

## March 2025 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board

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Physician

Public Consent Order

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

ANDREW CHUNG,  
ULP/Cease and Desist

Respondent.

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OSAH DOCKET NO.: 2517481  
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BOARD DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

MAR 24 2025

DOCKET NUMBER:

10250057

FINAL DECISION

An evidentiary hearing was held in the above-captioned matter on January 6, 2025 at the Office of State Administrative Hearings ("OSAH"). The Respondent was present and represented himself at the hearing. An Initial Decision was docketed on January 31, 2025 and emailed to the parties. Respondent emailed a response that same day. Respondent filed a Motion/Request for Rehearing on February 8, 2025. An Order denying the motion was issued on February 11, 2025. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion/Request for Rehearing was filed on February 12, 2025. That motion was not timely filed. No application to the agency for review has been filed. In the absence of an application to the agency for review of said Initial Decision, or an order by the Board to review said Initial Decision on its own motion, said Initial Decision becomes the Final Decision of the Board by operation of law, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-17(a).

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Findings of Fact entered by the Administrative Law Judge in the Initial Decision are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Conclusions of Law entered by the Administrative Law Judge in the Initial Decision are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

ORDER

The decision of the Administrative Law Judge that Respondent is ordered to **CEASE AND DESIST** any and all actions indicating that he is engaged in the diagnosis or treatment of disease or injury of human beings as set forth in the Initial Decision is adopted and incorporated

by reference and, having become final on March 3, 2025, is hereby made the Final Decision of the Board, effective March 3, 2025.



BY:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

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SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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JASON S. JONES  
Executive Director

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF STATE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL  
BOARD,**

**Petitioner,**

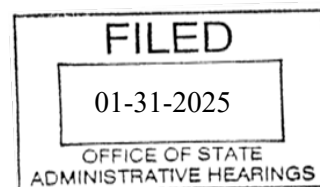
**v.**

**ANDREW CHUNG,  
Respondent.**

**Docket No.: 2517481**

**2517481-OSAH-GCMB-PHY-33-Howells**

**Agency Reference No.: 2517481**



**INITIAL DECISION**

The Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Petitioner” or “Board”) initiated this matter for the purpose of issuing a cease and desist order against the Respondent Andrew Chung (“Respondent”). The hearing was conducted on January 6, 2025. The Board was represented by Michelle Sawyer, Esq. Respondent appeared and represented himself. For the reasons stated below, Respondent is **ORDERED** to **CEASE** and **DESIST** holding himself out to the public as a person engaged in the diagnosis and treatment of disease or injuries of human beings.

**Findings of Fact**

1.

Respondent is not licensed to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia. Respondent previously held a license to practice as a physician in Georgia. On March 9, 2017, his license was revoked after a hearing before the Office of State Administrative Hearings and by Order of the Board.<sup>1</sup> (Exs. P-5, P-6; Testimony of Kimberly Emm Lemieux.)

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<sup>1</sup> Respondent’s license was revoked because the administrative law judge and the Board concluded that Respondent was unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to his diagnoses of “delusional disorder mixed type with grandiose features” and “schizotypal personality disorder.” (Ex. P-6.)



2.

In June 2023, the Board received a complaint stating that a person identified as Andrew Chung was giving medical advice and holding himself out as a doctor on the internet. (Testimony of Cameron Rabbitt.)

3.

The Board's investigation revealed a YouTube video entitled "HeartDoc Andrew for #WonderfullyHungry President (03/04/19)" posted by Respondent. The video is from Respondent's perspective and directed at a restaurant cashier. (Ex. P-10; Testimony of Cameron Rabbitt.)

4.

In the comments to the video, Respondent, using the name @HeartDocAndrew, made the following statements:

This video really proves that we really cannot believe that being hungry really is wonderful even when we remember that this has been proven to us earlier as can be seen at . . . thereby proving that fellow Americans really need a #WonderfullyHungryPresident to constantly remind them of the absolutely only 'healthy' way to stop being #hangry (aka #TerriblyHungry) so that they'd also be able to #StopFoodOverdoseNow to lose the immune-weakening & disease-causing . . . —

[A]gain as shown elsewhere earlier, your not being able to write that you're 'wonderfully hungry' when greeted means, Jeremy, you're possibly infected w/COVID

[Y]our not being able to reply appropriately over the past 37 minutes since being greeted here means, TAI, you're #StateCOVID19Test 'positive' indicating that it's possible you're unwittingly contagious (i.e. pre-symptomatic) needing to call your doctor and to self-isolate per your doctor who may prescribe anti-viral(s) for you as indicated

I, as a cardiologist, share with you, TAI, that it's wonderful knowing through our hunger that we're both not having a heart attack (aka myocardial infarction) at the moment

(Exs. P-11, P-12.)

5.

When one of the commenters asked Respondent if he was licensed by a state medical board, Respondent replied as follows: “[A]n <https://bit.ly/EternalMedicalLicense> supersedes the authority of every state and country.” (Ex. P-13.) One commenter asked, “So I should take your medical advice, and ignore doctors who are licensed by the state of Georgia?” (Ex. P-14.) Respondent stated, “[T]hey can’t help you write that you’re ‘wonderfully hungry’ when being greeted. . . . [Y]our not being able to write that you are ‘wonderfully hungry’ when being greeted means, TAI, you’re possibly infected w/COVID.” (Id.)

6.

The same commenter asked Respondent, “So are you a licensed cardiologist, or not?” To which, Respondent again referred to an eternal medical license. (Id.)

7.

In addition to the YouTube video and comments, Respondent posted on and engaged in a conversation in the sci.med.cardiology Google Group on April 8, 2020. (Ex. P-15.) He identified himself as Andrew B. Chung MD/PhD. (Id.) The title of his post was “How to know immediately whether a neighbor has COVID-19.” (Id.) A group member stated that he/she has not been able to taste anything. Respondent told the member that not being able to taste was “terrible.” When the member asked why it was terrible, Respondents stated “Losing the ability to taste and smell food is a specific symptom of being infected with the COVID-19 coronavirus.” (Id.) He told the member that the inability to smell is called “anosmia” and that he should “Google anosmia and COVID-19 together and see why you need to self-quarantine and call your doctor about your have anosmia and your consequently needing to be tested to confirm that you are contagious.” (Id.)

The post was viewed 3,996 times. (Id.)

8.

In 1995, Respondent established a website called HeartMDPhD.com. Respondent has maintained that website, and as of December 30, 2024, it displayed Respondent's photograph with his name "Andrew B. Chung, MD/PhD" and "Emory's WonderfullyHungry.org Cardiologist" next to his photograph, as well as the following information:

Welcome to this Virtual Office!

Please have a seat and make yourself comfortable. To your left is a clickable picture of the building where the real office is located. . . .

**Office Hours:** Monday Through Friday By Appointment Only

**Cardiology Office Location:** The Westside of Atlanta. Bringing cardiology services to an area that is convenient to Vinings, Mableton, Austell, Smyrna, Marietta, and Powder Springs.

. . .

**Insurance:** Billing all insurance plans including Medicare and Medicaid.

. . .

**Practice Mission Statement:** Provide truly exceptional cardiac care to people with heart problems in Georgia

**Method:** Use the latest tools of modern technology developed through active participation in clinical cardiology research to teach as well as treat people toward optimizing their cardiac health.

. . .

**What can you expect?**

1. A caring and conscientious cardiologist who values honesty and integrity
2. A cardiologist highly skilled in all diagnostic cardiac procedures including heart catheterization
3. Rapid turn-around on reports for diagnostic tests typically within 24 hours
4. A cardiologist interested in collaborating with the patient and his/her primary physician toward optimal cardiac health
5. State-of-the-Art electronic medical records including computerized

- prescriptions for higher pharmacy accuracy
6. A communicative cardiologist who encourages questions (even those about alternative medicine)
  7. One of the most highly trained cardiologist in the world offering an unprecedented level of expertise and innovation
  8. A cardiologist with formal college teaching experience who effectively combines patient education with cardiac care
  9. Unprecedented 24/7/365 access to Dr. Chung instead of partners or associates
  10. Preventative cardiology techniques borne from the latest research and proprietary to Dr. Chung's practice
  11. Access to patient-only sections of HeartMDPhD.com with information about achieving optimal cardiac health
  12. Saturday office hours available for busy professionals
  13. Very flexible financial planning for the uninsured
  14. Compliance with national HIPAA standards for protecting privacy of Protected Health Information

(Exs. P-16, P-17, P-18.)

9.

During the last quarter of 2024, Respondent used the email address [achung@emorycardiology.com](mailto:achung@emorycardiology.com) to communicate with the Senior Assistant Attorney General Michelle Sawyer and the Board's Director of Investigations, Cameron Rabbitt. In response to Ms. Sawyer's email, Respondent continued to fixate on appetite and being "wonderfully hungry." In one reply, Respondent stated, "I as an Emory-trained MD/PhD cardiologist, again share with you, Michelle, that it's really Wonderful (Isaiah 9:6) knowing through our hunger (Deuteronomy 8:3) that we're both not having a heart attack (aka myocardial infarction) at the moment." (Exs. P-19, P-20, P-21, P-22.)

10.

At the hearing, Respondent continued to ask witnesses and the undersigned if we were wonderfully hungry. Respondent asserted that his medical license was unlawfully revoked and therefore there was no basis for the cease and desist. (Testimony of Respondent.)

## **Conclusions of Law**

1.

The Board has the authority to issue a cease and desist order to prohibit the unlicensed practice of medicine. O.C.G.A. §§ 43-34-5(c)(19), 43-1-20.1(a).

2.

An individual is deemed to be practicing medicine if, among other things, he “hold[s] himself . . . out to the public as being engaged in the diagnosis or treatment of disease or injuries of human beings, or [] suggest[s], recommend[s], or prescribe[s] any form of treatment for the palliation, relief, or cure of any physical or mental ailment of any person, with the intention of receiving therefor, either directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, or compensation whatsoever, or [] maintain[s] an office for the reception, examination, or treatment of diseased or injured human beings, or [] attach[es] the title ‘M.D.,’ . . . ‘Doctor,’ . . . or ‘Physician’ either alone or in connection with other words, or any other word or abbreviation to his name . . . indicative that he . . . is engaged in the treatment of diseased, defective, or injured human beings.” O.C.G.A. § 43-34-22(a).

3.

Respondent has repeatedly held himself out to the public as being engaged in the diagnosis or treatment of disease or injuries of human beings. In public internet forums, he has referred to himself as “HeartDocAndrew,” “Andrew Chung MD/PhD,” “Emory’s Wonderfully Hungry.org Cardiologist,” and “cardiologist.” It is true that he earned his medical degree and his PhD, and the Board cannot take those degrees away from Respondent. The Board can, however, prohibit Respondent from using those titles, and others like them, when he addresses the public, because they are indicative that he is engaged in the treatment of diseased, defective, or injured human

beings. In other words, those titles are indicative that Respondent is engaged in the practice of medicine.


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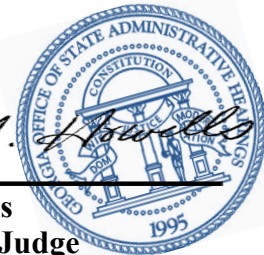
Respondent also, in a public forum, purported to diagnose individuals with COVID and diagnoses others as not having a heart attack. Finally, Respondent maintains a website on which he claims he has an office, maintains a cardiology practice, and treats patients with heart problems. All of these actions are deemed to be engaging in the practice of medicine. Because Respondent does not hold a license to practice medicine, those actions are violations of Georgia Code Section 43-34-22(a).

### **ORDER**

For the above and foregoing reasons, Respondent is **ORDERED** to **CEASE** and **DESIST** any and all actions indicating that he is engaged in the diagnosis or treatment of disease or injury of human beings, until he obtains a valid license from the Board.

**SO ORDERED**, this 31st day of January, 2025.

  
Stephanie M. Howells  
Administrative Law Judge





BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

LATANA CARVAH JACKSON, RCP,  
License No. 8445,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

MAR 05 2025

DOCKET NUMBER:  
20250050

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and LATANA CARVAH JACKSON, RCP ("Respondent") the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice as a respiratory care professional in the State of Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein.

2.

On or about March 1, 2024, the Respiratory Care Board, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California, issued an Order against the Respondent, said Order amounting to a disciplinary action. The Order alleged Respondent falsified hours and timesheets while working in California as a respiratory care professional.

3.

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, if proven, constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon her license to practice as a respiratory care professional in the State of Georgia, under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

### ORDER

1.

The Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances surrounding this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that her license to practice as a respiratory care professional in the State of Georgia shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Fine. Within **six (6) months** of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)**. Such fine shall be payable by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board and shall be submitted via mail to: Jason S. Jones, Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334.  
**Failure to pay the fine within the stated time period shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.**
2. Coursework. Within **ninety (90) days** of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall complete the following units of continuing medical education ("CME") hours: 1) ten (10) hours in **ethics** and 2) ten (10) hours in **professionalism**, said courses shall be subject to Board approval. Said courses



shall be above and beyond any hours used as CME hours for renewal and shall not count towards any renewal requirements. Documentation evidencing completion of coursework may be sent to Latisha Bias, Director of Compliance, via email to latisha.bias@dch.ga.gov, or as otherwise directed by the Board. **Failure to submit the required documentation, within the stated time period, shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.**

2.

In addition to and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** to the Respondent for Respondent's conduct.

3.

If the Respondent shall fail to abide by all state and federal laws relating to drugs and regulating the practice of respiratory care in the State of Georgia, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the terms of this Consent Order, or if it should appear from information received by the Board that the Respondent is unable to practice as a respiratory care professional with reasonable skill and safety, Respondent's license may be further sanctioned or revoked, upon substantiation thereof.

4.

Respondent acknowledges that she has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and docketed by the Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative



file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board. However, if the Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the Board's ability to adjudicate this matter. Respondent understands that, by entering into this Consent Order, Respondent may not be eligible for a multistate license. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

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SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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JASON S. JONES  
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

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LATANA CARVAH JACKSON, RCP  
Respondent

[As to the Signature of Latana Carvah Jackson, RCP]  
Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

January 24, 2031



SIGMUND C. BARNES  
Notary Public  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
My Commission Expires  
January 24, 2031





BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

SCOTT STEVEN KATZMAN, MD,  
License No. 71763,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

MAR 05 2025

DOCKET NUMBER:

20250051

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and SCOTT STEVEN KATZMAN, MD ("Respondent") the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein.

2.

On or about February 20, 2023, Respondent entered into a "Settlement Agreement" with the State of Florida, Department of Health, in DOH Case No. 2019-07964. The Administrative Complaint alleged that Respondent filed a report that made it appear as if he were the lead surgeon during a surgery when he was, in fact, only assisting.

3.

Respondent neither admits nor denies 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, if proven, constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon his license to practice as a licensed physician in the State of Georgia, under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

### ORDER

1.

The Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances surrounding this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that his license to practice medicine as a physician in the State of Georgia shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Fine. Within **sixty (60) days** of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of **five hundred dollars (\$500.00)**. Such fine shall be payable by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board and shall be submitted via mail to: Jason S. Jones, Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. **Failure to pay the fine within the stated time period shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.**

2.

In addition to and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** to the Respondent for Respondent's conduct.



3.

If the Respondent shall fail to abide by all state and federal laws relating to drugs and regulating the practice of medicine in the State of Georgia, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the terms of this Consent Order, or if it should appear from information received by the Board that the Respondent is unable to practice as a physician with reasonable skill and safety, Respondent's license may be further sanctioned or revoked, upon substantiation thereof.

4.

Respondent acknowledges that she has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and docketed by the Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board. However, if the Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the Board's ability to adjudicate this matter. Respondent understands that, by entering into this Consent Order, Respondent may not be eligible for a multistate license. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

*[Signature on Following Page]*



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

JASON S. JONES  
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

SCOTT STEVEN KATZMAN, MD  
Respondent

[As to the Signature of Scott Steven Katzman, MD]  
Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 20 day of February, 2025.



**BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**MEU KIM, ACP,  
License No. 284,**

**Respondent.**

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**DOCKET NO.:**

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

**MAR 24 2025**

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

10250055

**ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

1.

WHEREAS, MEU KIM, ACP ("Respondent") is licensed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") to practice as an acupuncturist in the State of Georgia.

2.

WHEREAS on or about February 11, 2025, Respondent was arrested by law enforcement officers with the Doraville Police Department for felony Aggravated Sexual Battery and five counts of Sexual Battery. The charges were reported by two female patients who sought acupuncture from Respondent at his clinic, Kim's Oriental Medicine Clinic, located in Doraville. The first female patient stated she went to Respondent for two appointments in April of 2024. During these appointments, Respondent touched her inappropriately, including fondling her breasts, rubbing her vagina, and inserting his fingers into her vagina. The second female patient stated she went to Respondent for an appointment in December of 2024. During the appointment, Respondent touched her inappropriately, including touching her breasts and nipples and rubbing her vagina and clitoris.

3.

WHEREAS, after the initial arrest, Respondent was again arrested on March 1, 2025 for an additional two counts of Aggravated Sexual Battery and fourteen counts of Sexual Battery. These charges stem from additional patients coming forth to report they were inappropriately



touched by the Respondent during their acupuncture appointments. At this time, the criminal case is pending, and Respondent is being held in Dekalb County Jail.

4.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board finds that Respondent's continued practice as an acupuncturist poses a threat to the public health, safety and welfare and imperatively requires emergency action and hereby ORDERS that Respondent's license to practice acupuncture in the State of Georgia be and is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-18(c)(1).

This Order is signed and attested by the Executive Director on behalf of the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

This 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.



**GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD**

SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD  
Chairperson

JASON S. JONES  
Executive Director

PLEASE DIRECT ALL  
CORRESPONDENCE TO:  
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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

DONALD NICELL, MD,  
License No. 54648,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

MAR 05 2025

DOCKET NUMBER:  
20250052

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and Donald Nicell, MD ("Respondent") the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein. The Board first issued Respondent a medical license on April 2, 2004, current through July 31, 2025, specializing in diagnostic radiology.

2.

On or about December 9, 2024, Respondent notified the Board of out of state discipline, where the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board ("Wisconsin Board") reprimanded Respondent after investigating two separate malpractice case settlements. The Wisconsin Board initiated a review of the first medical malpractice settlement, Case No. MED 260, involving Patient A on May 16, 2023. The Wisconsin Board initiated a review of the second medical malpractice settlement, Case. No. Med 609, involving Patient B on December 20, 2023.

3.

The Wisconsin Board first issued Respondent's license to practice surgery and medicine on February 19, 2004, with a registration current through October 31, 2025. At all relevant times to the Wisconsin Board's proceedings, Respondent practiced diagnostic radiology from his employer's location in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

4.

On December 16, 2018, Patient A, experienced sudden right-sided numbness and tingling in his face and dizziness and was taken to the emergency department of a hospital in Winona, Minnesota. After a neurology consultation, Respondent remotely read a CT Angiography of the neck with contrast. Respondent's report included his impression that there was calcific plaque present in the right internal carotid artery, but no dissection or occlusion and overall, no acute findings. Later the same day, Patient A underwent an MRI that revealed a small infraction in the left cerebellum and a stroke in the left medulla.

5.

The Wisconsin Board found Respondent failed to identify a blockage in Patient A's left vertebral artery on the CT Angiography. Respondent maintained there was inadequate IV contrast in the left artery and poor imaging by the hospital technician but failed to note that in his report or repeat study. The standard of minimally competent medical practice required Respondent to note in his report that he could not accurately characterize the arteries in the neck due to insufficiency of contrast and marked degradation of the imaging, and request a repeat study be performed.

6.

On May 23, 2021, Patient B was injured in a motor vehicle accident and taken to a hospital in Portsmouth, Maine. Respondent remotely read a CT Head without contrast and a CT Cervical



Spine without contrast, which were performed by the emergency department at the Maine hospital. Respondent's impression in his CT Head report noted no acute intracerebral abnormality or injury, and a scalp laceration with no underlying calvaria or orbital fractures. Respondent's impression in his CT Cervical Spine report noted no acute fractures. Two days later, Patient presented to the emergency department with complaints of continued pain and further studies diagnosed Patient B with a non-displaced fracture of the 6<sup>th</sup> cervical vertebra, Grade 1 anterolisthesis of C6 and C7, and non-displaced fracture of the right lamina of C5.

7.

Respondent admitted he missed the fractures and anterolisthesis of C6 and C7. The failure to identify led to a two-day delay in treating Patient B with a C-collar, causing instability of the cervical spine, ultimately requiring a subsequent surgery.

8.

The Wisconsin Board concluded their investigation on Respondent's two malpractice settlements on December 2, 2024, and notified Respondent of their decision to administer disciplinary action in the form of a Final Order, which was effective on November 20, 2024. The Wisconsin Board issued Respondent a reprimand limiting Respondent's license and registration to practice medicine and surgery until completion of at least three hours of pre-approved educational courses on the topic of the CT appearance of neck trauma, including a course on vascular injury.

9.

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, if proven, constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon his license to practice as a licensed physician in the State of Georgia, under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

### ORDER

1.

The Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances surrounding this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that his license to practice medicine as a physician in the State of Georgia shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Fine. Within **ninety (90) days** of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of **one thousand dollars (\$1 ,000.00)**. Such fine shall be payable by cashier' s check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board and shall be submitted via mail to: Jason S. Jones, Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. **Failure to pay the fine within the stated time period shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent' s license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.**

2.

In addition to and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** to the Respondent for Respondent' s conduct.

3.

If the Respondent shall fail to abide by all state and federal laws relating to drugs and regulating the practice of medicine in the State of Georgia, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the terms of this Consent Order, or if it should appear from information received by the Board that the Respondent is unable to practice as a physician with reasonable skill and safety, Respondent's license may be further sanctioned or revoked, upon substantiation thereof..

4.

Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and docketed by the Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board. However, if the Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the Board's ability to adjudicate this matter. Respondent understands that, by entering into this Consent Order, Respondent may not be eligible for a multistate license. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

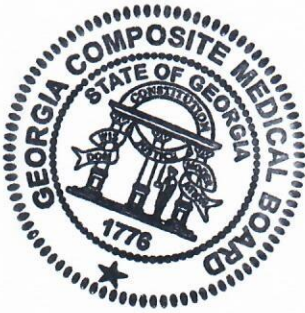
Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:



SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD  
Chairperson



ATTEST:

JASON S. JONES  
Executive Director

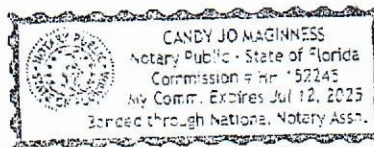
CONSENTED TO:

DONALD NICELL, MD  
Respondent

[As to the Signature of Donald Nicell, MD]  
Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 21 day of February, 2025.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 7-12-2025



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

OBIOHA LOUIS OKORO, MD,  
License No. 39194,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

MAR 05 2025

DOCKET NUMBER:

20250049

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and OBIOHA LOUIS OKORO, MD ("Respondent") the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein.

2.

On or about February 8, 2024, the Board spoke with Respondent regarding a complaint that Respondent was inappropriately prescribing to family members. Respondent was shown a list of twelve persons who had received prescriptions between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2023 from the same address. Respondent acknowledged a personal relationship with eleven persons, naming six as family members and five as family friends from India. He did not keep medical records for any of the eleven people in question. Additionally, he did not recognize and could not retrieve medical records for the twelfth person, Patient A.N., for whom he had written

prescriptions. Respondent had written three prescriptions for Patient A.N., two for 1% silver sulfadiazine cream and one for acetaminophen/codeine, a controlled substance.

3.

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, if proven, constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon his license to practice as a licensed physician in the State of Georgia, under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

#### ORDER

1.

The Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances surrounding this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that his license to practice medicine as a physician in the State of Georgia shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Fine. Within **six (6) months** of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)**. Such fine shall be payable by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board and shall be submitted via mail to: Jason S. Jones, Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334.  
**Failure to pay the fine within the stated time period shall be deemed a**



**violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.**

2. Coursework. Within **six (6) months** of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall complete an **intensive prescribing course**, to be approved by the Board. Said course shall not be used as CME hours for renewal. Documentation for approval of and to evidence completion of coursework may be sent to Latisha Bias, Director of Compliance, via email to [latisha.bias@dch.ga.gov](mailto:latisha.bias@dch.ga.gov), or as otherwise directed by the Board. **Failure to submit the required documentation, within the stated time period, shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.**

2.

In addition to and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** to the Respondent for Respondent's conduct.

3.

If the Respondent shall fail to abide by all state and federal laws relating to drugs and regulating the practice of medicine in the State of Georgia, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the terms of this Consent Order, or if it should appear from information received by the Board that the Respondent is unable to practice as a physician with reasonable skill and safety, Respondent's license may be further sanctioned or revoked, upon substantiation thereof.

4.

Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and docketed by the Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board. However, if the Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the Board's ability to adjudicate this matter. Respondent understands that, by entering into this Consent Order, Respondent may not be eligible for a multistate license. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

*[Signatures on Following Page]*





GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

*S. Gangadhar*

SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

*J. S. Jones*

JASON S. JONES  
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

*Obioha Louis Okoro*

OBIOHA LOUIS OKORO, MD  
Respondent

[As to the Signature of Obioha Louis Okoro, MD]

WITNESSED on

this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

*[Signature]*

WITNESS SIGNATURE

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

JAMES STAHeli, D.O.,  
License No. 80243,  
Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

MAR 31 2025

DOCKET NUMBER:

20250020

PUBLIC ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION

**WHEREAS**, on or about November 4, 2024, the Georgia Composite Medical Board (hereinafter "Board") and James Staheli, D.O. (hereinafter "Respondent") entered into a Public Consent Order ("Order"), Docket Number 20250020, requiring payment of a fine and instituting a period of probation during which Respondent was required to submit quarterly declarations as required by the State Medical Board of Ohio;

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 3, 2025, Respondent petitioned to terminate the period of probation early;

**WHEREAS**, upon review, the Board determined that the State Medical Board of Ohio has released Respondent from the December 2023 Ohio Consent Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions of the Order to the satisfaction of the Board.

**THEREFORE**, the Board hereby enters this Public Order Terminating Probation indicating that Respondent has successfully complied with the terms of the Order. Respondent's license is hereby returned to unrestricted status and is in good standing.

Signatures of the following page

This 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2025.



(BOARD SEAL)

BY:

SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

JASON S. JONES  
Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

GEORGE BUTLER WILSON, MD,  
License No. 67934,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

MAR 24 2025

DOCKET NUMBER:

20250056

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and George Butler Wilson, MD ("Respondent") the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein. The Georgia Composite Medical Board issued Respondent a full medical license on May 4, 2012.

2.

On or about December 14, 2024, the Georgia Composite Medical Board received notice of Respondent's out of state discipline by the Arizona Medical Board.

3.

On or about November 7, 2024, the Arizona Medical Board issued a Letter of Reprimand to the Respondent, who signed a Consent Agreement acknowledging and agreeing to the Order issued by the Board.





4.

At all relevant times during and after the Arizona Medical Board's disciplinary proceedings, Respondent held and continues to hold a valid medical license in the State of Arizona for allopathic medicine.

5.

Arizona Medical Board's discipline arose from a malpractice settlement regarding Respondent's interpretation of an abdominal/pelvic CT scan for a 67-year-old female patient ("VW").

6.

On or about September 22, 2016, VW presented to the Canyon Vista Hospital Emergency Department ("ED") with a one-day history of acute severe bilateral lower abdominal pain and bright red bleeding per rectum. Respondent interpreted an abdomen/pelvic CT scan with contrast and reported "partial volvulus" and "small amount of free fluid." The Respondent displayed the CT scan images and presented the findings of sigmoid volvulus and free fluid (indicating peritonitis) to the supervising physician in the ED, named in the malpractice suit, along with several nurses and residents. Respondent returned to his office while the ED supervising physician continued overseeing VW's care.

7.

Approximately five hours after the CT scan had been completed and reported, the ED supervising physician arranged for VW to transfer via ambulance from Canyon Vista to Tucson, Arizona, where VW would receive a GI consultation. VW arrived in Tucson approximately eight hours after arriving at Canyon Vista, while she was suffering from severe abdominal pain and deteriorating vital signs from initial arrival. Plaintiff VW's experts maintain that the ED



supervising physician deviated from the standard of care and should have consulted a Canyon Vista general surgeon early in VW's admission, no later than the time the CT scan results were discussed. Respondent maintains that Canyon Vista's on-call general surgeon was also an endoscopist, who could have been consulted by the ED supervising physician for either a surgery or endoscopy, as the transfer to Tucson delayed treatment.

8.

Respondent maintains that his report of volvulus and free fluid to the ED supervising physician indicated a surgical emergency, and the volvulus finding alone should have precipitated a surgical consultation. In addition, Respondent maintains that deterioration of VW's clinical condition should have caused immediate intervention.

9.

The Arizona Medical Board found that Respondent deviated from the standard of care by failing to report free air (indicating bowel perforation) on VW's abdominal/pelvic CT scan. VW's condition deteriorated and VW died on September 24, 2016, from multi-organ failure, septic shock, volvulus, and acute respiratory failure. The standard of care requires a physician to identify and report any and all abnormal findings on imaging studies.

10.

Respondent neither admits nor denies 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, if proven, constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon his license to practice as a licensed physician in the State of Georgia, under



O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

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Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:



SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD  
Chairperson

ATTEST:



JASON S. JONES  
Executive Director





CONSENTED TO:

*George Butler Wilson*  
George Butler Wilson, MD  
Respondent

[As to the Signature of George Butler Wilson, MD]

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

*Briona Lashale Dunn*

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 6/14/2028



*[Signature]*