

February 2021 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board
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Physician
Public Consent Order

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455
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Public Consent Order

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Physician
Public Consent Order

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

JOHN MCKENZIE HENDERSON, D.O.,

License No. 25765,

Respondent.

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

FEB 05 2021

DOCKET NUMBER:

20210044

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and JOHN MCKENZIE HENDERSON, D.O. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this matter is entered into pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §50-13-18, 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 relative to the matters herein.

2.

In December, 2019, the Board received information that Respondent engaged in an intimate relationship with a patient from 2006 to 2010.

3.

The Board required Respondent to obtain a mental/physical examination from a board approved provider. The results of the examination included the following recommendations: that Respondent attend courses in professional boundaries and appropriate prescribing, that Respondent engage in treatment with an individual therapist, and that Respondent have a chaperone present during the entirety of all medical contact with female patients.

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 constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of sanctions and/or conditions upon Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 43-34-8 and 43-1-19. Respondent waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above styled matter.

ORDER

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

1.

Beginning on the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent's license shall be placed on a period of probation subject to the following terms and conditions:

(a) Individual Therapy with Quarterly Reports. Throughout the period of probation or until discharged by his therapist, whichever occurs first, Respondent shall participate in a program of psychotherapy approved by the Board which therapy shall include work on maintaining boundaries with patients. Any change in therapist shall be preapproved by the Board. The Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to the Respondent's therapist 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 in therapy. Upon discharge from therapy, the Respondent shall provide

the Board with evidence of such discharge. The receipt of a report from the Respondent's therapist that the Respondent has failed to comply with the program of therapy or that the Respondent is otherwise unable to function as a physician shall be grounds for further disciplinary action. Reports submitted pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed medical records and shall not be subject to disclosure by the Board. In the event the reports are used in a subsequent hearing, they shall be received in camera.

(b) Courses. **Within six (6) months** of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall enroll in and complete: (1) a course approved by the Board in the area of maintaining professional boundaries; and (2) a course approved by the Board regarding appropriate prescribing practices. Respondent shall provide the Board with evidence of his completion of the courses. Respondent's failure to complete the approved courses and/or to provide evidence of completion of the courses shall be considered a violation of this Order and grounds for further disciplinary action, including revocation. These courses shall not be used to satisfy continuing education hours required for license renewal unless approved by the Board.

(c) Use of Chaperone. Respondent shall have a chaperone present for the entirety of all medical visits with all female patients, and shall document the chaperone's presence in the medical record.

(d) Further Evaluation. At any time during the period of probation, the Board shall also have the authority to order Respondent to undergo a physical or mental evaluation by a physician designated by the Board. Respondent shall execute such releases as may be required for the Board to obtain the results of such evaluations.

(e) Reporting Requirements. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to all reporting individuals. It shall be the responsibility of the Respondent to ensure that all

required reports are timely submitted to and received by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Reports shall be sent to the Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree Street SW, 5th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

(f) Consent to Release of Information. By executing this Consent Order, Respondent specifically consents to any individuals or entities reporting to the Board information which would affect Respondent's ability to practice as a physician with reasonable skill and safety to patients or which constitutes a violation of the Medical Practice Act or this Consent Order, notwithstanding any privilege provided by state or federal law, and agrees to provide to the Board any release or other documentation which may be necessary for the Board to obtain such information.

(g) Periods of Residency Outside Georgia or Periods When Not Actively Practicing Medicine. In the event that Respondent should leave Georgia to reside or practice outside of Georgia for periods longer than thirty (30) consecutive days, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of residency or practice outside of Georgia as well as periods when Respondent is not actively engaged in practicing as a physician will not apply toward the reduction of Respondent's probation period, except as authorized by the Board.

(h) Employment/ Residency Change. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing of any change in address of record or employment status within 10 days of the change.

(i) Abide By Laws, Rules and Terms. Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine or relating to drugs, 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 or terms, or if it should appear from reports 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. **Respondent further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order 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, but Respondent understands that he shall be entitled to an expedited hearing to substantiate such violation(s), if the Board exercises such right.**

(j) Effective date. 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 and conditions of the Consent Order beginning on the effective date.

(k) Termination of Probation. Respondent shall not be eligible to petition for termination of probation until Respondent has completed the requirements of this Order. At such time, Respondent may petition for termination of probation by certifying under oath before a notary public that he has complied with all terms and conditions of probation **and** by providing the following: (1) the results of a re-evaluation of Respondent by a Board approved provider conducted within thirty (30) days of Respondent's petition which indicates that Respondent is able to continue to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety; and (2) a written statement from Respondent's therapist, if he is still engaged in therapy at the time of the petition, as to

whether the therapist agrees with terminating probation. The Board may require Respondent to appear before the Board or a committee thereof in consideration of his petition. At such time, should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining probation, the Board shall notify Respondent of its intent to extend the period of probation, and Respondent may 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.

2.

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.

3.

Approval of this Consent Order by the Georgia Composite Medical Board shall in no way be construed as condoning the Respondent's conduct and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board.

4.

Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that he has a right to a hearing in this matter, and freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives that right. Respondent understands that the Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file(s) and all relevant evidence in considering the Consent Order.

Respondent further understands that the Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board. 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 consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

Approved, this 5th day of February, 2021.

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:

John McKenzie Henderson, D.O.
JOHN MCKENZIE HENDERSON, D.O.
Respondent

[As to Respondent's signature only:]

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 3 day of December, 2020

Anna Webb

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

8-7-2022



#1223646

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

TERRENCE PARK, LAc.,
License No. 455,
Respondent,

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DOCKET NO.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

JAN 27 2021

DOCKET NUMBER
20210041

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and TERRENCE PARK, LAc. ("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.

On or about September 18, 2019, Respondent was licensed to practice acupuncture in the State of Georgia, and was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters stated herein. Respondent's license expired on December 31, 2020 and, at the time of this Consent Order, may be renewed until March 30, 2021.

2.

Upon issuance, Respondent's license was limited and Respondent only authorized to practice acupuncture under the supervision of a duly licensed acupuncturist. The limitation was imposed because Respondent had not completed one year of postgraduate clinical experience at the time of his application for licensure. See O.C.G.A. § 43-34-64(c).

3.

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 360-6-.05 requires the supervision of postgraduate clinical practice of an acupuncture practitioner to comply with provisions and guidelines, specifically including but not limited to the following: the supervisor must be present on site and available at all times while the practitioner is seeing and treating patients and the practice must be in the same office with the supervisor. Quarterly reports are required to be submitted regarding the supervised practice, which include biweekly supervisor treatment evaluations. Respondent's first quarter ended in or about December, 2019.

4.

On or about June 29, 2020, Respondent submitted a third quarter report to the Board, which showed approximately forty-seven (47) treatments performed by Respondent from on or about April 4, 2020 through on or about June 27, 2020. While timely submitted, the report was deemed incomplete by the Board because the required supervisor treatment evaluations were missing from Respondent's submission. In addition, subsequent review of Respondent's second quarter report showed that there were no biweekly treatment evaluation forms submitted by Respondent. Thus, neither the second nor third quarters of Respondent's practice met the requirements for supervised practice.

5.

On or about July 20, 2020, Respondent's supervisor informed the Board that Respondent's last visit to his acupuncture office was on December 28, 2019, and that the supervision relationship was beginning again on or about July 11, 2020. Thus, Respondent did not treat patients under supervision during the second and third quarters, contrary to his

submissions to the Board, and Respondent's practice was not in accordance with his limited license.

6.

Respondent does not admit 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 imposition of discipline upon his license to practice acupuncture 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, to the following:

1.

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit to the Board a renewal application and fee. Upon receipt of the application and fee, Respondent's license shall be renewed and immediately placed on a period of suspension, as set forth in paragraph (2) below. If Respondent fails to submit the renewal application and fee, Respondent's license shall not be renewed and shall be revoked for failure to renew, subject to reinstatement, in the Board's discretion.

2.

Upon renewal, Respondent's license to practice acupuncture in the State of Georgia shall be immediately placed on a period of suspension. During the period of suspension, the

Respondent shall not use the title, "LAc" or otherwise engage in the practice of acupuncture as defined in O.G.G.A. § 43-34-62(1) and/or (4). 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.

3.

Respondent may submit, to the Board, a petition to lift the period of suspension no sooner than one (1) year from the effective date of this Consent Order. Respondent's petition shall contain: (1) evidence of professional liability insurance of at least \$100,000/\$300,000; and (2) evidence of completion of fifteen (15) hours of continuing education sponsored by National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or approved by the Board in the area of ethics and medical record keeping. These hours may not be used, or have been used, by Respondent to satisfy continuing education hours required for license renewal.

4.

In considering whether to lift the suspension, the Board shall have the authority to review the entire investigative and/or compliance file(s) and all relevant evidence, including but not limited to, the status of Respondent's clinical skills. The Board shall also 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.

5.

The period of suspension shall remain in effect unless and until the Board, in its sole discretion, lifts the suspension in writing. Should the Board lift the suspension, it may do so by consent order, which places Respondent's license to practice acupuncture 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 understands and agrees that should the Board lift the suspension of his license, the Board shall require Respondent to practice under supervision for one full year, and may impose such limitation under a period of probation with any other terms deemed necessary at the time. The Respondent may be required to meet with the Board, or a committee thereof, concerning his petition. 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 six (6) months following the Board's denial of Respondent's prior petition. Respondent's petition(s) shall not constitute a contested case.

6.

Respondent 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 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 acupuncture 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.

This Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall be considered a PUBLIC REPRIMAND of Respondent by the Board.

8.

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent is represented by counsel, and 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 Board's files 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 27 day of January, 2021.

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

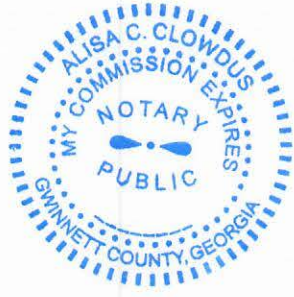


CONSENTED TO: Terrence Park
TERRENCE PARK, LAc.
Respondent

AS TO RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE:
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this, 1st day of January, 2021.

Alisa C. Clowdus
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 1-7-22

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

ARVIND RAMBHAI PATEL, M.D.,
License No. 037886,
Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

FEB 05 2021

DOCKET NUMBER:

20210042

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, ARVIND RAMBHAI PATEL, M.D., holder of License No. 037886 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 (hereinafter "Board"). I hereby acknowledge that this surrender shall have the same effect as 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 understand that I have a right to a hearing in this matter, and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily waive such right to a hearing. I also understand that should any request for reinstatement be entertained by the Board, the Board shall have access to any investigative file in this matter. 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 if the Board is not satisfied, the Board shall not reinstate 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 and that this action shall be considered to be and may be disseminated as a final order of the Board.

GCMB
JAN 26 2021
Received


[As to Respondent's signature:]

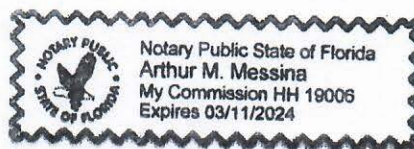
Sworn to and subscribed

This 5th day of January, 2021.


NOTARY PUBLIC

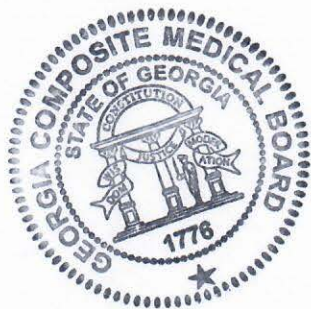
My commission expires: 3/11/24


ARVIND RAMBHAI PATEL, M.D.
Respondent



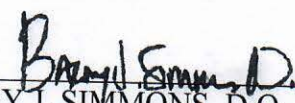
ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

The voluntary surrender of License No. 037886 is hereby accepted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, this 5th day of February, 2021.



(BOARD SEAL)

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

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

ATTEST: 
LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

On or about April 15, 2020, the Board of Medicine, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued a Consent Agreement and Order (Case No. 20-49-002269), publically reprimanding Respondent for disciplinary action imposed against Respondent by the Virginia Board of Medicine. Specifically, Respondent was issued a public reprimand in Virginia for improperly delegating and failing to properly supervise medical care rendered to a patient in 2010-2011 by a

physician assistant, and for incomplete documentation; and for failing to keep timely, accurate, and complete medical records for five other patients.

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 against him or her by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board.

4.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The actions taken by the Pennsylvania and Virginia medical boards constitute 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.

This Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall constitute a public reprimand of Respondent by the Georgia Board.

2.

Respondent shall abide by all state and federal laws regulating the practice of medicine,

the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Board, and the terms and conditions of this Consent Order. Respondent further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order 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, but Respondent understands that Respondent shall be entitled to an expedited hearing to substantiate such violation, if the Board exercises such right.

3.

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. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Georgia Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

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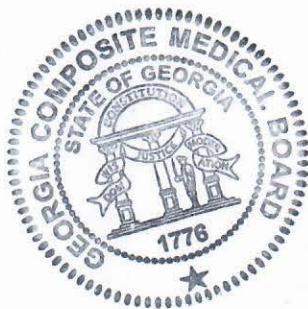
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Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Georgia Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 5th day of February, 2021.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)



BY:

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

ATTEST:

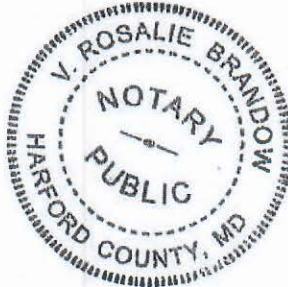
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LASHARN HUGHES, MBA
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

Thomas John Raley, Jr.
THOMAS JOHN RALEY, JR., M.D.
Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF
THOMAS JOHN RALEY, JR., M.D.:
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This, 4 day of January 2021.

V. Rosalie Brandon
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 8/29/21



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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
JAWAD SALIM, M.D.,
License No. 76455,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

FEB 19 2021

DOCKET NUMBER:

20210045

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and JAWAD SALIM, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered into pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §50-13-18, 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 relative to the matters herein.

2.

On or about November 26, 2019, the Respondent entered a negotiated plea of guilty to one count of Conspiracy in violation of the Travel Act 18 U.S.C. § 1952, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Georgia in *USA v. Jawad Salim*, Criminal Action, 4:19-CR-00160. Respondent was sentenced to one day of imprisonment (with credit for time served), twelve months of supervised release and was further ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$500,000.00

3.

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

GCMB
FEB 16 2021
Received

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of sanctions upon Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Chs. 1 and 34, T. 43, 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 all the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and the Respondent hereby agrees, to the following:

1.

Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall enroll in, complete, and provide evidence to the Board of completion of ten (10) hours of continuing education approved by the Board in the area of ethics. Such coursework and hours shall be in addition to, and shall NOT be used to satisfy, continuing education hours for license renewal purposes. Respondent's failure to complete the course and hours and/or to provide evidence of completion of the course and hours shall be considered a violation of this Order and grounds for further disciplinary action, including revocation.

2.

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for unprofessional conduct, 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 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 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 thereof.

3.

Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine, 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 or terms, or if it should appear from reports 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.

4.

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.

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 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.

6.

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 Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

7.

Approval of this Consent Order by the Georgia Composite Medical Board shall in no way be construed as condoning the Respondent's conduct and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board.

8.

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(signatures on following page)

Approved, this 19 day of February, 2021.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

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[As to Respondent's signature only:]

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 12 day of January, 2021.

Willis Eugene Mitchell

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My Commission Expires: Dec. 04, 2023

