### **September 2017 Public Board Actions List**

Georgia Composite Medical Board

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## PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER FOR LICENSURE

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and Atlanta Pain and Wellness Center, P.C.(also referred to herein as "Atlanta Pain and Wellness" and/or "Applicant"), the following disposition of the matter is entered into pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A., Title 43, Chapter 34, as amended.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Atlanta Pain and Wellness, was initially registered as a 100% physician owned pain management clinic on or about February 5, 2015 and issued registration #330.

2.

Atlanta Pain and Wellness was actively licensed between February 5, 2015 and June 30, 2016. On or about September 30, 2016 Applicant's license was revoked by operation of law. Applicant continued to operate as a Pain Clinic until making application for reinstatement on February 20, 2017.

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

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

There are sufficient grounds for the Board to deny the application and/or to impose sanctions or conditions on Applicant's pain management clinic registration 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 Georgia Composite Medical Board, having considered all 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.

Based on the failure to timely renew their Pain Management Clinic Registration,
Applicant shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be paid in full within 30 days. Payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board and shall be sent to the Board, c/o Executive Director. The Applicant's failure to pay such fine as provided in this Order may result in the summary suspension of the pain management clinic license pending a hearing to revoke the license.

Applicant shall abide by the terms of this Order, all State and Federal laws relating to drugs and recordkeeping 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 Order, all State and Federal laws relating to drugs and recordkeeping 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.

3.

This Consent Order shall constitute a **PUBLIC** reprimand of the Board and will be disseminated as a public disciplinary action.

4.

Applicant, Atlanta Pain and Wellness, P.C., acknowledges having read and understood the contents of this Consent Order. Applicant understands that Applicant has a right to an appearance in this matter, and Applicant freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order. Applicant understands that this Consent Order 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 Consent Order. Applicant further understands that this Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a private record which may not 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. Applicant consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved, this 7th day of Sigtember, 2017.

#### GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

E. DANIEL DeLOACH, M.I

Chairperson

Signature Print Name

ATTEST:

LaSHARN HUGHES, MBA

Interim Executive Director\_

Owner and On Behalf of Applicant,

Atlanta Pain and Wellness, P.C.

**CONSENTED TO:** 

[As to Owner's signature:]

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 29 day of.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

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# BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:			SEP 13 2017
	)		DOCKET NUMBER:
RICHARD BLAKE KESSLER, P.A.,	)	DOCKET NO.	2018 0019
License No. 006364,	)		
Respondent.	)		

#### **ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

1.

WHEREAS, on or about August 11, 2016, while working as a physician assistant, Respondent was called out of the operating room and given a workplace drug screen. Respondent tested positive for hydrocodone, benzodiazepines, and Fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance. Respondent did not have a prescription for Fentanyl. A search of Respondent's locker revealed IV tubing, materials to start IV's, syringes, and approximately 10 vials of Fentanyl and some Propofol. Propofol is also a Schedule II controlled substance. Respondent was also observed failing to waste unused medication, but reporting that he had in fact done so.

2.

WHEREAS, as a result of this incident and in conjunction with his termination, Respondent was directed by his employer to participate in the Georgia Professionals Health Program ("GA PHP"). As part of this program, on or about October 16, 2016, Respondent signed an agreement not to practice medicine without the prior written permission of the GA PHP.

WHEREAS, in conjunction with this program, Respondent was evaluated by Talbott Recovery Center in October, 2016. In a report dated November 2, 2016, the evaluators identified a diagnosis of Opioid Use Disorder, Moderate, R/O Severe, based on evidence that the drug screen was positive for Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone, Oxazepam and Fentanyl, along with admissions that he used waste Fentanyl. He also admitted replacing a syringe that previously contained Fentanyl with saline. There also was a positive test for Ethanol, although Respondent reported that his last drink was two weeks prior to the evaluation. The evaluators also determined that Respondent was not safe to practice, due to chemical dependence and recommended that Respondent undergo treatment for this condition at a facility approved by the Georgia PHP and abstain for all mind altering drugs of abuse including alcohol, but continue to take any prescribed medications. Respondent failed to comply with the recommendations of the evaluators and elected not to undergo treatment.

4.

WHEREAS, on or about December 5, 2016, the Board was notified that Respondent was not being monitored by GA PHP and that he was seeking work outside of medicine. In its report to the Board, GA PHP identified an inability to contact the Respondent to ensure that he was not practicing as a physician assistant. In March of 2017, it was confirmed that Respondent was working as a physician assistant, without evidence that Respondent had ever undergone the recommended treatment.

6.

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2017 based on the above information, the Board ordered Respondent to undergo a Mental/Physical evaluation. From August 21, 2017 to August 24,

2017, Respondent underwent an evaluation at Ridgeview Institute, in compliance with the Board's order.

7.

WHEREAS, on or about September 6, 2017, the Board received the evaluation report. In the report, the evaluator identified Respondent as having opioid use disorder, moderate, along with a diagnosis of rule out alcohol use disorder. It was noted in the report that upon the screen ordered upon his arrival at Ridgeview, he registered a markedly positive alcohol level in the range of legal intoxication. The evaluator further recommended that Respondent cease clinical practice until completion of treatment in a Georgia Board approved chemical dependency professional's recovery program.

8.

NOW THERFORE, the Board finds that Respondent's continued practice of medicine as a physician assistant poses a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare and imperatively requires emergency action and hereby ORDERS that Respondent's license to practice medicine as a physician assistant in the State of Georgia be and is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-18(c)(1), pending further proceedings on behalf of the Board, which shall be promptly instituted.

If the Respondent wishes to have an expedited hearing, Respondent shall execute and file with the Office of State Administrative Hearings the original and one copy of the attached REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED HEARING no later than fourteen (14) days from the day of service or receipt of this Order. Respondent also shall serve a copy of such REQUEST upon counsel for the Board as identified in the REQUEST.

This Order is signed and attested by the Executive Director on behalf of the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

This 13th day of Systember, 2017.



### GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

E. DANIEL DELOACH, MD Chairperson

LASHARN HUGHES, MBA Interim Executive Director

PLEASE DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE TO:

MAXIMILLIAN J. CHANGUS 40 Capitol Square, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30334 (404) 651-7857 mchangus@law.ga.gov

# BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)
RICHARD BLAKE KESSLER, P.A., License No. 006364, Respondent.	) ) DOCKET NO ) )
REQUEST	FOR EXPEDITED HEARING
I RICHARD BLAKE KESSLER., I	naving been served with the Order of Summary Suspension
by the Georgia Composite Medical Board	("Board"), do hereby request an expedited hearing. I
reserve the right to file a response to a No	tice of Hearing and Matters Asserted in this matter.
This day of	_, 2017.
	RICHARD BLAKE KESSLER Respondent
,	) I am/will be represented by counsel Name of counsel and contact information, if known:
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THIS REQUEST MUST BE FILED WITH: THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD 2 PEACHTREE STREET, N.W., 36<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-3465.

A COPY OF THIS REQUEST MUST ALSO BE SERVED ON: THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ATTN: MAXIMILLIAN J. CHANGUS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL 40 CAPITOL SQUARE, S.W. ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334.

#### STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

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CHIDOZIE JOSHUA ONONUJU, D.O.

License No. 063695, Respondent.

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SEP 13 2017

DOCKET NUMBER:

## **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

I, CHIDOZIE JOSHUA ONONUJU, holder of License No. 063695 to practice medicine in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily surrender said license to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. I hereby acknowledge that this surrender shall be considered to be and have the same effect as a revocation of my license, and I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title and privilege of practicing medicine in the State of Georgia, unless and until such time as my license may be reinstated, in the sole discretion of the Board.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the contents of this Voluntary Surrender. I understand that I have a right to a hearing in this matter, and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily waive such right. I also understand that should the Board entertain any request for reinstatement, the Board shall have access to any investigative or medical information regarding me. I further understand that upon applying for reinstatement, it shall be incumbent upon me to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that I am able to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, and that the Board may investigate my conduct since the time of the surrender of my license. I understand and agree that any reinstatement of my license to practice medicine is a matter in the sole discretion of the Board and that the Board may deny any such reinstatement without identifying a reason for said denial. I understand that I cannot apply for reinstatement for two years from the date of the surrender of my license under the rules of the Board.

This surrender shall become effective upon acceptance and docketing by the Board. I understand that this document will be considered to be a public record evidencing disciplinary action, and that this action shall be considered to be and may be disseminated as a final order of the Board.

[As to Respondent's signature:] Sworn to and subscribed before me This 23 day of

Respondent

My commission expires: 1-9-2021

MITCHINIA MITCHI ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

The voluntary surrender of License No. 063695 is hereby accepted by the Georgia

Composite Medical Board, this day of

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

E. DANIEL DELOACH, M.D.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Interim Executive Director

#### STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

\*
VIJIL K. RAHULAN, M.D.
License No. 066890

\*

Respondent.

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DOCKET NUMBER:

#### **PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER**

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Georgia Board" or "Board") and Vijil K. Rahulan, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this matter is entered into pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13 (a) (4), as amended.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent was licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia on or about October 7, 2011, and his license expires May 31, 2019. Respondent also holds a license to practice medicine in Michigan and has his address of record in Michigan.

2.

On or about March 16, 2016, Respondent entered into a Consent Order and Stipulation with the Michigan Board of Medicine in which the Respondent was reprimanded and fined \$8,000. This Order was based in part on Respondent's practice of medicine via telemedicine where he prescribed medication to patients in other states based on a patient questionnaire and a verbal consultation when he affiliated with M.D. Aligne. Respondent indicated that he noticed a majority of these patients from M.D. Aligne involved pain complaints. Respondent also indicated that even though his evaluation of the patient was more extensive than the records reflected, the computer program did not allow him to document his notes from verbal

consultations but restricted him to checks. Respondent completed additional training in prescribing opioids and treating pain.

3.

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

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Respondent's conduct and the action by the Michigan Board of Medicene constitute sufficient grounds for the imposition of sanctions on Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A., T. 43, Chs. 1 and 34, <u>as amended</u>. 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 facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the following sanctions shall be imposed upon the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia.

1.

Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine of \$3,000.00 to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order. 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.

2.

This Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall constitute a PUBLIC REPRIMAND by the Board and is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.

Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regarding the practice of medicine, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the terms of this Consent Order. In the event Respondent fails to abide by such laws, rules or terms, 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.

4.

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 once he completes it. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Board to update the Physician's Profile once he completes it to reflect this Consent Order.

5.

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. This Consent Order shall not become effective until approved and docketed by 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 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 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 which 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  $31^2$  day of August, 2017.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

JOHN'S. ANTALIS, M.D.

Chairperson

**ATTEST** 

RØBERT JEFFREY

Dofen SExecutive Director

**CONSENTED TO:** 

VIJIL K. RAHULAN, M.D.

Respondent

AS TO SIGNATURE OF VIJIL K. RAHULAN ONLY:

Sworn to and Subscribed

Before me this day of , 2017.

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My Commission Expires:

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M.K. MOHAMED ADOOBUKKER, H.Sc., B.L. Advocate / Notary High Court, Chennal-800 614,

#### STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

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VIJIL K. RAHULAN, M.D.
License No. 066890

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Respondent.

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DOCKET NUMBER:

#### **PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER**

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#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

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2.

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consultations but restricted him to checks. Respondent completed additional training in prescribing opioids and treating pain.

3.

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

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Respondent's conduct and the action by the Michigan Board of Medicene constitute sufficient grounds for the imposition of sanctions on Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A., T. 43, Chs. 1 and 34, <u>as amended</u>. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

#### **ORDER**

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1.

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2.

This Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall constitute a PUBLIC REPRIMAND by the Board and is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.

Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regarding the practice of medicine, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the terms of this Consent Order. In the event Respondent fails to abide by such laws, rules or terms, 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.

4.

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 once he completes it. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Board to update the Physician's Profile once he completes it to reflect this Consent Order.

5.

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. This Consent Order shall not become effective until approved and docketed by 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 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 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 which 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  $31^2$  day of August, 2017.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

JOHN'S. ANTALIS, M.D.

Chairperson

**ATTEST** 

RØBERT JEFFREY

Dofen SExecutive Director

**CONSENTED TO:** 

VIJIL K. RAHULAN, M.D.

Respondent

AS TO SIGNATURE OF VIJIL K. RAHULAN ONLY:

Sworn to and Subscribed

Before me this day of , 2017.

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My Commission Expires:

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M.K. MOHAMED ADOOBUKKER, H.Sc., B.L. Advocate / Notary High Court, Chennal-800 614,

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

AUG 3 1 2017

IN THE MATTER OF:

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DOCKET NUMBER:

MOSES EDWARD WILCOX, M.D., License Number 34280, DOCKET NO.

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Respondent

#### PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and Moses Edward Wilcox, 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 is also licensed to practice medicine in Texas, California, and Louisiana.

2.

On or about June 10, 2016, the Texas Medical Board entered an Agreed Order ("Texas Order") regarding Respondent's practice in Urology. The Texas Medical Board found that Respondent failed to meet the generally acceptable standard of care in (1) Respondent's performance of radical prostatectomies, which led to his privileges being suspended at one hospital facility, (2) Respondent's failure to consult with a general surgeon to consider

conservative treatment options, and (3) Respondent's failure to perform a radical nephrectomy, when the standard of care called for a partial nephrectomy.

3.

In the Texas Order, the Texas Medical Board imposed a restriction on the Respondent performing radical prostatectomies until Respondent complies with a fellowship and proctoring related supervision with regard to his performance of radical prostatectomies, imposed an administrative penalty of \$3,000.00, required Respondent to complete eight additional hours of continuing medical education in the areas of renal cell carcinoma and the surgical management of prostate cancer, and imposed disclosure and other administrative terms.

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 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, <u>as amended</u>. 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 facts and circumstances of this case hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the following sanctions shall be imposed upon the Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia.

Respondent's Georgia license shall be RESTRICTED to prevent Respondent from performing radical prostatectomies in the State of Georgia until the Texas Medical Board lifts the restriction imposed on performing radical prostatectomies, after it has been satisfied that Respondent has complied with the terms laid out in the Texas Order. The restriction against performing radical prostatectomies will not be lifted unless Respondent provides written documentation to the Georgia Composite Medical Board that the Texas restriction has been lifted.

2.

Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the terms of the Texas Order, and the terms of this Consent Order. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, rules or terms or should Respondent violate any criminal laws, including any term of probation, if any, Respondent's license shall be subject to further discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof after notice and hearing, and if revoked, the Board in its discretion may determine that the license should be permanently revoked and not subject to reinstatement. Respondent further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order shall be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to 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(s), if the Board exercises such right.

Nothing in this Consent Order shall prohibit the Board from bringing future disciplinary actions for allegations not raised in this Consent Order. Approval of this Consent Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning Respondent's alleged conduct, and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board. This Consent Order shall not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

4.

This Consent Order shall be considered a public document of the Board and shall be disseminated as such. 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 Respondent's Physician 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 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 Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once

approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board solely based on the action taken by the Texas 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.

Approved this  $31^{\circ}$  day of fuxust, 2017.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

Chairperson

Interim Executive Director

(signatures continue on next page)

CONSENTED TO BY: MOSES EDWARD WILCOX, M.D.

AS TO MOSES EDWARD WILCOX, M.D.,

Sworn to and subscribed before

me this, \_\_\_\_ day of

, 2017.

Respondent

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: //-09-3019

REY DE LA ROSA
Notary ID # 126216502
My Commission Expires
November 9, 2019

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

JASON DENNIS BURNLEY, R.C.P. a/k/a DENNIS JASON BURNLEY, R.C.P.

SEP 19 2017

License No. 003713,

DOCKET NUMBER:

Respondent

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#### VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, JASON DENNIS BURNLEY, holder of License No. 003713 to practice respiratory care 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 respiratory care in the State of Georgia, unless and until such time as my license may be reinstated, in the sole discretion of the Board.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the contents of this Voluntary Surrender. I understand that I have a right to a hearing in this matter, and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily waive such right. I also understand that should the Board entertain any request for reinstatement, the Board shall have access to any investigative or medical information regarding me. I further understand that upon applying for reinstatement, it shall be incumbent upon me to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that I am able to practice respiratory care with reasonable skill and safety to patients, and that the Board may investigate my conduct since the time of the surrender of my license. I understand and agree that any reinstatement of my license to practice respiratory care is a matter in the sole discretion of the Board and that the Board may deny any such reinstatement without identifying a reason for said denial. I understand that I am not eligible for reinstatement of my license for a period of two years from the docketing date of the Order.

This surrender shall become effective upon acceptance and docketing by the Board. I

understand that this document will be considered to be a public record evidencing disciplinary action, and that this action shall be considered to be and may be disseminated as a final order of the Board.

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

2017.

JASON DENNIS BURNLEY, R.C.P.

Respondent a/k/a DENNIS JASON BURNLEY, R.C. P.

**ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER** 

The voluntary surrender of License No. 003713 is hereby accepted by the

Georgia Composite Medical Board, this\_

day of

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

E. DANIEL DELOACH, M.D.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Interim Executive Director

#### STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

\* GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

FRANK HOWARD BYNES JR., M.D. \* SEP 22 2017

Respondent.

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DOCKET NUMBER:

## VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, FRANK HOWARD BYNES JR, holder of License No. 036932 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 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 under the rules of the Board.

This surrender shall become effective upon acceptance and docketing by the Board. I understand that this document will be considered to be a public record evidencing disciplinary action, and that this action shall be considered to be and may be disseminated as a final order of the Board.

[As to Respondent's signature:]

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 4 day of 59

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

FRANK HOWARD BYNES, JR

Respondent

**ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER** 

The voluntary surrender of License No. 036932 is hereby accepted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, this day of Settlember 92017.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

E. DANIEL DELOACH, M.D.

Chairperson

ATTEST

LASHARN HUGHES

Interim Executive Director

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

SEP 2 1 2017

STEVEN GEORGE HALTIWANGER, M.D., License No. 026292,

DOCKET NO.:

DOCKET NUMBER:

Respondent.

#### **ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION**

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2000, Steven George Haltiwanger, M.D. (herein "Respondent") entered into a Consent Order with the Georgia Composite Medical Board (herein "Board"), Docket Number 99-MB-0012. Said Consent Order was based on Respondent's prescribing practices. Paragraph 1 of the Order portion of said Consent Order placed Respondent's license on probation.

WHEREAS, in 2017, Respondent requested termination of probation. Respondent has paid the fine and completed the continuing medical education required under the Consent Order. The Board considered Respondent's request at its August 31, 2017, Board meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, Respondent's probation is hereby terminated, subject to the following:

- (a) Respondent shall not prescribe administer, dispense or possess controlled substances. Respondent, as a patient, may possess controlled substances prescribed, administered, or dispensed to him by another physician authorized by law to do so.
- (b) Respondent shall not prescribe any dangerous drug to himself, to a family member or any employee or individual who works directly or indirectly for Respondent or works directly or indirectly for Respondent's family members.

- (c) Respondent shall not utilize a physician assistant or nurse practitioner in his practice.
- (d) Respondent shall not be a dispensing physician, as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 26-4-130 (2017).

This Order Terminating Probation shall become effective upon its acceptance by the Board and docketing by the Board's Executive Director.

Accepted this 21st day of September , 2017.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

E. DAN DELOACH, M.D

Chairperson

ATTEST

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Interim Executive Director