

North Carolina Medical Board

Quarterly Disciplinary Report | August - October 2010

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<u>ANNULMENTS</u>			
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<u>SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS</u>			
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<u>REVOCATIONS</u>			
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<u>SUSPENSIONS</u>			
AUSLEY, Mett Begley, Jr., MD (000038004) Whiteville, NC	10/05/2010	MD self-reported to Board a DWI charge and having an open container in his vehicle	MD's medical license is suspended; stayed all but 60 days
DAY, Robert Glynn, MD (200500933) Madison, NC	10/15/2010	MD provided services to patients referred by on-line referral services not owned by a physician in NC. MD was paid by online referral services after they collected money for services MD provided	MD's medical license is suspended for one year. All but one month stayed on probationary terms
GERLACH, David Campbell, MD (009500591) Burlington, NC	10/04/2010	MD was arrested for felony possession of cocaine and voluntarily surrendered license to practice	MD's medical license is indefinitely suspended
GRAY, Michael Allen, MD (000028198) Morehead City, NC	08/26/2010	MD suffering from depression; Abandoned practice and patients without ensuring continuity of care, patient access to records	MD's medical license is indefinitely suspended
JOHNSON, Earlie Thomas, MD (000031729) Holly Ridge, NC	08/19/2010	History of discipline: overuse of lab testing for patients with common infections; treatment without adequate medical indication and improper supervision of mid-level provider	MD's medical license is suspended for six months; stayed all but 30 days; must comply with conditions
JUSTIN, Rodney K., MD (000019172) Woodleaf, NC	09/07/2010	MD found guilty of four counts of Willful Failure to File a Tax Return and four counts of Endeavoring to Impede the Administration of the IRS	MD's medical license is suspended for one year; immediately stayed
KENNEDY, Joan Margaret, NP (000201589) Columbus, NC	10/15/2010	NP performed medical acts in a field of medicine in which her supervising MD was unqualified to supervise	NP approval is suspended for one year; stayed on terms and conditions
KNOWLES-JONAS, Lynde Leigh, MD (009800935) Burlington, NC	10/15/2010	MD prescribed for family members over a long period of time, including prescribing controlled substances	MD's medical license is suspended for 40 days; probation for six months with conditions
KOOISTRA, Carol Antonsen, MD (000038641) Columbus, NC	10/15/2010	MD supervised NP in the performance of medical acts in a field of medicine in which MD is unqualified to practice	MD's medical license is suspended for one year; stayed on conditions
PALMERTREE, Katherine Knight, MD (009801431) Charlotte, NC	09/24/2010	MD suffers from chemical addiction; prescribed controlled substances in the names of family members to divert to herself	MD's NC medical license is indefinitely suspended
REECE, Donald Brooks, MD (000018559) Morehead City, NC	08/19/2010	MD prescribed controlled substances without adequate documentation of medical need; failed to take steps to prevent diversion of controlled substances and respond to signs that patients were abusing/becoming dependent on medicines	MD's NC medical license is indefinitely suspended
SCHOEN, Martin W., MD (200801382) Jacksonville, NC	10/06/2010	MD obtained prescription medications by forging another MD's signature and having them filled in the name of a person other than MD	MD's medical license is suspended indefinitely

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SHIELDS, Douglas Allen, MD (009400352) Jonas Ridge, NC	09/07/2010	MD has a history of alcohol abuse and a prior DWI charge from April 2009	MD's medical license is indefinitely suspended
PROBATION			
<p><i>SEE SUSPENSIONS:</i> DAY, Robert Glynn, MD KNOWLES-JONAS, Lynde Leigh, MD</p> <p><i>SEE REPRIMANDS:</i> LITHMAN, Jerry Richard, MD</p>			
REPRIMAND			
CANUPP, Tony Wayne, MD (000018615) Elkin, NC	10/15/2010	Medical expert identified areas where MD's treatment of patients was below accepted and prevailing medical practice	MD is reprimanded via consent order, must comply with conditions
GIRAULT, Gisele Jacqueline, MD (200500193) Rock Hill, NC	08/17/2010	MD's medical spa practice provided medical treatment to eight patients; a review of the eight patients' charts did not contain evidence of any medical evaluation. MD also ordered self-treatment	MD is reprimanded; shall take a medical record documentation course
HUYNH, Tuan Anh, MD (200300814) Charlotte, NC	10/15/2010	MD's care and treatment of patients failed to conform to standard of care	MD is reprimanded; limitations placed on ability to prescribe controlled substances
LITHMAN, Jerry Richard, MD (000033084) Durham, NC	10/15/2010	A medical expert opined that MD's diagnosis, treatment and documentation of Patient A fell below standards. MD failed to provide legible and adequate documentation to support diagnosis and treatment of Patients B through E	MD is reprimanded and license placed on probation for six months; must comply with other conditions
PIVOTT, Willis McCoy, Jr, MD (000033462) Phoenix City, AL	10/27/2010	GA Board order reprimanded MD with conditions; MD failed to diagnose and treat patient for rare disorder	MD is reprimanded
REDDY, Keshavpal Gunna, MD (000038415) Greensboro, NC	08/23/2010	A clinical pharmacist practitioner under MD's supervision prescribed a succession of different drugs for a patient without appropriate evaluation by MD or CPP	MD is reprimanded and shall not supervise any clinical pharmacist practitioners
TOMEAU, Enrique Jose, MD (009801097) Kenansville, NC	09/29/2010	VA Board order reprimanded MD for failure to complete required competency assessment	MD is reprimanded
VAUGHAN, Elizabeth Rankin, MD (000027863) Greensboro, NC	09/24/2010	Concerns about quality of care; poor medical record documentation.	MD is reprimanded, must comply with conditions
WESTRA, Donald Freeman, Jr., MD (000023891) Lincolnton, NC	08/26/2010	Female patient complained MD contacted her several times to invite her for drinks and on social outings. MD contends that the reason for his calls was his concern for her depression; Denies he invited patient for drinks and social outings	MD is reprimanded. MD must complete boundaries course within six months of the date of the order
DENIALS			
DI SANTO, Vinson Michael, DO (009800041) Marlton, NJ	10/04/2010	DO made false statements/representations to Board on application for reactivation of license	Application for NC medical license is denied
GUALTEROS, Oscar Mauricio, MD (009900236) Southern Pines, NC	10/04/2010	MD has a prior disciplinary history with the Board regarding boundary violations with patients	Application for reinstatement of license is denied
MARTIN, Rebecca M., MD (NA) Fort Wayne, IN	10/19/2010	Failure to disclose actions taken by another state Board	Application for NC medical license is denied
ROSNER, Michael John, MD (000026865) Hendersonville, NC	08/18/2010	MD performed surgeries that were not medically indicated, resulting in prior discipline by the Board. MD has not indicated he would change his practice if license was reinstated	Denial of application for reinstatement of medical license
SURRENDERS			
DYKERS, John Reginald, MD (000011837) Siler City, NC	09/17/2010		Voluntary surrender of NC medical license

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ROBERTS, Thomas Luther, MD (000026979) Spartanburg, SC	09/30/2010	SC Board suspended MD's license for misconduct	MD is ordered to surrender NC medical license
PUBLIC LETTER OF CONCERN			
ALMASRI, Ghiath Mohammad, MD (200200852) Greenville, NC	10/13/2010	A professional liability payment was made on MD's behalf. Misdiagnosis of patient, misinterpreted or overlooked lab results	Public letter of concern
ASWAD, Margo Andrea, MD (009701230) Lumberton, NC	10/15/2010	Payment made on MD's behalf; Board is concerned MD's care of patient was delayed	Public letter of concern
BIDDLE, James R., MD (009600037) Asheville, NC	10/25/2010	MD's medical records did not adequately document the basis of diagnosis	Public letter of concern
BLANCHARD, Paul Lewis, MD (009400422) W. Chester, Ohio	09/21/2010	MD's license suspended in Ohio based on his admission that he was, at the time, impaired in his ability to practice. Ohio license reinstated	Public letter of concern
BUTTAR, Daljit Singh, MD (000031714) Raleigh, NC	10/12/2010	MD was practicing without a license because he did not renew license in a timely manner	Public letter of concern
DURKIN, James Brendan, MD (009701741) Etowah, TN	08/04/2010	MD entered an agreed order with the TN Board placing his license on probation for not less than five years, requiring him to complete CME and to surrender his DEA certificate	Public letter of concern
ECHOLS, Ruthetta W., PA (000100914) Morehead City, NC	09/12/2010	PA's care of patients was below standard relating to continued use of intravenous antibiotics and steroids when not medically necessary	Public letter of concern
GARNER, Daniel Creston, MD (000001543) Franklin, TN	09/20/2010	Action taken by Tennessee Board relating to the unauthorized practice of medicine	Public letter of concern
HALL, Mitchell Frederick, MD (009600394) Bradenton, FL	09/20/2010	MD entered a settlement agreement with the Florida Department of Health regarding allegations that he provided inadequate care and treatment to a patient	Public letter of concern
HANLEY, Brian Thomas, PA (000102173) Marion, NC	10/11/2010	PA failed to obtain a history or perform an exam on a patient before prescribing medication	Public letter of concern
MELONE, George Anthony, Jr., MD (000032793) Roanoke Rapids, NC	08/31/2010	MD has history of multiple serious traffic violations and failed to provide complete and accurate information to the Board	Public letter of concern
MILLER, Lawrence Whitfield, MD (000034685) Savannah, GA	08/04/2010	MD sent a 15-year-old patient home with instructions to return to ER if experienced abdominal bleeding after unsuccessfully attempting to perform an abortion. Patient went to ER, abortion was completed and she was noted to have three uterine perforations	Public letter of concern
MITCHELL, Troy, M., MD (201001853) Greer, SC	10/12/2010	VA Board placed MD on indefinite probation with conditions	Public letter of concern
MOORE, John Roger, IV, MD (200100578) Pinehurst, NC	10/05/2010	MD was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol and reckless driving	Non-disciplinary public letter of concern
PRESTON, Robert James, MD (200801530) Salt Lake City, Utah	08/03/2010	MD prescribed maximum-strength fentanyl patches to a patient with acute hemorrhagic pneumonia without adequate consideration of risk factors. Patient died shortly after from combined effects of pneumonia and polypharmacy	
ROBINSON, Cynthia Kay, MD (000037934) Henderson, NC	09/24/2010	MD's care of a patient fell below standard	Public letter of concern
SMYRE, Jonathan Todd, LP (100000121) Raleigh, NC	10/06/2010	LP practiced perfusion without a license after failing to renew license in a timely manner	Public letter of concern

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TEMPORARY/DATED LICENSES: ISSUED, EXTENDED, EXPIRED OR REPLACED BY FULL LICENSES			
ADKINS, Paula Clark, MD (009900745) Pinehurst, NC	08/30/2010	MD has history of addiction and a prior conviction for misdemeanor forgery due to obtaining hydrocodone by fraud. License was suspended in 2007. MD has completed a recovery/rehabilitation program and is in compliance with NCPHP contract. MD has not practiced clinical medicine since 2006.	Consent order and program of reentry. Temporary medical license issued
DUGLISS, Malcolm Andrew John, PA (000103305) Asheville, NC	09/16/2010		Temporary physician assistant license extended to expire
ELLIS, Rickie Wade, MD (009600394) Greenville, NC	09/03/2010	MD surrendered license in 2007; In 2008, applied for reinstatement; Board-ordered assessment indicated areas in which MD demonstrated need for improvement. MD has taken steps to address these areas	Reentry agreement executed; MD issued a dated license; Must comply with other conditions
LARSON, Michael Joseph, MD (000028661) Raleigh, NC	09/16/2010		Temporary medical license made full and unrestricted.
PERRY, Robert Francis, MD (009401472) Wilmington, NC	09/16/2010		Temporary medical license made full and unrestricted.
WRENN, Cynthia Helen, PA (000102752) Fayetteville, NC	09/16/2010		Temporary physician assistant license extended to expire
ZELLER, Kathleen Elizabeth, MD (200700068) Greensboro, NC	10/15/2010	Change in staff privileges for MD regarding care and treatment of several patients. MD ordered for assessment by CPEP. CPEP found MD knowledge base had "some important gaps" and educational intervention is necessary	MD license is limited in time and will expire one year from the date of the consent order. Must comply with other conditions
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS			
BROOKS, Michael Lee, MD (000028845) Red Springs, NC	10/26/2010	MD surrendered NC medical license and entered into a consent order; MD admitted to illegally obtaining hydrocodone; has not practiced clinical medicine since 12/2007	Reentry agreement executed. MD shall maintain contract with NC Physicians Health Program
HUYNH, Tuan Anh, MD (200300814) Charlotte, NC	10/15/2010	MD's care and treatment of patients failed to conform to standard of care; limitations placed on MD's ability to prescribe controlled substances	Supplemental consent order; MD given time to transfer care of patients before prescribing limitations become effective
LEAK, Byron Christopher, MD (201001423) Huntersville, NC	08/03/2010	History of chemical dependency	Non-disciplinary consent order; MD shall maintain a contract with NCPHP
SMITH, Tracy, PA (000102582) Wilmington, NC	08/16/2010	History of boundary violation (sexual relationship with a patient)	PA is issued a license with restrictions/conditions; must complete a program of reentry;
SUTTON, Steven Glenn, MD (009601738) Culpepper, VA	10/15/2010	MD entered order with VA Board; addicted to narcotic medications for past three/four years; on multiple occasions MD wrote fraudulent prescriptions for narcotics for personal use. Signed contract with VA Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program	Non-disciplinary consent order; MD shall comply with participation contract entered with VA Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program