

December 2022 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board
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Physician
Public Consent Order

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

FREDERICK FRITZSCHE, JR., M.D.,
License No. 48045,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

NOV 03 2022

DOCKET NUMBER:
20230029

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and FREDERICK FRITZSCHE, JR., M.D. ("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.

2.

On or about March 10, 2020, the Board received a complaint regarding Respondent's prescribing of controlled substances. Specifically, the concern expressed was that Respondent was writing prescriptions improperly and for non-pain related symptoms.

3.

Respondent's medical care of multiple patients was evaluated by a Board-appointed peer reviewer who concluded that Respondent's diagnosis, treatment and/or records departed from and failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in the following ways:

- Respondent failed to document medical histories, vital signs and physical exams.
- Respondent used opioids to manage cough symptoms for upper respiratory infections, sinus infections and COPD exacerbations.

4.

Respondent also had the medical care of the aforementioned patients evaluated by independent physician experts. Although, Respondent's experts found Respondent's documentation of patients' visit to need more detail, they only found one patient encounter to fall below the minimum standard of care. There was no injury or damage to the patient.

5.

Respondent neither admits nor denies the above findings of fact but waives further findings and agrees to the entry of this Order in order to resolve the pending allegations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the Board to exercise 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 ordered, and Respondent hereby agrees to the following:

1.

Within **six (6) months** of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall

submit to the Georgia 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. Said fine shall be sent to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, located at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Order shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

Within **six (6) months** of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall provide to the Board evidence that he has completed the following continuing medical education (CME):

A 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; and said (CME) shall be in addition to the CME required license renewal. Failure to provide written evidence of successful completion of the CME within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Order shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, upon substantiation thereof.

3.

This Consent Order and the dissemination thereof shall constitute a public reprimand to the Respondent for his conduct.

4.

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.

5.

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 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.

6.

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.

7.

Respondent acknowledges that he has read and understands the contents of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that he 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

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 3rd day of November, 2022.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

Matthew W. Norman
MATTHEW W. NORMAN, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Dorsey
DANIEL R. DORSEY
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

Frederick Fritzsche
FREDERICK FRITZSCHE, M.D.
Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF
FREDERICK FRITZSCHE, M.D.:
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this, 27 day of November, 2022.

Kathy Rae Martin
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

DANIEL GOLIGHTLY, M.D.,
License No. 12470,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

NOV 17 2022

DOCKET NUMBER:
2023 0032

ORDER OF COMPLETION

WHEREAS, on or about April 13, 2022, the Georgia Composite Medical Board (hereinafter "Board") and DANIEL GOLIGHTLY, M.D., (hereinafter "Respondent") entered into a Public Consent Order (Docket Number 20220075), requiring the completion of continuing medical education course entitled "Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances and a Board approved course on medical record documentation.

WHEREAS, on or about September 7, 2022, Respondent petitioned for an Order of Completion.

WHEREAS, upon review, the Board has determined that Respondent has complied with the terms of the Consent Order to the satisfaction of the Board.

THEREFORE, the Board hereby enters this Order of Completion to indicate that Respondent has successfully completed the terms of the Public Consent Order, Docket Number 20220075. Respondent's license is in good standing.

This 17th day of November, 2022.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:


MATTHEW W. NORMAN, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:


DANIEL R. DORSEY
Executive Director



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

DANIEL GOLIGHTLY, M.D.,
License No. 12470.

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

APR 13 2022

DOCKET NUMBER:

2022-0075

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and DANIEL GOLIGHTLY, M.D. ("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.

2.

Patient C.D.

On or about October 20, 2018, the Board received a complaint regarding Respondent's prescribing of controlled substances. Specifically, the concern expressed was that Respondent continued to prescribe patient "C.D." Xanax (alprazolam) despite knowledge that the patient had a history of prescription drug abuse. From in or about September of 2015, through January of 2019, patient C.D. was treated by Respondent opiate dependency and anxiety disorder. Respondent's treatment included, inter alia, prescribing Suboxone 8mg or Alprazolam 1mg thirty (30) times from on or about February 20, 2017 to January 14, 2019. Respondent's medical care

of C.D. was evaluated by a Board-approved peer reviewer who concluded that Respondent's diagnosis, treatment and/or records departed from and failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in the following ways:

- Failure to document a comprehensive initial psychiatric assessment prior to initiating and maintaining treatment;
- No documented diagnosis that correlates with the prescription of Xanax;
- Continued prescription of buprenorphine with benzodiazepines without a documented plan to reduce the dose and/or frequency of the benzodiazepine, or an attempt to use non-addictive medications first;
- Failure to obtain a corroborative history from a friend or family member to confirm that the patient is using medications appropriately.

3.

Patient J.N.

Patient J.N. was seen by Respondent between 2014 and 2019 for anxiety disorder, depression, and pain. Respondent's treatment included, inter alia, the use of opioid medications to high doses of benzodiazepines, along with other psychotropic medications. Respondent's medical care of J.N. was evaluated by a Board-approved peer reviewer who concluded that treatment departed from and failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in the following ways:

- Little, if any, mention of recommendations for psychotherapy for treatment of anxiety;
- Regarding the choice, dosing and combination of medications, the treatment does not meet minimal standards of care;
- No records of Respondent attempting to wean or reduce or minimize the use of benzodiazepines;
- Prescription of 6mg of Xanax a day, with concurrent opioid medication, is an unusually high dose and beyond the maximum dosage for anxiety disorders;
- Failure to routinely and regularly check urine drug screens and/or review outside records to corroborate patient's report of back pain.

4.

Patient H.K.

From in or about June of 2017, through August of 2018, patient H.K. was treated by Respondent for opiate dependency, anxiety disorder, and insomnia. Respondent's treatment included, inter alia, prescribing buprenorphine-naloxone and benzodiazepines. Respondent's medical care of H.K. was evaluated by a Board-approved peer reviewer who concluded that Respondent's diagnosis, treatment and/or records departed from and failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in the following ways:

- The dosage and continued prescribing of scheduled/controlled medications to treat addiction, anxiety, and insomnia after inconsistent confirmatory urine drug testing;
- Continued prescription of Suboxone after confirmatory urine drug screen results showed a relapse of heroin, morphine, and hydromorphone without a documented discussion with the patient regarding the drug screen results;
- Increased frequency of Xanax after a documented failure by patient to follow the treatment plan;
- Prescription of a benzodiazepine with Suboxone without documented attempts to minimize usage or outline a plan for cessation, or attempt other non-addictive medication first;
- Failure to address concurrent use of oxycodone interspersed with Suboxone use with patient.

5.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact and waives further findings and agrees to the entry of this Order in order to resolve the pending allegations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the Board to exercise 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 ordered, and Respondent hereby agrees to the following:

1.

Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall provide to the Board evidence that he has completed the following continuing medical education (CME):

- a. A 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; and said (CME) shall be in addition to the CME required license renewal. Failure to provide written evidence of successful completion of the CME within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Order shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, upon substantiation thereof.**
- b. A Board approved course on medical record documentation. This requirement shall be deemed satisfied upon the Board's receipt of evidence of successful completion of the course; and said (CME) shall be in addition to the CME required license renewal. Failure to provide written evidence of successful completion of the CME within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Order shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, 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.

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.

5.

Respondent acknowledges that he has read and understands the contents of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that he 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.

(signatures on following page)

Approved, this 43rd day of APRIL, 2022.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

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DESPINA DALTON, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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DANIEL R. DORSEY
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

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DANIEL GOLIGHTLY, M.D.
Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF
DANIEL GOLIGHTLY, M.D.:

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 28 day of MARCH, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arlene J. Kish".

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

ARLENE J KISH
Notary Public - State of Georgia
Fulton County
My Commission Expires Jan 14, 2024

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
JENNIFER MILLER RAFUS,)	
License No. 374 (Lapsed),)	DOCKET NO: NOV 10 2022
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Reinstatement Applicant.)	DOCKET NUMBER: <u>20230030</u>

PUBLIC 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 JENNIFER MILLER RAFUS ("Applicant") to practice as an acupuncturist 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 August 6, 2015, Applicant was issued a license to practice as an acupuncturist in the State of Georgia. On July 31, 2019, Applicant's license expired, and was subsequently revoked by operation of law for non-renewal.

2.

Applicant engaged in the unlicensed practice of acupuncture following the expiration of her license until in or about July, 2022.

3.

Applicant admits to the above findings of fact, and waives any further findings of fact with respect to this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Reinstatement of a license is within the discretion of the Board. Applicant's unlicensed practice is grounds for denial of reinstatement or licensure with discipline under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended. Applicant 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 an acupuncturist in the State of Georgia shall be reinstated, subject to the following terms:

1.

Within three (3) months of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Applicant shall submit to the Board a fine of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for her unlicensed practice. The fine shall be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, and sent to Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount within three (3) months shall be considered a violation of this Agreement and shall result in further sanctioning of Applicant's licensure, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Applicant shall submit to the Board evidence of her completion of an additional fifty-two (52) hours of Board-approved continuing acupuncture education. These hours may not be used to satisfy continuing education requirements for future license renewal. Failure to provide evidence to the Board of

completion of these hours within one (1) year shall be considered a violation of this Agreement and shall result in further sanctioning of Applicant's licensure, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

3.

Applicant shall abide by all state and federal laws regulating the practice of acupuncture, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement. If Applicant shall fail to abide by such laws, rules, terms or conditions of this Consent Agreement, Applicant'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.

4.

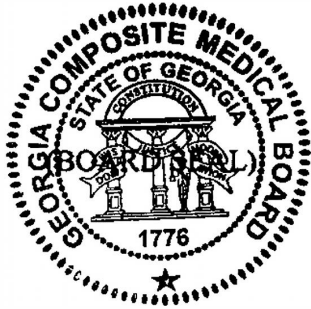
Approval of this Consent Order by the Board shall not be construed as condoning Applicant's conduct and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board.

5.

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 the Board shall have the authority to review the Board's files 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 Board. Applicant understands that this Consent Agreement, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board that may be

disseminated as such. 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.

Approved this 10th day of November, 2022.




GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:



MATTHEW W. NORMAN, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:

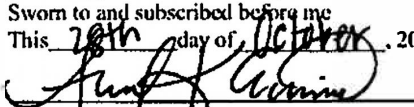


DANIEL R. DORSEY
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:



JENNIFER MILLER RAFUS
Applicant

[As to Applicant's signature:]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 10th day of October, 2022.


NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

