault of a patient on or about December 1999 through January 2000; a complaint from a patient that he inappropriately touched her breasts during an office visit in approximately 1994; and a complaint from a patient that he forcibly raped her in 1965. Dr. Howard's license in North Carolina is inactive

Hearing was continued

Dr. Howard was represented by Kent Brown.  
The Board was represented by Brian Blankenship.

BOARD ACTION: Motion to Continue Hearing in order to negotiate a Tolling Agreement was granted

**IACONO, Robert Paul, MD – Madison, MS  
(Out of State)**

In September 2005, the California Board accepted the surrender of Dr. Iacono's medical license through a Stipulates Surrender of License and Order after the Board charged Dr. Iacono with dishonesty and false or fraudulent medical records for failing to report a suspension of privileges in 1999 and for unprofessional conduct for the underlying conduct that caused the suspension.

Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2006

Dr. Iacono was not present and was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Katherine Carpenter.

BOARD ACTION: Indefinite Suspension

**JEMSEK, Joseph, MD – Hunterville, NC**

Dr. Jemsek was charged with unprofessional conduct for treating patients for Lyme disease without any historical, physical, serological or other laboratory evidence. A motion to continue has been granted.

Hearing was continued to June 14, 2006.

Dr. Jemsek was represented by Jim Wilson.  
The Board was represented by Marcus Jimison.

BOARD ACTION: Motion to Continue Hearing was granted.

**JOHNSON, David Wesley, MD – Wilmington, NC**

On June 21, 2005, the Board charged Dr. Johnson with three counts of unprofessional conduct relating to boundary violations.

Hearing was continued to consider a proposed Consent Order

Dr. Johnson was represented by A.A. Canoutas.  
The Board was represented by Brian Blankenship.

BOARD ACTION: Accept proposed Consent Order

**KHAN, Abdul Rahim, MD – Hudson, FL  
(Out of State)**

On October 18, 2005, the Florida Board imposed an \$8,000 fine, issued a letter of concern, and suspended Dr. Khan's medical license, for failing to keep adequate medical records because he abruptly left two facilities and failed to provide his current address to the Florida Board.

Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2006.

Dr. Khan was not present and was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Katherine Carpenter.

BOARD ACTION: Indefinite suspension

**LOCKE, Charles John, MD  
(Out of State)**

On July 19, 2005, the New York Board entered into a surrender order with Dr. Locke, in which the Board accepted Dr. Locke's surrender as long as he did not contest he charges in which the Board alleged that the prescribed large amounts of controlled substances not justified by the medical conditions of Patients A and B.

Hearing was continued to June 14, 2006

Dr. Locke was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Todd Brosius.

BOARD ACTION: Motion to Continue Hearing was granted

**LOZANO, Joseph John, MD – Pisgah Forest, NC**

On December 15, 2005, the Board charged Dr. Lozano with 3 counts of unprofessional conduct for violations of patient-physician boundaries and prescribing controlled substances without appropriate documentation in patient's charts.

Hearing was continued to June 14, 2006

Dr. Lozano was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Brian Blankenship.

BOARD ACTION: Motion to Continue Hearing was granted

**MacGUFFIE, Martha Morgan, MD – New York, NY**

On February 27, 2006, the Board charged Dr. MacGuffie with failing to obtain the required continuing medical education hours as set forth in 21 NCAC 32R .0101.

Hearing continued to June 14, 2006

Dr. MacGuffie was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Brian Blankenship.

BOARD ACTION: Accept MD's request to go inactive. Dismiss charges with prejudice

**MARTINEZ, Fernando Jesus, MD – Baton Rouge, LA  
(Out of State)**

In a Consent Order dated July 19, 2005, the Louisiana Board placed Dr. Martinez's medical license on probation for three years, prohibited him from practicing chronic pain management, required him to surrender his controlled substance permit and required him to complete CME on record keeping and controlled substance prescribing.

Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2006

Dr. Martinez was not present and was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Katherine Carpenter.

BOARD ACTION: Indefinite Suspension

**MATTHEW-THOMPSON, Laura Jean, MD – Fayetteville, NC**

On February 1, 2006, the Board charged Dr. Matthew-Thompson with unprofessional conduct for allowing an employee to function as a physician assistant when this employee had surrendered his PA license.

Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2006

Dr. Matthew-Thompson was not present and was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Brian Blankenship.

BOARD ACTION: Revocation of medical license

**MATTHIAS, Weeza, MD – Bangor, ME**

On February 3, 2006, the Board charged Dr. Matthias with failing to respond to a Board inquiry, making false statements to the Board, and for failing to provide requested documentation related to limitations on her practice in another state.

Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2006

Dr. Matthias was not present and was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Todd Brosius

BOARD ACTION: Indefinite Suspension

**O'MEARA, James Joseph, III, MD – Gainesville, FL  
(Out of State)**

The Florida Board charged Dr. O'Meara with creating an immediate danger to patient safety by failing to have adequate supplies in an emergency crash cart and by failing to maintain adequate surgical logs. On July 1, 2005, Dr. O'Meara and the Florida Board entered into a Consent Order in which Dr. O'Meara neither admitted nor denied the allegations, but was issued a letter of concern, agreed to pay a fine, agreed to perform community service and agreed to complete a Laws and Rules course.

Hearing was not held. A pre-authorized Consent Order was signed prior to the meeting.

**MOSKOWITZ, Edward James, MD – Marion, VA  
(Out of State)**

Dr. Moskowitz was publicly censured thru Final Order on June 3, 2003, by the Virginia Board finding that Dr. Moskowitz's care, treatment, records documentation and follow up care of two patients were below the standard of care. In February 2006, the NC Medical Board ordered a 30 day stayed suspension based on the Virginia action.

A Motion to Vacate previous Board Order and a request to accept a proposed Consent Order was heard.

Dr. Moskowitz was represented by Alan Schneider.  
The Board was represented by Brian Blankenship.

BOARD ACTION: Vacate previous Board Action. Accept Proposed Consent Order.



**PANDIT, Ashok Narayan, M.D. – Panama City, FL  
(Out of State)**

On March 4, 2005, the Nevada Board denied Dr. Pandit's application for licensure based on a history of substance abuse, a recent relapse and entry into a recovery program, insufficient time to evaluate his present health, and MD providing misleading and untruthful responses to questions regarding the 2002 denial of his Nevada license

Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2006

Dr. Pandit was not present and was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Katherine Carpenter.

BOARD ACTION: Indefinite Suspension

**PATEL, Aneel, MD – Hampstead, NC  
(Out of State)**

On August 3, 2004, Dr. Patel and the West Virginia Board entered into a Consent Order with a stayed suspension provided Dr. Patel complied with West Virginia's CME requirements. On August 15, 2005, Dr. Patel provided documentation to satisfy the CME requirements, and the stayed suspension was immediately dissolved.

Hearing was not held. A pre-authorized Consent Order was signed prior to the meeting.

**PRESNELL, Tammy, PA – Reidsville, NC**

Dr. Presnell was charged with unprofessional conduct for self-prescribing samples of Ultram and for self-treating and diverting hydrocodone prescriptions for a purpose other than it was intended. PA surrendered her PA license.

Hearing continued to June 14, 2006

Dr. Presnell was present and was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Marcus Jimison.

BOARD ACTION: Motion to Continue Hearing granted

**ROARK, Steven Forest, MD – Gainesville, FL  
(Out of State)**

On July 1, 2005, Dr. Roark and the Florida Board entered into a Consent Order in which Dr. Roark neither admitted nor denied the allegations of deficiencies with his emergency crash cart and surgical logs, but was issued a letter of concern, agreed to pay a fine, and agreed to perform community service.

Hearing was not held. A pre-authorized Consent Order was signed prior to the meeting.

**SALUJA, Darshan Singh, MD – Baltimore, MD  
(Out of State)**

On July 7, 2005, the Maryland Board issued a stayed suspension on Dr. Saluja's medical license, finding that he failed to conform to the minimal standard of acceptable medical practice for failing to follow up with the appropriate consultation and diagnostic studies for a cardiac patient.

Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2006

Dr. Saluja was not present and was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Katherine Carpenter.

BOARD ACTION: Stayed suspension

**SMITH, Tracey, PA - Wilmington, NC**

On December 20, 2005, the Board charged Mr. Smith with violating the physician-assistant – patient relationship with two patients.

Hearing continued to until August 16, 2006

Mr. Smith was represented by James Wilson.  
The Board was represented by Brian Blankenship.

BOARD ACTION: Motion to Continue Hearing was granted

**STOWELL, Richard Jeremy, MD – Virginia Beach, VA  
(Out of State)**

On August 8, 2005, the Virginia Board accepted the surrender of Dr. Stowell's medical license and entered into a Consent Order finding that he kept incorrect or fraudulent patient records, prescribed controlled substances without documented rationales or adequate diagnoses, failed to date controlled substance prescriptions, failed to monitor a patient whom he prescribed benzodiazepines, maintained disorderly and illegible charts, surrendered his DEA, and intended to close practice.

Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2006

Dr. Stowell was not present and was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Katherine Carpenter.

BOARD ACTION: Indefinite Suspension

**STROUD, Joan M., PA – Gastonia, NC**

On November 14, 2005, the Board charged Ms. Stroud with violation of her January 2002 Consent Order and subsequent Amended Consent Order for admitted substance abuse in August 2005.

Hearing was continued to present proposed Consent Order

Ms. Stroud was not present and was not represented by counsel.  
The Board was represented by Brian Blankenship.

BOARD ACTION: Reject proposed Consent Order

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **21 NCAC 32M .0106 – ANNUAL RENEWAL**

Proposed rule change, which was published in the Volume 19, Issue 16, pp 1301 of the North Carolina Register, would add a registration late fee for Nurse Practitioners. A public Hearing was held on March 16, 2005. The comment period ended April 18, 2005.

BOARD ACTION: Adopt the proposed rule change.

### **21 NCAC 32S .0101 – DEFINITIONS**

A public hearing was held on March 21, 2006. Rules Review Commission objected to the existing wording in 32S .0101(d) which defined “examination” as the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination or another examination as approved by the Board. The RRC requested that the Medical Board either define the criteria for approving another examination or limit the definition to the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination.

BOARD ACTION: Adopt the proposed rule limiting that section of the rule to only the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination.

### **21 NCAC 32S .0102 – QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSE**

A public hearing was held on March 21, 2006. Rules Review Commission objected to the existing wording in 32S .0102(a)(3) which indicated that if licensed as a Physician Assistant after June 1, 1994, must have successfully passed a licensing examination approved by the Board. The RRC requested that the Medical Board either define the criteria for approving another examination or limit the definition to the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination.

BOARD ACTION: Adopt the proposed rule limiting that section of the rule to only the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination.

### **21 NCAC 32S .0104 – INACTIVE LICENSE STATUS**

A public hearing was held on March 21, 2006. Rules Review Commission objected to the proposed amended wording in 32S .0102(b) which indicated, among other things, that if a Physician Assistant wished to reactivate an inactive license, they must have successfully passed a licensing examination approved by the Board. The RRC requested that the Medical Board either define the criteria for approving another examination or limit the definition to the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination.

BOARD ACTION: Adopt the following rule limiting that section of the rule to only the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Arthur McCulloch, MD, Chair; Aloysius Walsh; George Saunders, MD; Janelle Rhyne; MD

### **The Physician-Patient Relationship – Review of Position Statement** *(McCulloch, Walsh)*

An amended position statement was reviewed and discussed in detail by the Policy Committee at the March 15, 2006 Policy Committee Meeting. At that time a motion passed for the position statement to be considered and voted on by the Full Board at a future Board Meeting thus allowing the Full Board sufficient time to review it.

**Motion:** A motion passed that the following revised position statement is approved and adopted by the Board.

*North Carolina Medical Board Position Statement*

## **THE PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP**

The duty of the physician is to provide competent, compassionate, and economically prudent care to all his or her patients. Having assumed care of a patient, the physician may not neglect that patient nor fail for any reason to prescribe the full care that patient requires in accord with the standards of acceptable medical practice. Further, it is the Board's position that it is unethical for a physician to allow financial incentives or contractual ties of any kind to adversely affect his or her medical judgment or patient care.

Therefore, it is the position of the North Carolina Medical Board that any act by a physician that violates or may violate the trust a patient places in the physician places the relationship between physician and patient at risk. This is true whether such an act is entirely self-determined or the result of the physician's contractual relationship with a health care entity. The Board believes the interests and health of the people of North Carolina are best served when the physician-patient relationship remains inviolate. The physician who puts the physician-patient relationship at risk also puts his or her relationship with the Board in jeopardy.

### *Elements of the Physician-Patient Relationship*

The North Carolina Medical Board licenses physicians as a part of regulating the practice of medicine in this state. Receiving a license to practice medicine grants the physician privileges and imposes great responsibilities. The people of North Carolina expect a licensed physician to be competent and worthy of their trust. As patients, they come to the physician in a vulnerable condition, believing the physician has knowledge and skill that will be used for their benefit.

Patient trust is fundamental to the relationship thus established. It requires that:

- there be adequate communication between the physician and the patient;
- the physician report all significant findings to the patient or the patient's legally designated surrogate/guardian/personal representative;
- there be no conflict of interest between the patient and the physician or third parties;
- personal details of the patient's life shared with the physician be held in confidence;
- the physician maintain professional knowledge and skills;
- there be respect for the patient's autonomy;
- the physician be compassionate;
- the physician respect the patient's right to request further restrictions on medical information disclosure and to request alternative communications;

- the physician be an advocate for needed medical care, even at the expense of the physician's personal interests; and
- the physician provide neither more nor less than the medical problem requires.

The Board believes the interests and health of the people of North Carolina are best served when the physician-patient relationship, founded on patient trust, is considered sacred, and when the elements crucial to that relationship and to that trust—communication, patient primacy, confidentiality, competence, patient autonomy, compassion, selflessness, appropriate care—are foremost in the hearts, minds, and actions of the physicians licensed by the Board.

This same fundamental physician-patient relationship also applies to mid-level health care providers such as physician assistants and nurse practitioners in all practice settings.

### *Termination of the Physician-Patient Relationship*

The Board recognizes the physician's right to choose patients and to terminate the professional relationship with them when he or she believes it is best to do so. That being understood, the Board maintains that termination of the physician-patient relationship must be done in compliance with the physician's obligation to support continuity of care for the patient.

The decision to terminate the relationship must be made by the physician personally. Further, termination must be accompanied by appropriate written notice given by the physician to the patient or the patient's representative sufficiently far in advance (at least 30 days) to allow other medical care to be secured. A copy of such notification is to be included in the medical record. Should the physician be a member of a group, the notice of termination must state clearly whether the termination involves only the individual physician or includes other members of the group. In the latter case, those members of the group joining in the termination must be designated. It is advisable that the notice of termination also include instructions for transfer of or access to the patient's medical records.

(Adopted July 1995)

(Amended July 1998, January 2000; March 2002, August 2003, March 2006)

## **ALLIED HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT**

Sarvesh Sathiraju, MD; Robin Hunter Buskey, PA-C; Don Jablonski, DO

### **Initial Applicants – Approved**

#### **Nurse Practitioner**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Primary Supervisor</b>	<b>Practice City</b>
Eberhard, Patricia	Andrews, Paul	Durham
Guin, Timothy	Voos, Kurt	Greenville

Hellam, Patricia	Mittal, Madhur	Jacksonville
Hill, Cynthia	Chang, Michael	Winston-Salem
Honeycutt, Sheila	Willson, Charles	New Bern
Hunter, Joanna	Brady, Joseph	Charlotte
Jackson, Kathryn	Monguilod, Juan-Carlos	Greensboro
Nessen, Cortney	Heafner, Michael	Charlotte
Perkins, Juanita	Bennett, Bernard	Durham
Polimine, Diana	Potter, Joan	Durham
Ray, Charlene	Kishbaugh, David	Fayetteville
Robinson, Mary	Long, Brian	Morganton
Shooter, Christine	Rusher, John	Araphoe
Shoulders, Glenda	Kubley, James	Roanoke Rapids
Singer, Margaret	Meijer, Mark	Roxboro
Taylor, Megan	Chiodo, Vincent	Dunn
Tigner, Jennifer	Caceres, Manuel	Charlotte
Wagoner, Karlee	Cox, Sue	Chapel Hill
Williams, Megan	Granados, Juan	Raleigh

### **Physician Assistant**

#### **Name**

Boss, Cheryl  
Buckley, Georgia  
Chapman, Jennifer  
Chasarik, Heather  
Dows, Matthew  
Edwards, Michele  
Holder, Joseph  
Norman, Kathi  
Schueller, Julie  
Sinclair, Trevor  
Spires, Rochele  
Stinson, Jeremy  
Wilson, Ashley

### **Additional Supervisor List**

#### **Nurse Practitioner**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Primary Supervisor</b>	<b>Practice City</b>
Allison, Ok Chon	Branch, Malcolm	Durham
Bass, Donna	Stevenson, Paul	Elizabeth City
Blackburn, Angela	Luoma, David	Huntersville
Blanchard, Patricia	Cooper, Joseph	Kenansville
Bowen, Donna	Kraus, William	Durham
Brown, Elizabeth	Baum, Shari	Charlotte
Brown-Prestia, Patricia	Hoyte, Sandra	Raleigh
Carroll, Herbert	Luoma, David	Huntersville
Cook, LaDonna	DuBois, Craig	Mooreville

Cook, LaDonna	Braunstein, Andrew	Mooreville
Davidson, Rosemary	DeVaul, Chanson	Elizabeth City
Davis, Melissa	Willey, Leanna	Raleigh
Dew, Dorinda	Cooper, Joseph	Kenansville
Douglass, Margaret	Broyles, William	Durham
Eastman, Jane	St. Clair, Wesley	Boone
Fulford, Wendy	De Graw, Martin	Aurora
Galbraith, Joan	Weir, Samuel	Durham
Greer, Janet	Berry, Bruce	Newton
Hibbitts, Marian	Price, Billy	Hickory
Hibbitts, Marian	Chatham, Scott	Hickory
John, Wendell	Guha, Subrata	Wake Forest
Johnson, Camille	Crews, Jennie	Washington
Killgore, John	Buss, Russell	Wilson
Lockerman, Penny	Cooper, Joseph	Kenansville
Luka, Lydia	Chang, Paul	Asheville
Madden, Reginald	Jobe, Robert	Raleigh
Morehead, Brenda	Tortora, Frank	Cary
Mudd, Magdalene	Lucas, Wayne	Pinehurst
Nadel, Gayle	Plitman, Jonathan	High Point
Nance, Andrea	Barnhill, Peggy	Calabash
Napier, Teresa	Guyton, John	Durham
Owen, Cheryl	Stack, Philip	Franklin
Price, Elayne	Doyle, Natalie	Wilson
Rustin, Corey	Khawaja, Usman	Thomasville
Thompson-Zielke, Hazel	Valedon, Francisco	Gastonia
Trandel-Korechuk, Darlene	Powderly, John	Huntersville
Trivette, Janese	Bair, Leslie	Hickory
Virgil, Kelly	Robson, Michael	Greensboro
Walker, Tonya	Patterson, Peter	Greensboro
Warren, Lena	Draughon, Thomas	Mt. Olive
Williams, Tomika	Haque, Imran	Asheboro
Zeigler, Kelly	Brady, Joseph	Charlotte

**Additional Supervisor List**

**Physician Assistant**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Primary Supervisor</b>	<b>Practice City</b>
Abbas, Almas	Dallis, James	Thomasville
Abraham, Mufiyda	Garrett, James	Jacksonville
Alley, Troy	Hurley, Peter	Hickory
Arena, Kimberly	Runyon, Michael	Charlotte
Ashley, Charity	Ingledue, Vickie	Warrensville
Avery, Leanne	McGeary, Scott	Cary
Bain, Julie	Bartelt, Perry	Kernersville
Bair, Bruce	Partridge, James	Durham

Baker, David	Piland, John	Taylorsville
Bennett, Barbara	Stephens, Wayland	Winston-Salem
Blanchard, Patricia	Pacos, Andrew	Louisburg
Blanchard, Patricia	Thurber, David	Cary
Blau, Michael	Bell, William	Winston-Salem
Blelloch, Lawrence	Kavde, Uday	Raleigh
Boettger, Peter	Smith, Anthony	Greenville
Bradshaw, Shanna	Maultsby, James	Clinton
Bresnahan, James	Maxy, Ralph	Hickory
Brooks, Laura	Girmay, Aregai	Gastonia
Brown, Loyce	Green, Arthur	Greensboro
Bruning, Kevin	Gallemore, Warren	High Point
Buchwald, Tracy	Sachdeva, Neeraj	Raleigh
Buck, Philip	Hutchinson, Michael	Fayetteville
Carlson, Ruth	Cabral, Gonzalo	Tarboro
Childers, Timothy	Daly, Claudia	Greenville
Childers, Timothy	Rodriguez, Luis	Ahoskie
Cicutto, Elizabeth	Rehman, Najeeb	Reidsville
Clark, Adele	Fleischer, Alan	Winston-Salem
Clark, Melissa	Luoma, David	Huntersville
Cline, Franklin	Williamson, Steven	Hickory
Cole, David	Olbrantz, Keith	Asheville
Comfort, Christopher	Wodecki, Bob	Statesville
	Szostak-Wodecki,	
Comfort, Christopher	Debra	Statesville
Cook, Ashly	Venable, Robert	Plymouth
Cote, Christopher	Estes, Ralph	Hendersonville
Cote, Christopher	Peckham, Robyn	Fletcher
Cote, Christopher	Rosner, Michael	Hendersonville
Cowick, Michael	Huggins, Henry	Hickory
Daignault, Thomas	Ferguson, Robert	Fayetteville
Daignault, Thomas	Reed, John	Fayetteville
D'Amico, Keith	Hussein, Diaa	Morganton
Daniel, Selwyn	Marsh, Stephen	Knightdale
Dapo, Suzanne	Chuang, Mei	Hickory
Davidson, Jeremy	Henshaw, Dan	Kinston
Davis, John	Difini, John	Gastonia
Davis, Matthew	Allen, David	Lumberton
Deakle, Mary	Kirkland, Stephen	Winston-Salem
DePold, Carry	Penrose, John	Clinton
DiBenedetto, Carla	Gottschalk, Bernard	Wilmington
Dion, Gregory	Rallis, Michael	Burgaw
Dlugos, Brian	Medford, Mark	Pinehurst
Donau, Charles	Agoncillo, Jose	Sanford
Duelm, Daniel	Peak, Edwin	Hickory
Evers, Susan	Penders, Thomas	Washington
Farmer, Kimberly	Kirtley, Samuel	Delco
Feldman, Rhonda	Igdal, Henry	Hickory
Feldman, Rhonda	James, John	Gastonia
Ferron, Christopher	Buss, Russell	Durham



Fleck, Lisa	Stackhouse, Daniel	Concord
Fowler, Melissa	Uhren, Robert	Black Mountain
Francis, Carolyn	Hayes, Daniel	Charlotte
Franks, John	O'Daniel, Mark	Goldsboro
Galinsky-Malaguti, Dana	Harrill, Willard	Hickory
Gardner, Trudie	Sanchez, John	Nags Head
Gast, Timothy	Brenner, Mark	Pinehurst
Gibson, Airely	Rogers, John	Clyde
Greene, Kevin	Jemsek, Joseph	Huntersville
Han, Sara	Smith, Ronald	Fayetteville
Harbieh, Jamil	Moore, Kenneth	Roanoke Rapids
Harkness, Gale	Irion, James	Yadkinville
Haugen, Jennifer	Russell, Larry	Hendersonville
Hensler, Robert	Christiansen, Sara	Carolina Beach
Hickey, Michael	Kruber, Christopher	Monroe
Hitter, Scott	Batish, Sanjay	Leland
Howard, Joy	Davidson, Larry	Concord
Huber, Gundula	Kiser, Andy	Pinehurst
Icard, Terry	Leonhardt, Gary	Greenville
Icard, Terry	Brown, Cynthia	Greenville
James, Laura	Naveira, Francisco	Burlington
Jenkins, Walter	Yarnall, Kimberly	Durham
Jennings, Willard	Wesley, Robert	Raleigh
Jones, Teresa	Webb, Leslie	Gastonia
Justice, Brenda	Sashidhar, Sreelekha	Fayetteville
Kapa, Stephen	Reed, John	Fayetteville
Kay, Kimberly	Perino, Lisa	Asheville
Kazda, John	Uba, Daniel	Fayetteville
Keller, Philip	Hoidal, Charles	Elizabeth City
Kinnally, Steven	Jackson, Anita	Clayton
Kowaleski, Jennie	Zacco, Arthur	Apex
Kubicki, Theresa	Marsh, Stephen	Knightdale
Land, Phillip	Smith, Ronnie	Randleman
Langston, Dante	Beittel, Timothy	Wilmington
Langston, Jonathan	Thomas, Ricky	Shalote
Leamy, Gregory	Tyner, Michael	Raleigh
Levine, Felicia	Sivaraj,	
Lewis, Kenneth	Thamotharampillai	Holly Springs
Liepins, Andrew	Krahnert, John	Pinehurst
Liepins, Andrew	Tyner, Michael	Cary
Liepins, Andrew	Palombaro, James	Raleigh
Loeffler, Jennifer	Enochs, Paul	Raleigh
Lovato, Frank	Mangone, Peter	Asheville
Lowcher, Donna	Johnson, Earlie	Jacksonville
Ly, Kao Nu	Romano, Noemi	Manteo
Mack, Side	Perez, Luis	Charlotte
Malivuk, William	Ameen, William	Jamestown
Marcinowski, Thomas	Gallemore, Warren	High Point
	Batish, Sanjay	Leland

Martinez, Maria	Gasque, Boyd	Lumberton
McBride, Nancy	Christiansen, Sara	Carolina Beach
McBride, Nancy	Batish, Sanjay	Leland
McCain, Wilda	Khan, Iqbal	Laurinburg
McCann, Sarah	Ng, Wing	Raleigh
McKeel, Cameron	Russell, Larry	Hendersonville
Melgar, Tammy	Daly, Claudia	Greenville
Melia, Emily	Childs, Thomas	Indian Trail
Melia, Emily	Kendrick, Alfred	Indian Trail
Moench, Carolyn	Hill, Edward	Winston-Salem
Morris, Charlene	Bankov, Robert	Cherry Point
Mullen, Catherine	McHutchison, John	Durham
Murphy, Stacy	Luoma, David	Huntersville
Nevels, Marcella	Dalton, Thomas	Concord
O'Brien, Sharon	McCain, Glenn	Charlotte
O'Connor, Brian	Tokunboh, Julius	Charlotte
Patel, Siddhi	Park, Richard	Charlotte
Payne, Mark	Loke, Monica	High Point
Peterson, Jayme	Uba, Daniel	Fayetteville
Phillips, James	Hargett, Franklin	Sanford
Phillips, James	Lay, Jennifer	Fort Bragg
Poland-Torres, Denise	Proctor, Camilla	Rocky Mount
Polinsky, Rosemarie	Price, Kenneth	Durham
Poulard, Robert	Jackson, Anita	Lumberton
Poulard, Robert	Ugah, Nwannadiya	Lumberton
Powell, Emily	Long, Frank	Concord
Powers, Laurie	Lesica, John	Fayetteville
Priddy, Richard	Christiano, Cynthia	Greenville
Prouty, Mary	Krubert, Christopher	Monroe
Prouty, Mary	Vorwald, Frederick	Mooreville
Pulliam, Charles	Torontow, Christopher	Siler City,
Quinn, C.	Daly, Claudia	Greenville
Rainwater, Marvin	Cook, Brian	Greensboro
Randolph, Mark	Buss, Russell	Wilson
Rayburn, Eric	Phillips, David	Whiteville
Reale, Robyn	Broyles, William	Durham
Reeves, David	Maultsby, James	Clinton
Reilly, Edward	Laxer, Eric	Charlotte
Rendall, David	Berger, Peter	Durham
Rinehuls, David	Deveshwar, Sanjeev	Greensboro
Rivera, Glen	Skipper, Eric	Charlotte
Roberts, Wendy	Westman, Eric	Winston-Salem
Romblad, Katrina	Landis, Darryl	Winston-Salem
Runyan, Tami	Johnson, Michael	Goldsboro
Ryan, Casey	Chiang, Karl	Greenville
	Permashwar,	
Sanderson, Alex	Balichand	Pembroke
Savard, Paul	Johnson, Jeremy	Hickory
Sears, Stephanie	Heron, Kerrie-Anne	Wilson
Shar, Gina	Bissette, Stephen	Winston-Salem

Shea, Daniel	Orange, Melanie	Marion
Shropshire-Atkins, Wendy	Pridgen, James	Wilmington
Simoni, Jennifer	Guha, Subrata	Clayton
Simoni, Jennifer	Godbout, Christopher	Cary
Sims, Ginger	Lederer, James	Winston-Salem
Smith, Kimberly	Oudeh, Ibrahim	Dunn
Smith, Sean	Bombenger, James	Shelby
Stansell, Stanley	Reed, John	Fayetteville
Stansell, Stanley	Lownes, Robert	Fayetteville
Stone, Janice	Bello, Broderick	Nashville
Sweet, Amanda	Baloch, Mohammad	Raleigh
Tate, Gary	Quashie, Dawn	Raleigh
Taylor, Amanda	Powell, Jerry	High Point
Taylor, Stephanie	Kelly, William	Kernersville
Tisdale, Thompson	Williams, Robert	Hickory
Tonweber, Leandra	Klimas, John	Charlotte
Trapp, Jane	Baxter, Brian	Nags Head
Trube, Gary	Leonhardt, Gary	Greenville
Tudor, Charles	Hall, Gregory	Mooreville
Upstill, Shari	Draelos, Michael	High Point
Vicario, Elisa	Gwinn, Michael	Raleigh
Wagner, Ellis	Wertman, Daniel	Durham
Waldrup, Carolyn	Brown, Donald	Cary
Waldrup, Carolyn	Foster, Charlie	Cary
Wall, ShellyAnn	Campbell, Edward	Mooreville
Walters, Thienkim	Geissele, Alfred	Hickory
Weber, Sarah	Partridge, James	Durham
Williams, Barbara	Norton, Deborah	Raleigh
Wilson, Janet	Harrison, Frank	Charlotte
Wood, Roger	Busby, Julian	Greensboro
Young, Scott	Armistead, Hal	Huntersville
Young, Scott	Luoma, David	Huntersville
Young, Terah	Rupe, Carol	Charlotte
Zagon, Laura	Baum, Shari	Charlotte
Zimmerman, Amanda	Faller, Nancy	Winston-Salem

**Motion:** A motion passed to approve the vote list as presented.

## LICENSING COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Norins, MD, Chair; Robin Hunter-Buskey, PAC; Dicky Walia; Ralph Loomis, MD

### LICENSES APPROVED BY ENDORSEMENT AND EXAM

Moses Aboagye-Kim	Amir Zia Ansari
Kevin Chancellor Addison	Steven Andrew Archibald
Sapana Pathak Adhikar	Victor Cleavon Archie
Raina Carriel Alexander	Sonal Arora
Harry Theodore Ameredes	Nora Maria Arronte

Joshua Scott Barclay  
Christi Nacole Bartell  
Lorena Benavides  
Jason Edward Bolden  
Laura Madeline Bowen  
David Scott Brancati  
Steven Eugene Briggs  
Jeffrey Thomas Brumfield  
David Duke Burdette  
Brad Everette Butler  
Martin Joseph Butler  
Ricardo Andres Caicedo  
John Francis Calabrese  
Alfred Wray Campbell  
Benjamin Charles Chasnis  
David Dixon Childs  
Ashley Britton Christmas  
Seth Morris Cohen  
Douglas William Comeau  
Angela Valory Connaughton  
Pedro Eugenio Cosculluela  
Monica Kim Crane  
Monica Elayne Crump  
Mario Curubo  
Newell Aldridge Daly  
Theodore Richard Delbridge  
Ronald H. DuBow  
Steven Gary Dunder  
Carolyn Stacy Dutton  
Andrew Marshall Ebert  
James Wilder Eby  
Bryan Todd Edwards  
William Eng  
Faith Ann Farley  
Kevin Paul Feig  
Philip Ellis Ferguson  
John Edward Fortunato Jr.  
David Michael Gallagher  
Seth McGregor Garber  
Martha Hoel Garrison  
Jeffrey Joseph Gonzales  
Manuel Alejandro Gonzalez  
Nicholas Anthony Grimaldi  
Sambit Kumar Gupta  
Vidhi Aggarwal Gupta  
Alison Prestia Guptill  
Michael Patrick Habeeb  
Michael Chapman Harnisch

Herman Hasselkus  
James David Heckaman  
Tammy Louise Hilbert  
Adrian Wei Holtzman  
Hampton Alexander Howell  
Leigh Ellis Howell  
Sarah Plowman Hughes  
Melissa Ann Jacobs  
Tonica Vinetta Johnson  
Travis Duane Johnson  
Renju Thomas Joseph  
Aziz Alexander Khanifar  
David Keesu Kim  
Dirk William Kiner  
Vanessa Kristen Kouri  
Doris Lin  
Kaori Miyata Longphre  
Jonathan Leonid Lozevski  
Erin Mair  
Viviana Sandra Martinez-Bianchi  
Kenneth Richard Mayer  
Olivia Jasvant Jeewan McCallum  
Robert Bruce Miller  
Rafael Angel Miranda  
Donald Charles Moyer  
Stephen William North  
Julie Anne OSullivan  
Jaroslaw Piotr Opiela  
Luke Joseph Osborne  
Gina Rose Padula  
Mahendrabhai Nagjibhai Patel  
Sheel Babubhai Patel  
Luther Gill Person  
Sean Anthony Pierre  
James Lester Pirkle Jr  
Jennifer Fudge Player  
John Gregory Player  
Alexander Poisik  
John Lindsay Polhill Jr.  
Robert Watson Pollock  
Mamatha Prabhakara  
James Francis Primich  
Nicole Calloway Rankins  
Hugh Mallory Reeves Jr.  
Zia Ur Rehman  
Eric Austin Robinson  
Mark Brandon Ellison Rogers  
Christopher Robin Rosanova

Kim Sylvia Rosenthal  
Joseph Stephen Roy  
Eli Rubenstein  
Eduardo Felix Safille  
Kayvon Salimi  
Andrew Michael Schreiber  
Virginia Carol Schreiner  
Alan Eliot Schulman  
Stefanie Gail Schuman  
Lancer Alan Scott  
Nirav Pravin Shah  
Paula Ann Sherman  
Daniel Jonathan Simon  
Paul Richard Speece  
Adam Tredwell Thorp IV  
Kellie Morris Tolin  
Mary Catherine Tornehl  
William Tekang Tsai  
Raghu Ramappa Turebylu  
Katie Marie Twomley  
MacDara Gerard Tynan  
Ronald Thomas Uszenski  
Trang T.Q. Vuong

Brian Anthony Walker  
Michael Stuart Waugh  
James David Weisberger  
Zinaria Yvonne Williams  
James Vincent Winkley  
Quanwei Zhang  
Andrew Oliver Zurick III

**Reinstatement**

Sharon Maxfield

**Reactivation**

Kevin Friend  
Novlet Jarrett  
Andrew Kronenberg  
Elisabeth Anne Stoffel

**Faculty Limited License**

Oliver Adunka  
Hans Herfarth  
Nigel Key  
Nikolay Mitkov Nikolov

## **COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Aloysius Walsh; Michael Norins, MD, George Saunders, MD; Ralph Loomis, MD

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The Complaint Committee reported on 97 complaint cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the Committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included because these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

## **MALPRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Aloysius Walsh; Michael Norins, MD, George Saunders, MD; Ralph Loomis, MD

The Malpractice Committee met April 12, 2006, at 7:00 a.m. to discuss changes in how the Professional Liability Insurance Payments (PLIP'S) were reviewed. As a result of the discussion the committee recommends to the Board:

- 1) Current committee makeup (Mr. Al Walsh, Dr. Ralph Loomis, Dr. Michael Norins, Dr. George Saunders) to continue to review all complaints, professional liability insurance payments and medical examiner cases and make recommendations to the Board.
- 2) In addition to the current PLIP review process, cases will be sent out for expert review.
- 3) Expert reviewers will be used to evaluate the case. Should the case result in a hearing a different reviewer may be obtained.
- 4) Increase the current fee for expert reviewers from \$125.00 per hour to \$150.00 per hour.
- 5) OMD and Complaint Department Director in conjunction with the committee will work out the internal details of reviews, i.e., active, inactive, out of state, etc.
- 6) A flow chart was also presented. The process change is ongoing and subject to review and change.

**Motion:** A motion passed to adopt the committee's recommendations.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned on April 12, 2006.

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Janelle A. Rhyne, MD  
Secretary