Georgia Composite Medical Board

June 2024 Public Board Actions List

The Board issued **seven** public orders in **June 2024**. To view each Board order, click on the licensee's name below.

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Pain Management Clinic Public Consent Agreement for Licensure

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51126
Physician
Public Consent Order

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Pain Management Clinic Public Consent Agreement for Licensure

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

| IN THE MATTER OF: | * | | 050- |
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| | * | | GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD |
| SERGIO ALVAREZ, M.D., | * | DOCKET NO.: | WEDICAL BOARD |
| License No. 83173, | * | | JUN 17 2024 |
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| Respondent. | * | | DOCKET NUMBER |

ORDER OF COMPLETION

WHEREAS, on or about May 1, 2024, the Georgia Composite Medical Board (hereinafter "Board") and Sergio Alyarez, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") entered into a Public Consent Order requiring payment of a fine.

WHEREAS, on or about May 21, 2024, Respondent requested an Order of Completion.

WHEREAS, upon review, the Board has determined that Respondent has complied with the terms of the Public 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 Public Consent Order, Docket Number 20240071. Respondent's license is in good standing.

This It day of June, 2024.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

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BY:

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William K. Bostock, D.O.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jason S. Jones

Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

| IN THE MATTER OF: |) | GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD | |
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| ANODYNE PAIN GROUP OF NORTH GEORGIA LLC, Applicant. |) DOCKET NO.:)) | JUN 2 0 2024 DOCKET NUMBER: | |

PUBLIC CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR LICENSURE

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and ANODYNE PAIN GROUP OF NORTH GEORGIA LLC ("Applicant"), 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.

Applicant was previously licensed under License No. 594 as a pain management clinic in Marietta, Georgia, which lapsed on or about June 30, 2023, for failure to renew, upon expiration of the late renewal period.

2.

On or about May 9, 2024, the Board received Applicant's application for reinstatement of its registration as a pain management clinic, that revealed Applicant practiced as a pain management clinic with an expired license.

3.

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

Applicant's operation as pain management clinic without a pain clinic license violated the Board's laws and rules. See O.C.G.A. § 43-32-283.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

There are sufficient grounds for the Board to deny the application and/or impose sanctions or condition on Applicant's pain management clinic license under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(a), and the Rules of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Applicant waives any further conclusions of law with respect to this matter.

ORDER

The Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Applicant hereby agrees, that Applicant shall be granted a new pain management clinic registration in the State of Georgia subject to the following terms and conditions:

1.

Within ninety (90) days of the effective (docket) date of this Consent Agreement,

Applicant shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)** to

be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite

Medical Board. Said fine shall be submitted to the attention of Jason S. Jones, Executive

Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, East Tower,

11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. Failure to pay the entire amount of the fine by the ninetieth (90th)

day shall be considered a violation of this Agreement and may result in grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.

All physicians associated with this clinic must renew their Drug Enforcement

Administration ("DEA") licenses. Specifically, Dr. Darlene Jones's DEA license is set to expire

December 31, 2024, and must be renewed prior to expiration.

3.

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

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Applicant shall abide by the terms of this Agreement, all State and Federal laws relating to drugs and record keeping, and otherwise regulating pain management clinics, and the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Failure to abide by the terms of this Agreement, all State and Federal laws relating to drugs and record keeping, and otherwise regulating pain management clinics, and the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board shall subject Applicant's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

5.

Applicant acknowledges having read and understood the contents of this Agreement.

Applicant understands that they have a right to an appearance in this matter before the Board, and Applicant freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Agreement. Applicant understands that this Agreement will not become effective until approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and docketed by the Executive Director of the Board. Applicant further understands that the Board shall have the authority to review the application and/or any investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Agreement. Applicant

further understands that this Agreement, once approved, shall be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board. If this Agreement is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the ability of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Applicant consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved, this 20 day of June



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

WILLIAM BOSTOCK, D.O.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

JASON S. JONES

Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

ANODYNE PAIN GROUP OF NORTH

GEORGIA LLC

DARLENE JONES, DO

Owner of Applicant

[As to the Signature of Darlene Jones, DO]

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this to day of June

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 05/31/2026

WAYNE CHEN **Notary Public** Commonwealth of Virginia Registration No. 7070912

My Commission Expires May 31, 2026

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

CURTIS CHEEKS, JR., M.D., License No. 51126, * DOCKET NO.

JUN 0 4 2024

Respondent.

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PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and CURTIS CHEEKS, JR., M.D. (the "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 as such at all times relevant to the facts stated herein.

2.

Respondent neither admits nor denies the findings of fact and waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter. Respondent agrees to the sanctions herein in resolution of this matter.

3.

On or about October 25, 2023, the Board received a complaint from M.Y. alleging she was a patient of Respondent and that she and Respondent had engaged in a consensual romantic relationship. During the course of the relationship, Respondent prescribed medications, specifically alprazolam and Ambien, to M.Y.'s mother, E.M. M.Y. reported the medications were for her benefit, and Respondent was aware when he wrote the prescriptions for E.M.

A Summary Suspension was entered and docketed by the Board on January 17, 2024.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

In order to resolve the issues identified herein, Respondent hereby waives formal conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter and does not contest the Board's authority to enter the following order.

ORDER

The Georgia Composite Medical Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances surrounding this matter, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the following sanctions shall be imposed upon Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia:

1.

The Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia shall be

INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED commencing on the effective date of this Consent Order

("Docket Date"). During the period of suspension, the Respondent shall not use the title

physician, "MD," or otherwise engage in the practice of medicine. However, Respondent may

use his credentials in connection with employment in a non-clinical position (defined as a

healthcare position that does not include practicing medicine). The Respondent is entitled to

renew Respondent's license during the period of suspension. Failure to do so shall result in the

revocation of Respondent's license by operation of law.

2.

Beginning on the Docket Date, after **TWELVE** (12) **MONTHS** has passed, Respondent may petition to have the suspension of his license lifted. With his petition, Respondent shall

submit the following: 1) Completion of a psychosexual evaluation, by an evaluator approved by the board. The evaluation shall contain a statement that the Respondent is safe to practice medicine (with or without recommendations), 2) Completion of an intensive boundaries course, and 3) Completion of a prescribing course. Prior to the Board considering Respondent's petition, the Board shall review the submitted materials for satisfactory completion.

Respondent acknowledges that when considering his petition, the Board has the authority to review any investigative file relating to the Respondent. The Board may also consider having Respondent appear before the Board, or one of its committees, prior to making a determination on Respondent's petition. Lifting of suspension and restoration of the Respondent's license shall be in the sole discretion of the Board. Respondent shall not practice as a physician until such time as the Board's website has been updated to reflect that Respondent has an "active" license.

3.

Upon receipt of Respondent's petition to lift, to include the above required materials, the Board shall have the discretion to permit Respondent to resume the practice of medicine and place upon Respondent's license any conditions that the Board deems necessary to protect the public safety. Should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining the suspension of Respondent's license, the Board shall notify Respondent of its intent to extend the period of suspension, and Respondent may respond to such notice in writing or request an appearance before the Board as in a non-contested case. In any event, this Consent Order shall remain in effect pending a final written determination by the Board and notification that the period of suspension has been lifted and Respondent's license has been restored.

If the Respondent shall fail to abide by all state and federal laws relating to the practice of medicine in the State of Georgia, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the terms of this Consent Order, or if it should appear from reports submitted to the Board that the Respondent is unable to practice as a physician with reasonable skill and safety, Respondent's license may be further sanctioned or revoked, upon substantiation thereof.

5.

This Consent Order shall constitute a PUBLIC REPRIMAND by the Board.

6.

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

7.

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 Georgia 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 freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives his right to a hearing 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 4th day of 50ne, 2024.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

BY:

William K. Botols Do

WILLIAM BOSTOCK, DO

Chairperson

ATTEST:

JASON S. JONES

Executive Director

CURTIS CHEEKS, JR., M.D.

Respondent

Respondent sworn to and subscribed before me this

3rd day of June 2024.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

OLANREWAJU OLUSOLA FASUSI, M.D. License No. 87806,

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DOCKET NO:

JUN 13 2024 DOCKET NUMBER:

Respondent.

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PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and OLANREWAJU FASUSI ("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 so licensed at all times relevant to the facts stated herein.

2.

Respondent engages in the practice of cosmetic surgery.

3.

On or about July 23, 2021, the Board received a complaint regarding Patient Y.R. Specifically, Y.R. had been admitted to the emergency room due to post-operative complications from a liposuction procedure she had received from Respondent. At that time, the Board reviewed medical records from nine patients for whom Respondent had performed procedures from the time period of April 5, 2021 through March 22, 2022.

Three of these cases involved liposuction. The remaining six cases involved gluteal augmentation, commonly referred to as "Brazilian Butt Lift" ("BBL"). One of the liposuction cases involved a perforation; one involved a brachial injury; none of the other cases involved any adverse outcome. None of the cases involved patient mortalities.

5.

A peer reviewer employed by the Board reviewed the medical records and concluded that Respondent's diagnosis, treatment and/or documentation for these nine cases departed from and failed to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in one or more of the following ways:

- a. The length of the procedure time was shorter than standard.
- b. The failure to document certain post-operative physical exams.
- c. The failure to appropriately monitor and document patient's hemodynamic status.

6.

Respondent neither admits nor denies the above findings of fact and waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter. Respondent agrees to the sanctions herein in resolution of this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

As set forth above, Respondent's conduct would constitute sufficient grounds for the imposition of sanctions upon Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended.

ORDER

The Board hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the following sanctions shall be imposed upon Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia:

1.

Upon the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent's license to practice medicine as a licensed physician shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Fine. Within sixty (60) days of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of \$9,000.00, representing three alleged violations of the Medical Practice Act. Such fine shall be payable by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board and shall be submitted via mail to: Jason S. Jones, Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. Failure to pay the fine within the stated time period shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.
- (b) Required Coursework. Within twelve (12) months of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall provide to the Board proof of successful completion of the following continuing education course: ten (10) hours each on the following topics: 1) liposuction, 2) BBL, and 3) medical recordkeeping/medical documentation. Respondent understands these hours are above and beyond any continuing education ("CE") required for license renewal, and Respondent cannot use the CE hours required by this Consent Order towards the next renewal cycle. However, Respondent may use any CE he obtained between the incident date of these events and the docketing of this Consent Order. Documentation of successful completion of these courses shall be submitted via email to medbd@dch.ga.gov or via mail to Latisha Bias,

Compliance Manager, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. Failure to provide documentation of completion of the above continuing course(s) within the stated time period shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent's license to further disciplinary action.

- (c) <u>Non-licensed Persons.</u> Respondent agrees he will not utilize non-licensed persons to perform unsupervised work during any surgical procedure. Furthermore, Respondent agrees all non-licensed persons employed and/or supervised by Respondent shall, to the extent Respondent can control, have the required training, knowledge, and/or experience to perform any practice-related task wherein patient health is implicated.
- (d) Supervised Practice. Respondent agrees his next five (5) liposuction procedures shall be subject to direct supervision, in their entirety, by a board-certified plastic surgeon in active practice. Said board-certified plastic surgeon shall submit his credentials and written confirmation, on letterhead from his/her practice, a statement that includes the following: 1) The five (5) liposuction procedures were directly supervised, in their entirety, 2) The five (5) liposuction procedures were performed competently by the Respondent, and 3) Identifying information (i.e. date of surgery, initials for the patient, and DOB for the patient) for the five (5) liposuction procedure patients. The Board reserves the right to subpoena medical records for the five (5) liposuction procedures, if necessary, to verify compliance with this Consent Order and adherence to federal and state laws governing the practice medicine and Board Rules. Said credentials and written confirmation shall be submitted via email to medbd@dch.ga.gov or via mail to Latisha Bias, Compliance Manager, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334.

- (e) <u>Requirement to Keep Address Current</u>. Respondent agrees to maintain a current mailing address, email address and phone number with the Board. Respondent shall report to the Board, in writing, any changes in Respondent's mailing address, email address or phone number within 30 days of said change and shall make such changes on the Board's website.
- (f) <u>Effective Date</u>. 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.

2.

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

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 Georgia Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives his right to a hearing 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 day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:



JASON S. JONES **Executive Director**

Respondent swore to and subscribed

before me this 11th

My Commission expires

OLANREWAJU FASUSI,

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

Respondent

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

DONALD RICHARD LYNCH, M.D. License No. 14927,

JUN 0 4 2024

cense No. 14927, Respondent.

DOCKET NUMBER:

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, DONALD RICHARD LYNCH, M.D., holder of License No. 14927 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 understand 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.

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DONALD RICHARD LYNCH M.D. Respondent

ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

BY:

William K. Botob Do

WILLIAM BOSTOCK, MD

Chairperson

ATTEST:

JASON S. JONES Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

| IN THE MATTER OF: |) | GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD |
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| PREMIER HEALTH CARE, Applicant. |) DOCKET NO.: | JUN 20 2024 DOCKET NUMBER: |

PUBLIC CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR LICENSURE

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and PREMIER HEALTH CARE ("Applicant"), 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.

Applicant was previously licensed under License No. 136 as a pain management clinic, which lapsed on or about June 30, 2023, for failure to renew, upon expiration of the late renewal period.

2.

On or about March 4, 2024, the Board received Applicant's application for reinstatement of its registration as a pain management clinic, that revealed Applicant practiced as a pain management clinic with an expired license.

3.

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

Applicant's operation as pain management clinic without a pain clinic license violated the Board's laws and rules. *See* O.C.G.A. § 43-32-283.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

There are sufficient grounds for the Board to deny the application and/or impose sanctions or condition on Applicant's pain management clinic license under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(a), and the Rules of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Applicant waives any further conclusions of law with respect to this matter.

ORDER

The Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Applicant hereby agrees, that Applicant shall be granted a new pain management clinic registration in the State of Georgia subject to the following terms and conditions:

1.

Within ninety (90) days of the effective (docket) date of this Consent Agreement,

Applicant shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of seven thousand five hundred

dollars (\$7,500.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the

Georgia Composite Medical Board. Said fine shall be submitted to the attention of Jason S.

Jones, Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive

SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. Failure to pay the entire amount of the fine by
the ninetieth (90th) day shall be considered a violation of this Agreement and may result in
grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.

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

3.

Applicant shall abide by the terms of this Agreement, all State and Federal laws relating to drugs and record keeping, and otherwise regulating pain management clinics, and the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Failure to abide by the terms of this Agreement, all State and Federal laws relating to drugs and record keeping, and otherwise regulating pain management clinics, and the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board shall subject Applicant's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

4.

Owner for Applicant acknowledges having read and understood the contents of this Agreement. Applicant understands that they have a right to an appearance in this matter before the Board, and Applicant freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Agreement. Applicant understands that this Agreement will not become effective until approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and docketed by the Executive Director of the Board. Applicant further understands that the Board shall have the authority to review the application and/or any investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Agreement. Applicant further understands that this Agreement, once approved, shall be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board. If this Agreement is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the ability of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Applicant consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

William K. Botal Do

WILLIAM BOSTOCK, D.O.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

JASON S. JONES **Executive Director**

CONSENTED TO:

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PREMIER HEALTH CARE SHRINATH PARIMI, MD

Owner of Applicant

[As to the Signature of Shrinath Parimi, MD] Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:04-01-2028

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

ROBERT EARL SPRINGER, III, M.D., License No. 37081,

DOCKET NO .:

JUN 05 2024

Respondent.

DOCKET NUMBER:

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and ROBERT EARL SPRINGER, III, 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 August 1, 2019, the Board received a complaint regarding Respondent's prescribing of controlled substances. Specifically, the concern expressed was that Respondent prescribed certain patients large amounts of controlled substances over extended periods of time.

3.

Respondent's medical care of multiple patients was evaluated by the 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.

Patient CC

One specific example is as follows:

On and between February 5, 2017, through January 21, 2020, Patient CC was treated by the Respondent. CC was prescribed monthly 120 tablets of oxycodone 30 mg, 30 tablets of Ambien 10 mg, 60 tablets of Dextroamphetamine 20 mg. Patient CC also received Morphine ER 60 mg, to be taken one tablet every 12 hours. Additionally, Patient CC received 90 pills of Clonazepam. CC receives refills for the above medications every month. Respondent's medical care of CC was evaluated by a Board-appointed consultant 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 find and/or document any significant pain findings;
- Respondent failed to refer CC to a pain clinic or psychiatrist;
- Respondent failed to get any additional evaluations;
- Respondent failed to reduce and/or eliminate any of the above-referenced medications.

5.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact and waives further findings and agrees to the entry of this 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 twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) 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 one of the following continuing medical education courses (CME) or a similar course pre-approved by the Board:

- Vanderbilt University Medical Center: Proper Prescribing of Controlled Substances.
 https://medsites.vumc.org/centerforprofessionalhealth/eph-proper-prescribing-controlled-substances
- PBI Education: Proper Prescribing, RX-21.
 https://www.paceprogram.ucsd.edu/CME/Prescribing
- 3. CPEP: Prescribing Controlled Drugs Critical Issues and Common Pitfalls.

https://www.cpepdoc.org/cpep-courses/prescribing-controlled-drugs/

4. UC San Diego, School of Medicine: PACE Program, Physician Prescribing.

https://www.paceprogram.ucsd.edu/CME/Prescribing

The above-mentioned 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.

Approval of this Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning

Respondent's conduct and, except as provided herein, shall not be construed as a waiver of any

of the lawful rights of the Board.

6.

Respondent acknowledges that 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.

Approved, this

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)



WILLIAM BOSTOCK, D.O.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

JASON S. JONES

Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

ROBERT EARL SPRINGER, III, M.D.

Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF

ROBERT EARL SPRINGER, III, M.D.:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this, 28 May of May, 2024.

My Commission Expires:

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