

February 2022 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board
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19511

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Public Consent Order

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

JAYAPRAKASH R. DESAI, M.D.,
License Number 19511,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO. _____

FEB 08 2022

DOCKET NUMBER:

2022 0058

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Georgia Board") and JAYAPRAKASH R. DESAI, 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(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.

On June 5, 2019, Respondent prescribed Clonazepam, 1 MG Tablet, Quantity 90, in the name of former patient, M.O., without said patient's knowledge or permission.

3.

On July 9, 2019, Respondent prescribed Alprazolam, 0.5 MG Tablet, Quantity 90, in the name of former patient, M.O., without said patient's knowledge or permission.

4.

On November 11, 2019, Respondent prescribed Alprazolam, 1 MG Tablet, Quantity 45, in the name of former patient, M.O., without said patient's knowledge or permission.

5.

On April 16, 2020, Respondent prescribed Alprazolam, 1 MG Tablet, Quantity 90, in the name of former patient, M.O., without said patient's knowledge or permission.

6.

The above prescriptions were all made to protect the confidentiality of a family medical issue without any malicious intent.

7.

To the Board's knowledge, the Respondent has not prescribed a medication in the name of an individual without their knowledge before or after the above-mentioned isolated timeframe.

8.

The Board alleges that Respondent's aforementioned conduct departed from and failed to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice and was a violation of Georgia's laws and the Board's rules. *See* O.C.G.A. § 43-34-8.

9.

Without admitting to the allegations above, Respondent agrees 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 conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon Respondent's 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 Georgia 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 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 (30) days 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 for 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.

In addition to and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a **public reprimand** of Respondent by the Georgia Board.

4.

Respondent also 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 and reported as required by state and federal agencies, including but not limited to the National Practitioner Data Bank. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Georgia Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

5.

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 Georgia Board's consideration of this Consent Order and that the Georgia 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 Georgia Board. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing

disciplinary action by the Georgia 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 Georgia Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 8 day of February, 2022.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)



BY:

DESPINA DALTON, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

JAYAPRAKASH R. DESAI, M.D.
Respondent

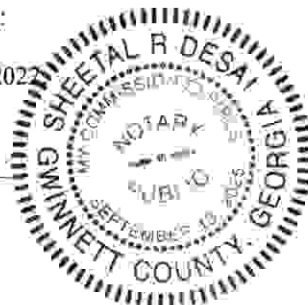
AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF
JAYAPRAKASH R. DESAI, M.D.:

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This, 28 day of January, 2022

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

D. JANENE HOLLADAY, M.D.,
License No. 37199,
Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

FEB 10 2022

DOCKET NUMBER:
20220060

ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

WHEREAS, on or about January 25, 2022, the Georgia Composite Medical Board (hereinafter "Board") received correspondence from counsel for D. Janene Holladay, M.D. ("Respondent"), in which he tendered the surrender of Respondent's license and included the physical license issued by the Board, with said surrender for medical reasons.

THEREFORE, the Board accepts the surrender of License No. 37199 and Respondent shall no longer be authorized to practice medicine in the State of Georgia.

This 10 day of February, 2022.




(BOARD SEAL)

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:


DESPINA DALTON, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:


MICAHLLEN HUGHES
Interim Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

KELLAND KEITH JEFFORDS, JR., M.D., *
License No. 49041, *
Respondent. *

DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

FEB 09 2022

DOCKET NUMBER:

20220059

CONSENT ORDER

By Order of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and Kelland Keith Jeffords, M.D., Respondent, the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to the following provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, codified as O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4).

2.

On or about February 26, 2020, the Board issued a confidential Order for Mental/Physical Examination to Respondent based on several grounds including the reporting of alleged incidents involving sexual misconduct and boundary violations related to his practice of medicine.

3.

Respondent was evaluated on or about August 25-27, 2020, by the Vanderbilt Comprehensive Assessment Program ("VCAP"), and the results of said evaluation were submitted to the Board on or about October 28, 2020. The evaluation concluded:

This evaluation is considered incomplete, as we are not prepared to opine upon Dr. Jeffords' fitness to practice medicine without review of the records from Dr. Rashal's [sic] evaluation in 2016. Dr. Jeffords refused consent for the release of the records and the Georgia Composite Medical Board cannot provide copies.

It is also notable that the results are inconclusive with respect to Dr. Jeffords' diagnosis, especially considering his guardedness, limited information, his

defensive approach to testing, and the inconclusive result of polygraph testing. Concerns remain about potential boundary issues and pathological personality traits that need to be addressed. In addition, further neuropsychological assessment is indicated to rule-out the possibility of cognitive dysfunction as a contributing factor to these difficulties.

Thus, it is our recommendation that Dr. Jeffords participate in further evaluation, ideally on an inpatient basis, to clarify his fitness for practice, for diagnosis of boundary violation issues, and to clarify neuropsychological functioning. The record of the previous evaluation by Dr. Rashal [sic] must be made available to examiners.

4.

On or about March 16, 2021, the Board issued a subsequent Order for Mental/Physical Evaluation, based on the recommendations of the VCAP evaluation report.

5.

From June 14, 2021 to June 16, 2021, Respondent underwent an evaluation at Sante Center for Healing Licensed Professionals Program for the purpose of determining if Respondent was under any mental or physical condition that would render him unsafe to practice medicine. The result of that evaluation was a conclusion that Respondent was unsafe to practice medicine, due to ongoing concerns about boundary violation issues, as noted in the previous Vanderbilt evaluation. The evaluation team recommended monitoring, with treatment to address vulnerability boundary issues and sexual boundary violations as well as residential treatment in order to engage in therapy to assist Respondent in “acquiring the skills, self-awareness, and empathy to demonstrate the ability to articulate what transpired in his environment, within himself, and between him and the patient, and how the patient could have been affected by the boundary violation, as a minimal foundation to restoring fitness to practice.”

6.

As a result of this evaluation, on or about November 22, 2021, the Board ordered a summary suspension of Respondent's license.

7.

After the imposition of the summary suspension, Respondent began treatment with a board-certified psychiatrist to address the issues that were the subject of the Board's concerns.

ORDER

The Georgia Composite Medical Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the summary suspension shall be lifted and that the following sanctions shall be imposed on Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia.

1.

Beginning on the effective date of this Consent Order (hereinafter "Order"), Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia shall be placed on PROBATION, subject to the following terms:

(a) CHAPERONE. During the period of probation, Respondent shall have a chaperone present during all interactions with patients. Another individual present during each patient encounter shall satisfy the chaperone requirement. Respondent shall further be required to maintain written documentation that a chaperone was present during all patient interactions. The Board shall be authorized to request proof of compliance with this provision at any time with this provision, upon notice. Failure to timely comply with a request for information pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed a violation of the Order.

(b) TREATMENT: During the period of probation, Respondent will continue treatment with his treating physician. Respondent shall supply a copy of this Consent Order to his treating physician. The treating physician shall submit monthly reports to the Board as to Respondent's progress in treatment and confirm that Respondent remains safe to practice while complying with the terms of this order. Respondent shall comply with all directives from the treating physician, including participation in therapy as directed.

(c) ABIDE BY LAWS, RULES, AND TERMS. The Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms of the Order. If the Respondent shall fail to abide by any of the terms of this Order, Respondent's license shall be subject to discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof after notice and hearing.

(d) PETITION TO TERMINATE ORDER. After two (2) years, Respondent shall be eligible to petition the Board to terminate the Order, by certifying under oath before a notary public that Respondent has complied with all conditions of this Order and submit a notarized statement from his treating physician that Respondent is safe to practice without the need for ongoing treatment. The Board shall review and evaluate Respondent's performance under and compliance with this Order prior to terminating this Order. At such time, should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining or adding any terms or conditions on Respondent's license, the Board shall notify Respondent of its intent to continue or modify this Order to impose any terms deemed necessary at the time of the petition, and Respondent may respond to such notice in writing or request an appearance before the Board as in a non-contested case. This Order shall remain in effect pending a final determination by the Board and notification that it has been terminated.

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** of Respondent by the Board.

3.

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.

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 Respondent's address of record within 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 of the Consent Order beginning on the effective date.

5.

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. 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.

6.

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 such right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during presentation of this Consent Order to the Board 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, once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board and will be reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank. However, if the 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 consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.


(signatures on following page)

Approved, this 9 day of February, 2022.



(BOARD SEAL)

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY: 
DESPINA DALTON, M.D.
Chairperson

Attest: 
MICAHLLEN HUGHES
Interim Executive Director

Consented to: 
KELLAND KEITH JEFFORDS, M.D.
Respondent

Witness of Signature:

Swore to and subscribed
before me this 2 day
of February, 2022.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 3/1/2025



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

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FEB 08 2022

SOLOMON TAFARI, M.D.

License #: 42956

DOCKET NUMBER:

DOCKET NO.: 20220057

Respondent.

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and Solomon Tafari, M.D., ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered into 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 to practice medicine at all times relevant to the facts contained in this Order. His license expires on July 31, 2021.

2.

On or about October 13, 2017, patient A.E.A. was admitted to DeKalb Hospital for rectal bleeding. Upon further observation, patient A.E.A. was also found to have a pulmonary embolism.

3.

On or about October 14, 2017, Respondent ordered that patient A.E.A. receive 100mg of Amlodipine.

4.

Patient A.E.A. subsequently became hypotensive and was transferred to the intensive care unit.

5.

Respondent's treatment of the patient A.E.A. was evaluated by a Board-appointed peer reviewer who concluded that Respondent's care and treatment of the patient A.E.A. departed from and failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in the following ways:

- (a) "Patient was given overdose of Amlodipine (100mg) which caused hypotension – and subsequently was transferred to ICU where she died."

6.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct as set forth in the Findings of Fact 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 hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

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

1.

In addition to the continuing medical education ("CME") required of all Georgia physicians Respondent shall obtain twenty (20) hours of continuing medical education ("CME") in pharmacology and record keeping. Due to the ongoing uncertainty related to the COVID-19 epidemic, these CME hours may be obtained remotely. Respondent shall complete said additional twenty (20) hours of CME within one (1) year from the docketing of this Order. Within one (1) year from the docketing of this consent order, Respondent shall submit to the Board proof of completion of said additional twenty (20) hours. All reports and submissions required under this Consent Order shall be sent to the attention of the Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303 or any subsequent address of the Board.

2.

Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$5,000.00) to be paid by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Board by certified check or money order to the Georgia Composite Medical Board **within ninety (90) days** of the effective date of this Order. Failure to pay the fine as provided herein shall be considered a violation of this Order, and may result in further sanctioning of Respondent's authority to practice medicine in the future, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

3.

In addition to the fine, Respondent shall pay administrative fees in the amount of two hundred dollars and zero cents (\$200.00) as reimbursement to the Board of expenses incurred in the investigation of this matter, which expenses do not include time spent by the investigative division of the Board. Said fees shall be payable by certified check or money order to the

Georgia Composite Medical Board **within ninety (90) days** of the effective date of this Order.

Failure to pay this cost within 90 days after this order had been docketed shall be considered a violation of this Order and may result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, upon substantiation thereof.

4.

All reports and submissions required under this Consent Order shall be sent to the attention of the Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 6th Floor, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303 or any subsequent address of the Board.

5.

This Consent Order shall constitute a PUBLIC REPRIMAND of Respondent and may be disseminated by the Board as a public disciplinary action.

6.

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 and reported as required by state and federal agencies, including but not limited to the National Practitioner Data Bank. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

7.

Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating his practice as a physician, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, and the terms of this Consent Order. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, Rules and Regulations, the terms of the Consent Order, or violate the criminal laws of this state, or if it should appear to the Board that Respondent is otherwise unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to

patients, Respondent agrees that any such violation shall be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to order summary suspension of Respondent's license, pending further proceedings, pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-18(c)(1), or any other statute authorizing emergency action. If the Board orders a summary suspension of Respondent's license, Respondent shall be entitled to an expedited hearing to substantiate such violation(s). In addition, Respondent's license may be revoked upon substantiation of said violation, after notice and hearing.

8.

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Consent Order and that Respondent understands the contents of the Consent Order. Respondent understands that Respondent 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 understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board.** Respondent further understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the presentation 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, once approved, shall constitute a public record, which may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board. However, if this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

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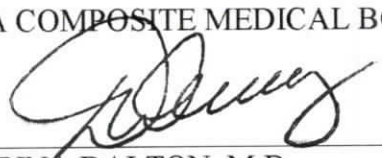
Approved this 8 day of February 2022.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

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BY:


DESPINA DALTON, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:


JONATHAN MCGEHEE
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:


SOLOMON TAFARI, M.D.
Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE
SOLOMON TAFARI, M.D.

Sworn to and Subscribed

Before me this 27 day of Jan, 2022.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

12/15/25

