

November 2020 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board
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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

**Wandle Keith Butler, P.A.
License No. 3196,
Respondent.**

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**GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD**

NOV 06 2020

**DOCKET NUMBER:
20210030**

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, WANDLE KEITH BUTLER, P.A., holder of License No. **3196** to practice medicine 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 medicine 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 medicine 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. I understand that I cannot apply for reinstatement for two years from the date of the surrender of my license.

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 evidencing disciplinary action, 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 6th day of October

Idora O. Gills
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: 10/25/2021



Wandle Keith Butler PA
WANDLE KEITH BUTLER, PA
Respondent

ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

The voluntary surrender of License No. **3196** is hereby accepted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, this 6 day of November, 2020.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)



BY:

Barby J. Simmons D.

BARBY J. SIMMONS, DO.
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lasharn Hughes

LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

CURTIS CHEEKS, JR., M.D.,
License No. 51126,

Respondent.

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

NOV 10 2020

DOCKET NUMBER:
20210031

PUBLIC BOARD ORDER

WHEREAS, the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") entered an Amended Public Consent Order ("Amended Order"), Docket No. 10140006, on or about August 2, 2019 in the above-styled matter which imposed requirements on Respondent's medical license that included but were not limited to the following: requiring Respondent to undergo a polygraph examination every six months, have a chaperone present during examinations and submit personal quarterly reports to the Board.

WHEREAS, Respondent has petitioned the Board to terminate the Amended Order and the Board has determined that the Respondent complied with the Amended Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby enters this Order to terminate any practice requirements and to indicate that Respondent has successfully completed the terms of the Amended Public Consent Order, Docket No. 10140006. Respondent's license is returned to unrestricted status and is in good standing.

SO ENTERED, this 10 day of November, 2020.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)



BY:

Barby Simmons D.
Barby Simmons, DO
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lasharn Hughes
LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)

DONALD GATES, M.D.,)
License Number 53915,)
Respondent.)

DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

NOV 06 2020

DOCKET NUMBER:
20210027

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and DONALD GATES, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this 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 in the State of Georgia and was licensed at all times relevant to the matters stated herein.

2.

An investigation by the Board showed Respondent was not in compliance with the reporting requirements of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program ("PDMP").

3.

Respondent regularly dispenses Phentermine, a Schedule IV controlled substance in his office. As such, the Respondent is a "dispenser" as defined O.C.G.A § 16-13-59. Georgia law requires dispensers to submit to the Department of Public Health by electronic means information regarding each prescription dispensed for a Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance at least every 24 hours. See O.C.G.A. § 16-13-59(a) and (b).

4.

A search of the PDMP over an eighteen month time period showed only one prescription issued or dispensed by Respondent. Respondent acknowledged his inadvertent non-compliance and promptly entered all outstanding reports into the PDMP database. Respondent is now in compliance with the PDMP reporting requirements.

5.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

ORDER

The Board, having considered all the 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 Order, Respondent shall pay administrative fees in the amount of eleven hundred dollars (\$1,100.00) as reimbursement to the Board of expenses incurred in the investigation of this matter, which expenses do not include time spent by the investigative division of the Board. Said fees shall be payable by certified check or money order to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 30th day shall be considered a violation of this Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation.

2.

Within thirty (30) days of the effective (docket) date of this Order, Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for his failure to submit prescription information to the PDMP. Said fine shall be payable by certified check or money order to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 30th day shall be considered a violation of this Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation.

3.

Respondent shall abide by all state and federal laws regulating the practice of medicine and relating to drugs, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms and conditions of this Consent Order. If

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

1.

This Consent Order and the dissemination thereof shall constitute a public order of the Board.

2.

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

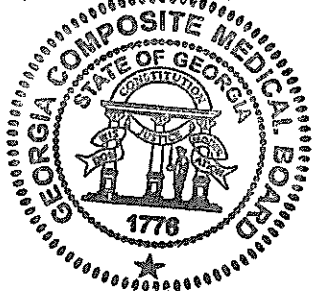
3.

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

Approved this 14th day of October, 2020.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)



BY: Barby J. Simmons, D.O.
BARBY J. SIMMONS, D.O. Chairperson

ATTEST: Lasharn Hughes
LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

DONALD GATES, M.D. Respondent

[Signature]

[As to Respondent's signature only:] Sworn to and
subscribed before me

This 14 day of October, 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

T M Howell

T M HOWELL
Notary Public - State of Georgia
Chatham County
My Commission Expires Mar 28, 2021

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

JERALD J. HICKS, R.C.P.,
License No. 5002,
Respondent.

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

NOV 06 2020

DOCKET NUMBER:
20210028

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, JERALD J. HICKS, R.C.P., holder of License No. 5002 to practice as a Respiratory Care Professional 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 respiratory care 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 respiratory care 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.

Rec'd 10/23/20

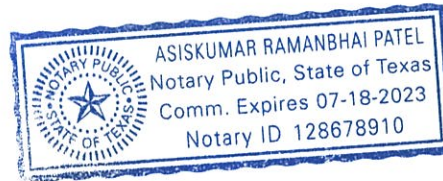
This surrender shall become effective upon acceptance and docketing by the Board. I understand that this document will be considered to be a public record entered pursuant to O.C.G.A. §43-34-8(b)(1) and that this action shall be considered to be and may be disseminated as a final order of the Board.

[As to Jerald J. Hicks' signature:]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 23 day of OCTOBER, 2020.



JERALD J. HICKS, R.C.P.
Respondent

Notary
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: JULY 18 2023



ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

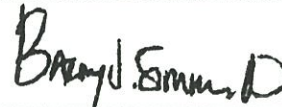
The voluntary surrender of License No. 5002 is hereby accepted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, this 6 day of November, 2020.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

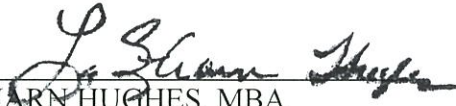


BY:



BARBY J. SIMMONS, D.O.
Chairperson

ATTEST:



LASHARN HUGHES, MBA
Executive Director

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

**PRAVEEN KORIVI, MD,
License No. 56312,
Respondent,**

DOCKET NO. _____

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD**

NOV 06 2020

**DOCKET NUMBER:
10210029**

CONSENT ORDER FOR INDEFINITE SUSPENSION

1.

Respondent is licensed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") to practice medicine in the State of Georgia. Respondent was issued a license on June 3, 1993, and Respondent's license will expire on February 28, 2021.

2.

Respondent is also licensed to practice medicine in the State of Florida. Respondent's Florida license was issued on May 18, 2005, and will expire on January 31, 2021.

3.

On December 30, 2019, Respondent entered a Settlement Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Health wherein Respondent neither admitted nor denied the allegations of fact contained within the State of Florida Department of Health Administrative Complaint against him in Case No. 201930552. The Settlement Agreement was approved and adopted in toto by Final Order of the State of Florida Board of Medicine, which took effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the Florida Department of Health on April 23, 2020.

4.

In the Settlement Agreement, Respondent agreed that his Florida medical license would be suspended until he could demonstrate to the Florida Board his ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety, which demonstration would include an evaluation by the Physicians Resource Network.

5.

Respondent agreed in the Settlement Agreement not to practice medicine in Florida until he appeared before the Florida Board of Medicine and his license was reinstated.

6.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's Settlement Agreement constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of suspension of his license to practice as a 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

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

1.

Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia shall be indefinitely suspended commencing on the effective date of this Consent Order. During the period of suspension, the Respondent shall not use the title, "M.D." or otherwise engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Georgia. The Respondent is entitled to renew Respondent's license during the period of suspension. Failure to renew shall result in revocation of Respondent's license by operation of law.

2.

After the effective date of the Indefinite Suspension, Respondent may petition for lifting of the suspension. Such petition shall set forth facts sufficient to show Respondent is capable of practicing with reasonable skill and safety to the public, supported by the opinion of a Board approved provider, and, if any, under what terms and/or conditions Respondent may practice.

Respondent shall not be required to have his Florida license reinstated in order to qualify for lifting of the suspension of his Georgia license.

3.

In considering whether to lift the suspension, the Board shall have the authority to review the entire investigative file and all relevant evidence, including but not limited to, the status of Respondent's clinical skills. Additionally, the Board shall have the authority to order any additional investigation that may be required in order to determine whether Respondent is competent to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

4.

Respondent reserves the right to invoke privilege to prevent disclosure of the contents contained within the investigative file, including any and all evidence related thereto, and, as such, reserves the right to request the Board to perform an in camera review of same.

5.

The period of indefinite suspension shall last unless and until the Board, in its sole discretion, lifts the suspension in writing. Should the Board lift the suspension, then it may do so by consent order, which places Respondent's license to practice medicine under such terms and conditions as the Board deems necessary to ensure that Respondent may practice with

reasonable skill and safety to the public. Respondent may be required to meet with the Board, or a committee thereof, should the Board consider the lifting of the indefinite suspension. Lifting of Respondent's suspension shall be within the sole discretion of the Board. If Respondent's petition should be denied, Respondent may submit another petition no sooner than three (3) months following the Board's denial of Respondent's prior petition. Respondent's petition shall not constitute a contested case.

6.

Respondent shall abide by all state and federal laws regulating the practice of medicine, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms and conditions of this Consent Order. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, rules, terms or conditions of this Consent Order, or if it should appearing from reports, inspections or other information submitted to the Board that Respondent is otherwise unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, Respondent's license shall be subject to further discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof after notice and hearing; and if revoked, the Board in its discretion may determine that the license should be permanently revoked and not subject to reinstatement.

7.

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

8.

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to a hearing in this matter and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Board's consideration of this Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Board. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing the suspension of his license by the Board that may be disseminated as such. However, if this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Board or Respondent to adjudicate this matter. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and suspension of his license contained herein.

Approved this 6 day of November, 2020.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)



BY: _____

Barby J. Simmons, D.O.

BARBY J. SIMMONS, DO
Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

LaSharn Hughes
LaSHARN HUGHES, MBA
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

Praveen Korivi
PRAVEEN KORIVI, MD
Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF
PRAVEEN KORIVI, MD

Sworn to, and subscribed before me
this 24th day of September, 2020.

Vivian D. Agin

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

