

North Carolina Medical Board

Quarterly Adverse Actions Report | February - April 2012

The Board actions listed below are published in an abbreviated format. The report does not include non-prejudicial actions such as reentry agreements and non-disciplinary consent orders. Recent Board actions are also available at www.ncmedboard.org. Go to "Professional Resources" to view current disciplinary data or to sign up to receive notification when new actions are posted via the RSS Feed subscription service.

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<u>ANNULMENTS</u>			
None			
<u>SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS</u>			
FENN, James David, MD (201000133) Moyoek, NC	03/07/2012	History of alcohol abuse, DUI. MD was arrested/charged with assault on a female; failed to report for a recommended evaluation at an alcohol assessment center. Results of an ordered assessment indicate that MD is alcohol dependent/history of cocaine abuse.	Summary suspension of NC medical license
<u>REVOCATIONS</u>			
HADDON, Werner Scott, MD (000035356) Raleigh, NC	04/23/201	MD was convicted of a felony for kidnapping.	Entry of revocation
<u>SUSPENSIONS</u>			
CHEN, Louis Chai-His, MD (RTL) Seattle, WA	02/24/2012	MD was charged with murder in August 31, 2011.	MD's resident training license is indefinitely suspended.
EVANS, Eric Eugene, PA (001000806) Safat 13007 Kuwait, AE	02/16/2012	While examining a female patient, PA used language that he acknowledged could have been interpreted by the patient as inappropriate. Patient reported that she believed he was going to inappropriately touch her.	PA's license is suspended for six months, stayed; must have a chaperone present for exams of female patients; other conditions
GERANCHER, John Charles, III, MD (009500077) Winston-Salem, NC	02/16/2012	MD pled guilty to one count of indecent exposure.	MD's license is indefinitely suspended.
MCINTOSH, Margaret Gloria, MD (000036117) Charlotte, NC	02/07/2012	Improper prescribing to self/spouse; prescribing controlled substances without valid DEA registration. MD has history of Board discipline for improper prescribing and for the unlicensed practice of medicine.	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license.
MEEHAN-DE LA CRUZ, Kathleen, MD (009900813) Norwalk, OH	03/12/2012	MD entered into a romantic relationship with a patient; she issued three prescriptions to the patient. On one occasion, MD wrote a prescription to the patient for a medication she used to treat herself.	MD's license is suspended for 30 days, immediately stayed.
MOORE, Michael Christopher, DO (009701826) Chapel Hill, NC	04/4/2012	Inappropriate care/controlled substance prescribing to a person with whom DO had a personal relationship. Deficiencies in the care of two patients. DO ordered for assessment; surrendered license in January 2012.	DO's license is indefinitely suspended.
NUNN, Michael Kermitt, DO (000036123) New Bern, NC	02/14/2012	MD pled guilty as an organizational defendant (e.g. medical corporation) to money laundering/healthcare fraud.	MD's license is suspended for 12 months, stayed; \$5,000 fine.
PARUCHURI, Vamsee Prasad, MD (201001537) High Point, NC	02/14/2012	MD obtained Ambien for personal use by writing prescriptions in the names of others and forging the name of another physician on the prescription; arrested for obtaining controlled substances by fraud/forgery	Indefinite suspension of NC medical license.
RAO, Shiva Kumar, MD (009401479) Roanoke Rapids, NC	3/27/2012	MD submitted an online application and was interviewed for a position on the NC Medical Board. MD failed to provide truthful information in regards to three questions during the application process.	MD's license is suspended for six months, stayed all but 30 days; beginning 4/30/12 and ending 5/29/12.
ULLAH, A.B.M. Enayet, MD (009801790) Smithfield, NC	02/16/2012	MD inappropriately prescribed controlled substances to coworkers. Medical records were inadequate and not created contemporaneously with treatment provided.	MD's license is indefinitely suspended.
URBAN, Edward John, DO (000027410) Asheville, NC	0/05/2012	DO inappropriately prescribed controlled substances without an appropriate physical exam and without appropriate medical justification.	Order of partial suspension of medical license; may not prescribe controlled substances per DEA/Controlled Substance Act.
WASHINGTON, Clarence Joseph, MD (000032295) Fayetteville, NC	03/13/2012	Patients treated at HRC Medical of NC received sub-standard care according to a Board review of records for Patients A-H.	MD's license is suspended for 12 months, stayed all but 90 days beginning 5/1/12 to 7/30/12.

DISCIPLINARY REPORT

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PROBATIONS			
CALOGERO, Thomas John, III, MD (20050187) Mount Olive, NC	04/20/2012	MD's treatment and care of six patients fell below accepted standards of medical practice. MD's medical records were "disjointed and inadequate."	MD's license is placed on probation; must comply with conditions
ROGERS, Benjamin Michael, MD (RTL) Winston-Salem, NC	04/20/2012	MD was arrested for misdemeanor charges of Assault on a Female, Communicating Threats and Breaking and Entering. During the pendency of the criminal charges, the District Court entered domestic violence protective orders against MD.	MD's license is placed on probation; must comply with conditions
THOMPSON, Joel Wesley, PA (000101018) Charlotte, NC	04/20/2012	PA was charged/cited with a hit and run on two occasions. Charges were dismissed. PA did not disclose on his license application a 1987 arrest for DWI. Subsequent to the arrest, PA was arrested on three more occasions for DWI, two of which resulted in convictions. PA has undergone treatment for alcohol dependence.	PA is reprimanded and placed on probation for two years; conditions on license.
REPRIMAND			
ACOSTA, Daniel, MD (200100499) Greenville, NC	03/13/2012	MD's care of a psychiatric patient who requested assistance in discontinuing the use of Xanax was below standards.	MD is reprimanded; must attend courses in medical record keeping and prescribing medicines approved by NCMB
ARNOLD, Gordon Bruce, MD (000016565) High Point, NC	04/20/2012	MD treated family members not in accordance with NCMB position statement on treating self/family. Care of several patients was below standards; concerns focused on treatment of chronic pain and controlled substance prescribing.	MD is reprimanded, conditions and restrictions on license
BABALOLA, Olufemi Abiola, MD (200901598) Atlanta, GA	12/16/2012	An independent expert reviewer's assessment of two patient charts revealed that MD's performance of cholecystectomy was substandard in each case. MD currently practices in Georgia.	MD is reprimanded.
BARKER, Joseph David, MD (000036648) Linville, NC	12/17/2012	Inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances for pain; poor documentation.	MD is reprimanded and placed on probation for 12 mos.
CHRISTENBURY, Jonathan David, MD (000026210) Charlotte, NC	04/09/2012	MD had a personal relationship with a patient of his practice. The patient received medical treatment performed by a PA.	MD is reprimanded, and fined \$3,000. Conditions on license.
GAFFNEY, Mary Elizabeth, DO (009601319) Charlotte, NC	04/19/2012	A reviewing expert concluded that DO's diagnosis and treatment of a patient was below standard.	DO is reprimanded with conditions placed on license.
GOOTMAN, Aaron Harvey, MD (200200534) Fayetteville, NC	04/03/2012	MD supervised four PAs. MD or PAs signed prescriptions for controlled substances for a patient seen by a clinician who did not have the ability to prescribe controlled substances without independently examining the patient.	MD is reprimanded
KIRBY, Daniel Lee, MD (009900083) Davidson, NC	12/16/2012	MD purchased Canadian versions of two prescription drugs over the Internet for use in his NC practice; Consent forms indicated that the drugs were the FDA-approved American versions.	MD is reprimanded; \$10,000 fine.
THOMPSON, Joel Wesley, PA (000101018) Charlotte, NC	04/20/2012	PA was charged/cited with a hit and run on two occasions. Charges were dismissed. PA did not disclose on his license application a 1987 arrest for DWI. Subsequent to the arrest, PA was arrested on three more occasions for DWI, two of which resulted in convictions. PA has undergone treatment for alcohol dependence.	PA is reprimanded and placed on probation for two years; conditions on license.
DENIALS OF LICENSE/APPROVAL			
SHAH, Mian Mohsin, MD (denied) Tustin, CA	02/27/2012	MD was placed on provisional disciplinary probation during residency training; MD failed to report on application. In addition, there was a discrepancy with one of MD's submitted references.	Denial of application for NC medical license.
SURRENDERS			
ADKINS, Paula Clark, MD (00009900745) Pinehurst, NC	04/19/2012		Voluntary surrender of medical license
BOGGALA, Vijaya Prakash, MD (RTL) Greensboro, NC	02/01/2012		Voluntary surrender of resident training license
COLEMAN, Adam C., PA (001001168) Durham, NC	04/16/2012		Voluntary surrender of PA license

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GUFFEY, Neal Hamilton, Jr., MD (009500489) Winston-Salem, NC	04/17/2012		Voluntary surrender of medical license
MAYNOR, Michael Lee, MD (000030677) Choctaw, MS	02/15/2012		Voluntary surrender of medical license
<u>PUBLIC LETTERS OF CONCERN</u>			
BLOEM, Josephus TH. J., MD (000024225) Rocky Mount, NC	04/02/2012	MD prescribed controlled substances to a family member, and prescribed/asked others to pre-prescribe with intention of diverting medication for personal use; MD did so on one occasion.	Public letter of concern
CONA, Constantino Dino, MD (009700905) Asheville, NC	04/24/2012	MD and a PA under MD's supervision inserted a biopsy needle into a patient's chest on the left side rather than the right, puncturing the patient's pulmonary artery and causing a pericardial tamponade that led to her death.	Public letter of concern issued via Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of
CONTRERAS, Jamie Jaqua, MD (201001200) Winston-Salem, NC	04/09/2012	MD failed to register and renew MD's NC medical license within 30 days of his birthday. MD continued to practice with an inactive license, but immediately stopped and applied for reactivation upon realizing his license was inactive.	Public letter of concern
HARRIS, Tasha Jean, PA (009900541) St. Johns, FL	03/20/2012	PA did not appropriately address significantly abnormal laboratory results that may have had an impact on the outcome of a patient diagnosed with anemia and dysfunctional uterine bleeding.	Public letter of concern
JENELLE, Richard Lester Stephen, MD (200101564) Los Angeles, CA	04/04/2012	MD supervised a resident who incorrectly noted that a tumor of a patient was in the left lung, when it was in the right lung. This led the patient to receive 32 treatments of radiation to his left lung, when the patient had lung cancer located in the right middle lobe of his right lung.	Public letter of concern
JOHNSON, John Theodore, Jr., MD (200300816) Morehead City, NC	02/14/2012	MD's care of a patient who developed an anastomotic leak following gastric bypass surgery may have been substandard. The Board is concerned that MD did not suspect anastomotic leak sooner, which may have led to earlier surgical intervention and fewer complications.	Public letter of concern
LANCASTER, David Steven, II, MD (200601330) Charlotte, NC	04/30/2012	MD's care may have failed to conform to acceptable standards. MD failed to properly recognize changes in a patient's second ECG and then did not obtain additional diagnostic tests prior to discharging the patient.	Public letter of concern
PETERSON, Carole Jean, MD (2012-00312) Rochester, NY	03/01/2012	MD failed to disclose his involvement in six malpractice claims filed from 1986-2007.	License issued, with a public letter of concern and \$1,000 fine.
REID, Kim Purcell, PA (000101039) China Grove, NC	03/29/2012	PA failed to diagnose cirrhosis in a patient even though symptoms were suggestive of liver disease. The patient developed unrecognized non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver presumably through long-term use of improperly monitored methotrexate.	Public letter of concern
ROY, James William, MD (200700583) Decatur, AL	04/12/2012	MD interpreted a sleep study and offered his impressions and recommendations for treatment of a NC patient. MD's license has been inactive since 2007. MD was practicing medicine in NC without a license.	Public letter of concern
SHERMAN, Robert Olney, Jr., PA (000103138) Fayetteville, NC	02/01/2012	PA practiced medicine without having required documents in place, including a signed statement of supervisory arrangement, written instructions for prescribing, etc.	Public letter of concern
SHERROD, William Maxwell, MD (200101497) Bolivia, NC	04/17/2012	MD did not appropriately document a thorough evaluation of a patient's injuries following a motor vehicle accident, and did not obtain further tests/CT scan or alternatively document the patient's refusal of such recommended tests.	Public letter of concern
SMITH, Yale Robert, MD (201200717)	04/04/2012	MD failed to include an investigation/Board action by the Fl. Board on MD's license application	Public letter of concern
SNOW, Douglas Hardy, DO (200600532) Paducah, KY	04/20/2012	DO's supervision of a PA may have failed to conform to acceptable standards. MD was not appropriately involved in the care the PA provided.	Public letter of concern

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THERIAULT, Joseph Herman, LP (100000066) Raleigh, NC	05/10/2012	LP had a positive drug screen for cannabis and placed perfusionist license on inactive status	Public letter of concern
WATKINS, James Allison, MD (000024954) Charlotte, NC	04/12/2012	MD did not consult with a thoracic surgeon or oncologist intraoperatively after discovering a patient had distal esophageal cancer during a scheduled partial gastrectomy. The patient experienced significant post-surgical complications.	Public letter of concern
WHITESIDES, Daniel Baxter, MD (000029445) Charlotte, NC	3/22/2012	MD did not review the genetic test results of a patient, failing to discover a nurse's error of inaccurately recording "negative" when a patient tested positive as a carrier for cystic fibrosis	Public letter of concern
WHITTED, Matthew Louis, MD (000033199) Chesapeake, VA	02/14/2012	History of boundary issues/disruptive behavior in the hospital setting. Conduct led MD to enter into a consent order with the Va. Board	Public letter of concern
WILLIAMS, James Dewey, MD (200300429) Oxford, NC	04/30/2012	MD did not discontinue a biopsy procedure when anesthesia staff were unable to intubate or otherwise establish a secure airway for a patient.	Public letter of concern
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS			
CARR, Emily Kathleen, MD (RTL) Winston-Salem, NC	03/08/2012	MD failed to answer a licensing application question correctly and inform the Board about MD's medical conditions. MD has been assessed by NCPHP and entered into a contract.	MD is issued a resident training license via consent order; \$500 administrative fine.
CONSENT ORDERS AMENDED			
HUYNH, Tuan Anh, MD (200300814) Charlotte, NC	12/17/2012	History of inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances.	Amendment to consent order dated 10/15/2010. MD may prescribe controlled substances if he obtains a proper DEA registration. However, MD is still prohibited from prescribing controlled substances for the treatment of pain.
TEMPORARY/DATED LICENSES: ISSUED, EXTENDED, EXPIRED, OR REPLACED BY FULL LICENSES			
OLIVER, Joseph Andrew, III, MD (009501366) Rockwell, NC	03/08/2012	History of alcohol dependence	Temporary medical license issued; expires 03/08/2013
PARKIH, Himanshu Pravinchandra, MD (009600671) Cary, NC	03/23/2012		Temporary license issued; expires 11/30/2012
SHEILDS, Douglas Allen, MD (009400352) Jonas Ridge, NC	4/13/2012	MD has history of alcohol dependence; entered into a consent order with the Board in 06/2010; MD's license was indefinitely suspended; MD has been in a contractual relationship with NCPHP.	Temporary medical license issued; expires 04/13/2012
COURT APPEALS/STAYS			
NONE			
DISMISSALS			
NONE			

FINES

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

Date	Reason	Amount
March 2012	Failure to respond accurately to a question on license application	\$500
March 2012	Failure to report out-of-state investigation and Board action	\$1,000
March 2012	Failure to renew license and practiced with and inactive medical license	\$1,000
March 2012	Failure to respond accurately to questions on license application	\$1,000
April 2012	Failure to timely report CME and respond to audit inquiries from the Board	\$500
April 2012	Healthcare fraud and money laundering	\$5,000
April 2012	Incorrectly completed the malpractice data section on license application	\$1,000