

June 2019 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board
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The Board issued **two** public orders in **June 2019**. To view each Board order, click on the licensee's name below.

1. **Jennifer Madge Harper, MD**
31014
Physician
Public Consent Order

2. **Soren Thomas, MD**
26895
Physician
Amended Consent Order

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

JENNIFER MADGE HARPER, M.D.,
License No. 031014,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO. _____

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD**

JUN 13 2019

**DOCKET NUMBER:
20190095**

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) and Jennifer Madge Harper, 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 as a physician in the State of Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to the facts stated herein.

2.

On or about May 1, 2014, patient C.C., an incarcerated female, was examined by Respondent, who was employed at the correctional facility, with the patient presenting with vaginal bleeding, abdominal pain, and tachycardia, along with a complex adnexal mass, with a previous history of ectopic pregnancy. Patient C.C. was transferred to Piedmont Newnan Hospital where an ultrasound was performed and a β hCG level of 4852 mIU/ml was noted, indicating an ectopic pregnancy. An initial report suggesting the possibility of the ectopic pregnancy was verbally reported to Respondent.

3.

On or about May 2, 2014, the results of the ultrasound and the laboratory results were faxed to Respondent. On or about May 6, 2014, a repeat β hCG was ordered and the suggested diagnosis by Respondent and provided to patient C.C. was that she had suffered a miscarriage. Patient C.C. remained incarcerated until on or about May 22, 2014, until she was released and was treated at Piedmont Newnan Hospital for the indicated ectopic pregnancy.

4.

In her care of an incarcerated patient, Respondent failed to accurately diagnose the indicated ectopic pregnancy or otherwise refer patient C.C. to an ob/gyn specialist or another facility for further investigation of the medical situation.

5.

Respondent does not contest the above findings of fact and waives any further findings of fact.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the Board to exercise disciplinary authority over Respondent's licensee under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended, and the Rules of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent hereby 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, it is hereby ordered, and Respondent hereby agrees to the following:

1.

Respondent shall obtain twenty (20) hours of continuing medical education ("CME") in the area of acute surgical emergencies, which shall include acute abdomen, ectopic pregnancy, and acute appendicitis. These hours are in addition to the CME required of all Georgia physicians. Respondent shall complete said additional twenty (20) hours within two years from the docketing of this order. Respondent shall submit proof of completion of said additional twenty (20) hours to the Board within two years from the docketing of this order.

2.

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

3.

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

4.

Respondent acknowledges that she has read and understands the contents of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that she 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 Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. Respondent further understands and agrees that a representative of the State 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 that may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board. If this Consent Order 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. Respondent consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved, this 13th day of June, 2019.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

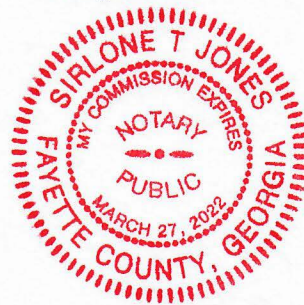


BY: David W. Rattentush, MD
JOHN JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST: Lasharn Hughes
LASHARN HUGHES, MBA
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: Jennifer Madge Harper, M.D.
JENNIFER MADGE HARPER, M.D.
Respondent

AS TO RESPONDENT
Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 6th day
of May, 2019
Sulake A. Jones
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: March 27, 2022



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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

SOREN THOMAS, M.D.
License Number 026895

Respondent

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Docket No. _____

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

JUN 13 2019

DOCKET NUMBER:
20190096

AMENDED CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) and Soren Thomas, M.D. (“Respondent”), the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to 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. Respondent’s license was issued on or about October 3, 1984 and expires November 30, 2019. Respondent is a general practitioner.

2.

On or about October 9, 2014, Respondent and the Board entered into a public consent order (“2014 Public Consent Order”), based on Respondent’s treatment of N.C., which entailed procedures including liposuction and facial fat transfer.

3.

Under the 2014 Public Consent Order, Respondent agreed to refrain from performing liposuction, lipo-harvesting fat transfer procedures, cosmetic surgical procedures that require IV sedation or inter-muscular sedation, and from performing any other procedures that require IV sedation, and from the use of IV sedation in the office setting until further order of the Board. Respondent was authorized, after complying with the terms of the consent order for one year, to

petition for the lifting of this restriction by showing evidence to the Board of satisfactory training, in the above-related areas and some additional training in recordkeeping related to surgical procedures. Respondent was also to permit inspection of her surgical suite and office by an agent of the Board.

4.

Respondent has submitted multiple petitions for lifting of the restriction. Respondent has provided satisfactory evidence to the Board that she has complied with Board-approved training requirements. Respondent no longer maintains a surgical suite as part of her practice and does not plan to engage in surgery at the present time.

5.

Respondent waives any further findings of fact.

ORDER

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

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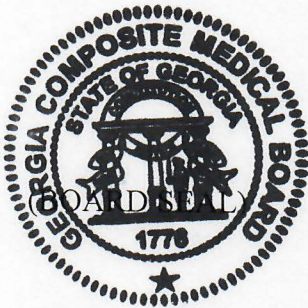
The restriction against Respondent's license identified in the 2014 Public Consent Order shall be lifted. To the extent that the Respondent plans to start an office-based surgery practice, she agrees to immediately notify the Board and comply with the Board's Office-Based Anesthesia and Surgery Guidelines, effective December 7, 2011, located on the Board's website, as referenced in the 2014 Public Consent Order.

2.

Respondent acknowledges that she has read this Amended Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that she has the right to an appearance in this matter and freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Amended

Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Amended 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 and may be disseminated as such. However, if this Amended 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 contained herein.

Approved this 13th day of June, 2019.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

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J. JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST: *Lasharn Hughes*
LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: *Soren Thomas MD*
SOREN THOMAS, M.D.
Respondent

AS TO SOREN THOMAS, M.D.,
Sworn to and subscribed before
me this, _____ day of _____, 2019.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: