

April 2016 Public Board Actions List

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF: *
CLIFFORD A. CRAWFORD, M.D., *
License No. 58455, *
Respondent. *

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

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DOCKET NUMBER:
2016033

BOARD ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION

WHEREAS, on or about August 24, 2015, the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) received certification from a federal agency (“the reporting agency”) of Respondent’s nonpayment of a repayment obligation under a federal education loan;

WHEREAS, on or about January 25, 2016, the Board entered an Order of Suspension (“Order”) in the above-styled matter which suspended Respondent’s license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. §43-34-8; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 22, 2016, the Board received notification from the reporting agency that Respondent’s debt has been transferred to a different agency to manage repayment status and that suspension is no longer requested with this status, and the Respondent also submitted a copy of his repayment plan.

THEREFORE, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §43-34-8, the suspension of Respondent’s license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia is lifted.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

Alice House, MD
ALICE HOUSE, MD
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Robert Jeffery
ROBERT JEFFERY
Executive Director

BY PERMISSION OF
ROBERT JEFFERY



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
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MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

APR 13 2016

IN THE MATTER OF:

RAHIM GUL, M.D.,
License No. 52073,
Respondent.

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DOCKET NUMBER:
2011-0044
DOCKET NO. _____

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and RAHIM GUL, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of the matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was licensed as such at all times relevant to the matters stated herein.

2.

Respondent practices as a pain management and family physician. Medical records show that during or between the dates of May 2005 and April 2008, Respondent treated a large number of patients with chronic pain conditions who had a history of taking narcotic drugs. Medical records reviewed by the Board show that patients were seen monthly, some for many years, by Respondent or another independent physician, and each patient received, on average, three (3) prescriptions for controlled substances on each visit, including but not limited to, Hydrocodone, Lortab, or Oxycodone; Soma; and Valium or Xanax. Medical records show that for some patients, Respondent prescribed Methadone along with other controlled substances.

3.

A Board approved peer reviewer reviewed Respondent's care of seventeen (17) patients

and concluded that Respondent departed from and failed to conform to the minimum standard of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in the areas of diagnosis, treatment and/or recordkeeping in the following ways:

(a) Respondent's medical records fail to reflect and/or contain documentation concerning: proper diagnostic evaluations, including but not limited to adequate documentation of initial history and physical examinations, including neurological or musculoskeletal examinations; previous medical records or radiographic studies to support Respondent's diagnoses; proper assessment of current pain or prior history; evidence of orders for diagnostic or laboratory studies to support diagnoses; discussion with patients regarding risk assessment for the medications prescribed;

(b) The medical records relied to a great extent on patients' self-reported medical history and monthly documented pain assessments;

(c) The medical records fail to contain evidence of appropriate safeguards to prevent abuse or diversion of controlled substances.

4.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact and waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the Board to exercise its disciplinary authority and to impose sanctions on Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Chs. 1 and 34, T. 43, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Georgia Composite Medical Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders and Respondent hereby agrees to the following:

1.

Respondent shall not engage in the practice of pain management until further order of the Board. If Respondent engages in the practice of pain management without the express written permission of the Board, Respondent's license shall be subject to summary suspension as set forth in paragraph eight below. Respondent may petition the Board to lift or modify this restriction no sooner than one (1) year from the effective date of this Order. Respondent's petition shall contain evidence of additional training and/or continuing medical education pre-approved by the Board. At such time, the Board is authorized, but not required, to allow Respondent to practice in the area of pain management with any terms or conditions the Board deems appropriate or the Board may deny the petition. In no case, however, will a denial of such petition be considered a contested case as defined by O.C.G.A. Title 50, the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.

2.

Respondent shall enroll in and successfully complete at his own expense the mini-residency program entitled "Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances" sponsored by the Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy, or a similar course pre-approved by the board, in addition to the CME required of all Georgia physicians. Respondent shall provide written evidence of successful completion of this course to the Board within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order.

3.

Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical

Board within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Consent Order. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 60th day shall be considered a violation of this Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

4.

In addition to the fine required by this Consent Order, Respondent shall pay administrative fees in the amount of six hundred twenty dollars (\$620.00) as reimbursement to the Board of expenses incurred in the investigation of this matter, which expenses do not include time spent by the investigative division of the Board. Said fees shall be payable by certified check or money order to the Georgia Composite Medical Board within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 30th day shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation.

5.

Respondent shall not delegate to any Physician Assistants or Nurse Practitioners ("P.A." and "N.P.", respectively) prescription authority for controlled substances. Respondent may petition the Board in writing to allow him delegate prescription authority for controlled substances to P.A.s and/or N.P.s after one (1) year from the effective date of this Order. At such time, the Board is authorized, but not required, to allow Respondent to delegate prescription authority for controlled substances to P.A.s and/or N.P.s with any terms or conditions the Board deems appropriate or the Board may deny the petition. In the event the Board authorizes Respondent to delegate prescription authority for controlled substances to P.A.s and/or N.P.s in his practice, Respondent shall not utilize them to perform tasks which are otherwise prohibited by the terms of this Consent Order, or otherwise utilize the services of the P.A or N.P. in such a way as to circumvent any restriction, term or condition outlined herein. In no case, however,

will a denial of such petition be considered a contested case as defined by O.C.G.A. Title 50, the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.

6.

(a) Until Respondent provides evidence to the Board of successful completion of the prescribing course as set forth in paragraph 2 of this Order, Respondent shall relinquish his right to prescribe, administer, order or dispense Schedule II controlled substances as defined by the Georgia Controlled Substances Act. Respondent may petition the Board in writing to lift this restriction when Respondent provides documentation of his successful completion of the prescribing course. Any modification of this provision shall be in the sole discretion of the Board. The restriction set forth in this paragraph shall remain in effect pending Respondent's receipt of a written order from the Board that this term has been modified or lifted. In no case, however, will a denial of such petition be considered a contested case as defined by O.C.G.A. Title 50, the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.

(b) Regarding Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances as defined by the Georgia Controlled Substances Act, There shall be no restrictions on the legitimate prescribing, administering, ordering or dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of Respondent's practice. However, until further order of the Board, Respondent shall adhere to the following protocol in regard to the use of his DEA permit for Schedule III, IV and V controlled substances:

(1) Triplicate Prescriptions. Respondent shall utilize a triplicate prescriptions system for all Schedule III through V controlled substances prescribed by him. Each prescription for such a controlled substance written by Respondent shall be sequentially numbered and copies distributed as follows: original to patient, one copy to the Board, and one copy to the patient's chart. Respondent shall not begin renumbering when he reaches 1000, but shall continue to

number sequentially. The copies shall be recorded on disc, which shall be mailed or delivered to the Board by Respondent once per quarter. If the Respondent utilizes an electronic prescription system, this paragraph may be modified by the Board, upon notification from the Respondent, to specify the reporting and recordkeeping requirements under such electronic prescription system. A copy of Respondent's dispensing records shall be provided to the Board upon request for all controlled substances dispensed by him or on his order.

(2) Prescription Log. Respondent shall personally maintain for inspection a contemporaneous log (separate from his clinical records or the clinical records of other health care providers) of all controlled substances prescribed, administered, dispensed, or ordered by Respondent. The log shall include the date, patient name, drug, strength, quantity, and refill status, on a form approved by the Board. The log shall also include the diagnosis and the reasons for prescribing, administering, dispensing, or ordering each drug. The Board shall be authorized to inspect Respondent's prescription log and may do so by written request to the Respondent to forthwith provide a copy of his log to the Board. If Respondent's prescription log fails to comply with the requirements of this Consent Order, the Board is authorized to summarily suspend Respondent's license, pending a hearing.

(3) If Respondent utilizes or is employed by a medical practice that utilizes an electronic medical records system and no prescriptions are written outside of the electronic system, on a quarterly basis Respondent shall submit or cause to be submitted to the Board a certified printed or digital copy of all prescriptions for controlled substances prescribed by Respondent. If Respondent dispenses any controlled substances, a copy of Respondent's dispensing records shall be provided to the Board upon request for all controlled substances dispensed by him or on his order. If Respondent changes his employment and begins working at a location where there is no electronic prescription system, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing and shall

utilize a Board approved triplicate prescription system as set forth in paragraph (a) above.

(4) Record Keeping. Prior to prescribing, administering, ordering or dispensing any controlled substances, Respondent shall detail fully the history obtained, examination performed and diagnosis reached in the particular patient's file. Respondent shall specifically record all physical data of the patient and shall detail the exact nature of Respondent's evaluation of the patient. In addition to this requirement, Respondent agrees to comply with all record keeping requirements of the Board.

7.

This Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall constitute a public reprimand of Respondent by the Board.

8.

Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine or relating to drugs, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the terms of this Consent Order. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, rules or terms or should Respondent violate any criminal laws, including any term of probation, if any, Respondent's license shall be subject to further discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof after notice and hearing, and if revoked, the Board in its discretion may determine that the license should be permanently revoked and not subject to reinstatement. Respondent further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order shall be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to order summary suspension of Respondent's license, pending further proceedings, pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-18(c)(1), or any other statute authorizing emergency action, but Respondent understands that he shall be entitled to an expedited hearing to substantiate such violation(s), if the Board exercises such right.

9.

Respondent understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A the contents of this Order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Profile. By agreeing to this Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Board to update his Physician's Profile to reflect this Order.

10.

Respondent acknowledges that he is represented by counsel and that he has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that he has the right to a hearing in this matter and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Board's consideration of this Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order will not become effective up to and including approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board. However, if this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter or of the Respondent to contest the allegations against him. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved, this 13th day of April, 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)



BY: Alice House, MD
ALICE A. HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST: Robert Jeffery
ROBERT JEFFERY
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: Rahim Gul 3/30/2016
RAHIM GUL, M.D.
Respondent

[As to Dr. Gul's signature:]
Signed and sworn to before me
this 30th day of March,
2016.

Sofia Khan
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires:

Official Seal
Sofia Khan
Notary Public - State of Georgia: Gwinnett County
My Commission Expires September 9, 2016

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

APR 12 2016

IN THE MATTER OF
WAYNE ALLEN LITTLEFIELD, P.A.,
License No. 7822.

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DOCKET NUMBER:
20160022

ORDER TERMINATING REQUIREMENTS OF NON-DISCIPLINARY
PUBLIC CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR LICENSURE

WHEREAS, the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") entered a Non-Disciplinary Public Consent Agreement for Licensure ("Agreement") in the above-styled matter on November 9, 2015, Docket No. 20160022, which granted a license to practice as a physician assistant to Wayne Allen Littlefield, P.A. ("Mr. Littlefield") subject to terms and conditions. The Agreement required the submission to the Board evidence that Mr. Littlefield had shadowed or observed the clinical practice of his supervising physician for 240 hours, maintenance of a log, and monthly reports. The Agreement further provided that a petition to terminate the Agreement could be submitted to the Board after completion of the observation or shadowing hours.

WHEREAS, on or about March 1, 2016, Mr. Littlefield petitioned the Board, with support from his supervising physician, to terminate the Agreement. On or about April 1, 2016, the Board considered the petition and determined that Mr. Littlefield has complied with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby lifts the terms and conditions set forth in the Non-Disciplinary Public Consent Agreement for Licensure, Docket No. 20160022. Mr. Littlefield's license to practice as a physician assistant is no longer subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in the Agreement; however his licensure remains subject to a job description as required for all physician assistants.

SO ORDERED, this 12th day of April, 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD



BY: Alice House, M.D.

ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST: Robert Jeffery

ROBERT JEFFERY
Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

**RON MARK, M.D.,
License No. 65368,
Respondent.**

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**GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD**

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**DOCKET NUMBER:
2016 0043**

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and RON MARK, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of the matter is entered into pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13 (a) (4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was licensed as such at all times relevant to the matters stated herein. Respondent is also licensed as a physician in the States of Colorado and California.

2.

On or about July 16, 2015, Respondent was issued a "Letter of Admonition" by the Colorado Medical Board for failing to correctly interpret a patient's 2008 screening mammogram as positive for malignant breast cancer. Based on the Colorado action, on or about December 29, 2015, the California Medical Board issued a Public Letter of Reprimand to Respondent.

3.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact and waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct and disciplinary action in another state constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon his license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. Chs. 1 and 34, T. 43, as amended. Respondent waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Georgia Composite Medical Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of the case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, to the following:

1.

This Consent Order shall constitute a public reprimand of Respondent by the Board.

2.

Respondent understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A the contents of this Order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Profile. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Board to update the Physician Profile reflecting the order.

3.

Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating his practice as a physician, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, and the terms of this Consent Order. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, rules or terms, or if it should appear to the Board that Respondent is otherwise unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients, Respondent's license shall be subject to further discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof after notice and hearing, and if revoked, the Board in its discretion may determine that the license shall be permanently

revoked and not subject to reinstatement. Respondent further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order shall be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to order summary suspension of Respondent's license, pending further proceedings, pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-18(c)(1), or any other statute authorizing emergency action, but Respondent understands that Respondent shall be entitled to an expedited hearing to substantiate such violation(s), if the Board exercise such right.

4.

Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that he has a right to a hearing, and freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives that right. Respondent understands that the Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent further understands that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering the Consent Order. Respondent further understands that the Consent Order, once approved, and its dissemination shall constitute a public record. However, if the Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in the proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate the matter. Respondent consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

Approved, this 1st day of April, 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

Alice House, M.D.

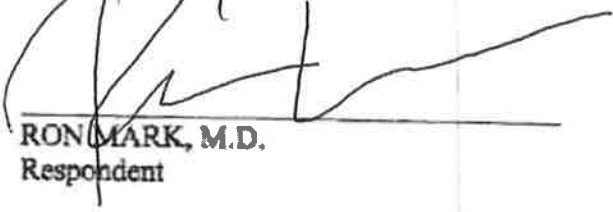
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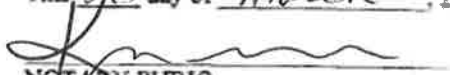
ATTEST:


ROBERT JEFFERY
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:


RON MARK, M.D.
Respondent

[As to Respondent's signature:]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 28 day of March, 2016.


NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires:

KIMBERLY CHEMO
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires Mar. 1, 2017