

April 2025 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board

The Board issued **six** public orders in **April 2025**. To view each Board order, click on the licensee's name below.

1. Julie Abrahamson, PA-C

1325

Physician Assistant

Consent Agreement for Reinstatement

2. Gregory Cook, MD

31398

Physician

Voluntary Surrender

3. James Christopher Craig, MD

52910

Physician

Public Consent Order

4. Jeffery Joseph Jaindl, DO

67047

Physician

Public Consent Order

5. Elmer Guillermo Pinzon, MD

45318

Physician

Public Consent Order

6. Sajad Zalzala, MD

77333

Physician

Public Consent Order

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

JULIE ABRAHAMSON,
PA-C License No. 1325,

Reinstatement Applicant.

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DOCKET NO:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

APR 14 2025

DOCKET NUMBER:
20250062

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR REINSTATEMENT

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board"), in its discretion, has considered the reinstatement application for licensure of Julie Abrahamson ("Applicant") to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Georgia. In conjunction therewith, the Board hereby enters its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

On or about February 7, 1991, Applicant was issued a license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Georgia. On or about October 31, 2024, Applicant's license expired. Then on or about January 31, 2025, Applicant's license lapsed for failure to renew.

2.

On or about February 15, 2025, Applicant submitted an application for reinstatement of Applicant's license to practice as a physician assistant. While reviewing the application, it was discovered that Applicant had worked as a physician assistant in Georgia after her license lapsed.

3.

Applicant waives any further findings of fact with respect to this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The unlicensed practice disclosed by Applicant is grounds for denial of licensure or licensure with discipline under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended. Reinstatement of Applicant's license is within the discretion of the Board. Applicant hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

Beginning on the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Applicant's license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Georgia shall be reinstated, subject to the following terms:

1.

Applicant shall submit to the Board a fine of **five hundred dollars (\$500.00)** to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement. Said fine shall be sent to Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 90th day shall be considered a violation of this Agreement and shall result in further sanctioning of Applicant's licensure, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

This Consent Agreement and dissemination thereof shall be considered a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** of Applicant by the Board.

3.

The effective date of this Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is docketed. Applicant should receive a docketed copy of the Consent Order from the Board at the Applicant's

address and/or email address of record within ten (10) business days of the docket date. If Applicant has not received a docketed copy of the Consent Order, it is Applicant's responsibility to obtain a docketed copy of the Consent Order from the Board. Applicant must comply with the terms and conditions of the Consent Order beginning on the effective date.

4.

Applicant acknowledges that Applicant has read this Consent Agreement and understands its contents. Applicant understands that Applicant has the right to an appearance in this matter and freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Agreement. Applicant understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Board's consideration of this Consent Agreement and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Agreement. Applicant further understands that this Consent Agreement will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. However, if this Consent Agreement 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. Applicant hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

(Signature on following page)

Approved this 14th day of April, 2025.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD



BY: *S. Gangasani*

SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD
Chairperson

ATTEST: *J. S. Jones*

JASON S. JONES
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: *Julie Abrahamson* PA-C
JULIE ABRAHAMSON, PA-C
Applicant

[As to Applicant's signature only:]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 14th day of April, 2025.

Kimberly A. Lemieux
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:



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

IN THE MATTER OF:

**GREGORY COOK, MD,
License No. 31398,
Respondent.**

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* Docket No. _____

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

APR 09 2025

DOCKET NUMBER:
10230064

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, GREGORY COOK, MD, holder of License No. 31398 to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily surrender said license to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. I hereby acknowledge that this surrender shall be considered to be and have the same effect as a revocation of my license, and I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title and privilege of practicing medicine in the State of Georgia, unless and until such time as my license may be reinstated, in the sole discretion of the Board.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the contents of this Voluntary Surrender. I understand that I have a right to a hearing in this matter, and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily waive such right. I also understand that should the Board entertain any request for reinstatement, the Board shall have access to any investigative or medical information regarding me. I further understand that upon applying for reinstatement, it shall be incumbent upon me to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that I am able to practice as a physician with reasonable skill and safety to patients, and that the Board may investigate my conduct since the time of the surrender of my license. I understand and agree that any reinstatement of my license to practice as a physician is a matter in the sole discretion of the Board and that the Board may deny any such reinstatement without identifying a reason for said denial.

This surrender shall become effective upon acceptance and docketing by the Board. I understand that this document will be considered to be a public record entered pursuant to

O.C.G.A. §43-34-8(b)(1) and that this action shall be considered to be and may be disseminated as a final order of the Board.

[As to **Respondent's** signature:]

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 26th day of March, 2025

GREGORY COOK, MD

Respondent

Angela D. Anderson
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 3/16/2027

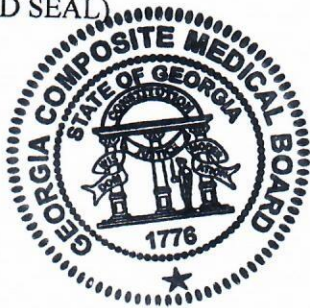


ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

The voluntary surrender of License No. 31398 is hereby accepted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, this 9th day of April, 2025.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)



BY:

S. Gangasani

SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD
Chairperson

ATTEST:

J. S. Jones

JASON S. JONES
Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

JAMES CHRISTOPHER CRAIG, MD.
License No. 52910,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

APR 09 2025

DOCKET NUMBER:
10250030

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and JAMES CHRISTOPHER CRAIG, 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 August 29, 2023, the Board received a complaint alleging Respondent was involved in inappropriate sexual conduct and illicit drug use. The Board investigated the complaint and substantiated three allegations.

1. In 2021, Respondent grew psilocybin mushrooms in his home and engaged in the use of psilocybin mushrooms on approximately three occasions.
2. In 2021, outside of the office and in a social setting, Respondent engaged in sexual intercourse with a patient after he and the patient had been drinking alcohol. Specifically, Respondent had previously provided the patient with Botox

injections, prescribed phentermine for weight loss, and prescribed Guaiafenesin AC on one occasion when the patient was ill.

3. Respondent did not check the prescription drug monitoring program ("PDMP") prior to Respondent prescribing the phentermine to the patient.

3.

Based on the above facts, the Board ordered Respondent to submit to a mental/physical evaluation, and Respondent did submit to a mental/physical evaluation. On or about February 13, 2025, the Board received a report from the evaluating physician. The evaluator physician found Respondent was safe to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety and gave recommendations.

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, 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 placed on **PROBATION**, 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 **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, 11th 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. Professional Boundaries Course and Extended Follow-Up and Monitoring. Within **ninety (90) days** of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall enroll in a **professional boundaries course with extended follow-up and monitoring**. The following courses with extended follow-up and monitoring are pre-approved by the Board: 1) Professional Boundaries Inc., which can be found at www.professionalboundaries.com, 2) UCSD PACE Professional Boundaries Program and PACE-PLUS, which can be found at: www.paceprogram.ucsd.edu, and 3) Center for Professional Health, Vanderbilt University Medical Center Maintaining Professional Boundaries and physician coaching, which can be found at <https://medsites.vumc.org/centerforprofessionalhealth/cph-maintaining-professional-boundaries>. This requirement is above and beyond any continuing medical education hours ("CME") required for renewal and any hours obtained to meet this requirement shall not be used towards renewal requirements.

Documentation to evidence enrollment 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.**

3. Prescription Writing Course. Within **ninety (90) days** of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall complete **ten (10) hours** of continuing medical education on **prescription writing and/or the PDMP**. This requirement is above and beyond any CME required for renewal and any hours obtained to meet this requirement shall not be used towards renewal requirements. Documentation to evidence completion 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.**
4. Quarterly Reports from Addictionologist. Within **thirty (30) days** of the docket date of this Consent Order and continuing throughout the period of probation, Respondent shall remain under the care of an addictionologist, a physician who is board certified in addiction medicine. The Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to the Respondent's addictionologist and shall cause such individual to submit quarterly reports to the Board by March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, commencing on the first reporting date following the effective date of this Order and continuing through the period of probation, which reports shall evaluate the Respondent's progress and shall contain the following: 1) Results of

random alcohol and drugs screens, to be conducted no less than monthly, mode to be set by the addictionologist. Respondent shall not test positive for alcohol and/or any drugs not prescribed to him. The Board reserves the right to alter the mode and/or frequency of screening upon reasonable grounds and can do so by notifying the addictionologist directly of its request and without prior notice to the Respondent. 2) Certification from the addictionologist that s/he has reviewed documentation that Respondent has attended 12-step meetings and Caduceus meetings and said documentation reflects attendance at a rate sufficient to support Respondent's continuing sobriety. 3) Certification from the addictionologist that s/he believes Respondent maintains sobriety and is safe to practice medicine as a physician with reasonable skill and safety. Respondent agrees that the receipt of an unfavorable report from the Respondent's addictionologist and/or that the Respondent is otherwise unable to function as a physician shall constitute reasonable grounds for the Board to order the Respondent to undergo a mental/physical examination and may also be reasonable grounds for disciplinary action, including summary suspension. Quarterly reports 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 quarterly reports shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.**

5. Treatment with a Primary Care Provider. Respondent shall continue treatment with a primary care provider to address any medical issues that may cause Respondent to be unable to practice as a physician with reasonable skill and safety. **Failure to**

abide by this term shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.

6. Refrain from Treating Family Members and/or Staff Members. Respondent shall absolutely refrain from treating any family member, related to the Respondent by blood or marriage, and/or any staff member of Respondent. **Failure to abide by this term shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.**

2.

Respondent shall not be eligible to petition for termination of the period of probation until Respondent can document **five (5) years** of continuous compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order. At such time, Respondent may petition for termination by certifying under oath before a notary public that Respondent has complied with all conditions of the period of probation and by providing documentation supporting discharge from the period of probation, including any documentation requested by the Board. The Board shall review and evaluate the practice of Respondent prior to terminating the period of probation. At such time, should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining probation on Respondent's license, the Board shall notify Respondent of its intent to extend the period of probation, and Respondent may respond to such notice in writing or request an appearance before the Board as in a non-contested case. In any event, this Consent Order shall remain in effect pending a final written determination by the Board and notification that the period of probation has been terminated.

3.

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.

4.

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.

5.

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. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 9th day of April, 2025.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD
Chairperson

ATTEST:

JASON S. JONES
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

JAMES CHRISTOPHER CRAIG, MD
Respondent

[As to the Signature of James Christopher Craig, MD]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 3rd day of April, 2025.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: May 11, 2027



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

JEFFERY JOSEPH JAINDL, D.O.,
License No. 67047,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

APR 09 2025

DOCKET NUMBER
20250059

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and JEFFERY JOSEPH JAINDL, D.O. ("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 as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to the facts stated herein. Respondent is also licensed to practice medicine in several other states. Of importance, Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Virginia, holding License No. 0102-202977.

2.

On or about June 14, 2023, the Virginia Board of Medicine entered a Consent Order issuing Respondent a REPRIMAND (Case No. 221958). The Virginia Consent Order listed the following foregoing Facts of Findings as a basis for their decision:

1. Jeffrey Joseph Jaindl, D.O., was issued License Number 0102-202977 to practice osteopathic medicine on October 13, 2011, which is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2024.

2. Dr. Jaindl violated Virginia Code§ 54.1-2915(A)(3) and (13) in his interpretation of an MRI scan of Patient A's spine in April 2018. Specifically:

- a. On the morning of April 5, 2018, Patient A presented to a hospital emergency department with weakness, urinary retention, muscle pain, and an inability to move her extremities. An MRI of Patient A's cervical spine was taken in the evening of April 5, 2018.
- b. Dr. Jaindl remotely reviewed Patient A's MRI on the evening of April 5, 2018. His impression was that she had significant disc disease and encroachment at C-3/4 through C-6/7. He failed to recognize that Patient A had an epidural abscess, which was compressing the spine and which was indicative of infection or bleeding.
- c. On April 6, 2018, Patient A was transferred to another hospital for spinal surgery for a diagnosis of acute progressive myelopathy.
- d. During surgery on April 9, 2018, surgeons found a prevertebral abscess on Patient A's cervical spine. Although Patient A underwent surgeries to incise, wash, and drain the abscess, she was ultimately rendered quadriplegic.

3.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(5) and 43-34-8(a)(5), the Georgia Board may discipline a licensee who has had disciplinary action taken against him or her by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board.

4.

Respondent waives any further findings of facts with respect to this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the Board to exercise its disciplinary authority under O.C.G.A. Chs. 1 and 34, T. 43, as amended, and the Rules of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the following sanctions shall be imposed upon Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia:

1.

Within thirty (30) days of the effective (docket) date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)** to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Said fine shall be submitted to the attention of the Jason S. Jones, Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 MLK Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. Failure to pay the entire amount of the fine 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 thereof.

2.

This Consent Order and the dissemination thereof shall constitute a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** to the Respondent for his conduct.

3.

Respondent understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this Consent 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's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

4.

The effective date of this Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is docketed. Respondent should receive a docketed copy of the Consent Order from the Board at the Respondent's email and/or physical address of record within ten (10) business days of the docket date. If Respondent has not received a docketed copy of the Consent Order, it is Respondent's responsibility to obtain a docketed copy of the Consent Order from the Board. Respondent must comply with the terms and conditions of the Consent Order beginning on the effective date.

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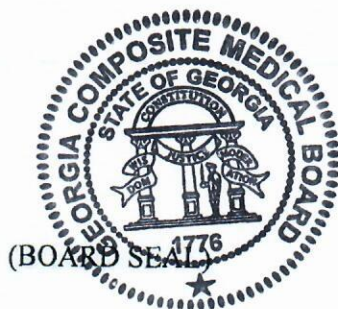
Approval of this Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning Respondent's conduct and, except as provided herein, shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights of the Board.

6.

Respondent acknowledges that she has read and understands the contents of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that she has the right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order. 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 further understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public

record and may be disseminated as such. 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 understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent consents to the terms contained herein.

Approved, this ~~19th~~ ^{9th} day of ~~March~~ ^{April}, 2025.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY: S. Gangasani
SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD
Chairperson

ATTEST: J. S. Jones
JASON S. JONES
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: Jeffery Joseph Jaendl
JEFFERY JOSEPH JAENDL, D.O.
Respondent

[As to the Signature of Jeffery Joseph Jaendl, D.O.]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this, 19 day of March, 2025.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 8-20-31

Connie B. Yeary
Notary Public
Spartanburg County
South Carolina

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

ELMER GUILLERMO PINZON, MD,
License No. 045318,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

APR 17 2025

DOCKET NUMBER:
20250063

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and ELMER GUILLERMO PINZON, 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 issued Respondent a license on April 2, 1998, and it is currently active with a primary specialty in physical medical and rehabilitation and a subspecialty in pain medicine.

2.

The Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter "Tennessee Board") granted Respondent medical license number 35871 on October 26, 2001, which has an expiration date of April 30, 2026. Respondent's license is currently active and unrestricted. Respondent primarily practices in the state of Tennessee.

3.

The North Carolina Medical Board (hereinafter “North Carolina Board”) granted Respondent medical license number 9900988 on July 24, 1999, which has an expiration date of April 20, 2026. Respondent’s license is currently active and unrestricted.

4.

The Tennessee Board’s disciplinary action was based on allegations that Respondent displayed unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct, and disruptive behavior under TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(b)(1).

5.

On or about November 7, 2023, Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Tennessee Board, in which Respondent’s license was placed on probation for a period of no less than six (6) months. During the probationary period, Respondent could not serve as a collaborating/supervising physician or substitute collaborating/supervising physician to any advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or pharmacist and was required to provide updated information to the Board reflecting termination of collaborating/supervising relationships. Respondent was required not to have any further complaints and pay a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and administrative fees to the Tennessee Board. In addition, Respondent was ordered to undergo an evaluation coordinated through the Tennessee Medical Foundation (“TMF”) and comply with its recommendations and forward such recommendations to the Tennessee Board. Prior to this disciplinary action, Respondent had no history of complaints being filed with the Tennessee Board against him.

6.

Following Tennessee's disciplinary action, North Carolina Board ordered Respondent to obtain further evaluation by the North Carolina Professionals Health Program ("NCPHP"). NCPHP was comfortable with the recommendations made by the Vanderbilt University's Program for Distressed Physicians, which Respondent completed on October 18, 2021. NCPHP offered a parallel out-of-state monitoring contract, which Respondent signed on February 29, 2024.

7.

On or about May 20, 2024, Respondent entered into a Consent Order with North Carolina's Board, in which Respondent's license was placed on probation for a period of no less than six (6) months. The probation would be stayed upon Respondent's compliance with Tennessee's Order and compliance with NCPHP monitoring.

8.

Respondent met all terms of the Tennessee Order, and by extension the North Carolina Order, and the Tennessee Board lifted its probation on September 24, 2024.

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 **two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)**. 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, 11th 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. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 17th day of APRIL, 2025.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD
Chairperson

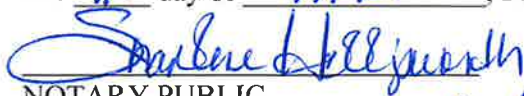
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JASON S. JONES
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

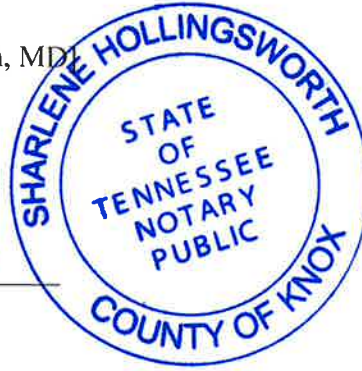
ELMER GUILLERMO PINZON, MD
Respondent

[As to the Signature of Elmer Guillermo Pinzon, MD]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 11TH day of APRIL, 2025.



NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 10/31/26



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

SAJAD ZALZALA, MD,
License No. 77333,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

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PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and SAJAD ZALZALA, 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 21, 2024, Respondent and the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts entered into a Settlement Agreement wherein Respondent's medical license was disciplined. Specifically, Respondent was alleged to have violated a Missouri regulation wherein he was required to document that he was continuously present for a period of at least one (1) month before his collaborating APRN practices at a location where the collaborating physician is not present. When requested, Respondent could not provide such documentation.

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 **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)**. 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, 11th 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 ten (10) hours of continuing medical education (“CME”) in **ethics**, said course shall be subject to Board approval. Said course 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 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 9th day of April, 2025.

[Signatures on Following Page]



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

S. Gangadur

SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD
Chairperson

ATTEST:

J. S. Jones

JASON S. JONES
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

S. Zalzal
SAJAD ZALZALA, MD
Respondent

[As to the Signature of Sajad Zalzal, MD]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 20 day of March, 2025.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 6/23/2030

On this 20 day of March, 2025.
I certify that the (preceding)(following)(attached)
document is a true, exact, complete, and unaltered copy
made by me of Public (as per order) (description of the document),
presented to me by Sajad Zalzal
[Signature] (official signature and seal of Notary)

