

## February 2018 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board  
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012468

Physician

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031092

Physician

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031510

Physician

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**BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**FRED E. GILLIARD, M.D.**  
**License No. 012468,**  
**Respondent.**

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**GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD**

**FEB 01 2018**

**DOCKET NUMBER:**  
2018 0033

**VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

I, FRED E. GILLIARD, holder of License No. 012468 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.

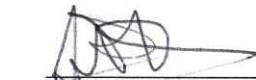
I acknowledge that I have read and understand the contents of this Voluntary Surrender. I understand that I have a right to a hearing in this matter, and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily waive such right. I also understand that should the Board entertain any request for reinstatement, the Board 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.

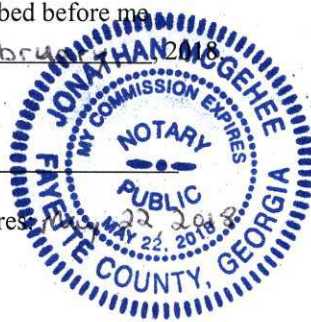
This surrender shall become effective upon acceptance and docketing by the Board. I understand that this document will be considered to be a public record evidencing disciplinary action, and that this action shall be considered to be and may be disseminated as a final order of the Board.

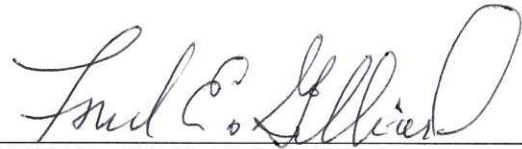
[As to Respondent's signature:]

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 2 day of February, 2018

  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My commission expires



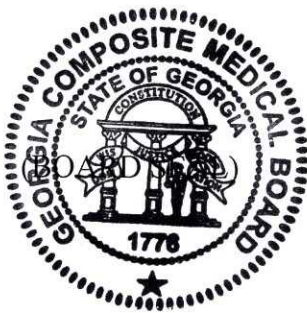


FRED E. GILLIARD, M.D.


Respondent

**ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER**

The voluntary surrender of License No. 012468 is hereby accepted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2018.



**GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD**

BY:   
E. DANIEL DELOACH, M.D.  
Chairperson

ATTEST:   
LASHARN HUGHES  
Interim Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

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IN THE MATTER OF:

NARENDRA M. PATEL, MD,  
License No. 031092,  
Respondent,

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DOCKET NO.

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2017 0025

CONSENT ORDER FOR INDEFINITE SUSPENSION

1.

Respondent is licensed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") to practice medicine in the State of Georgia. Respondent was issued a license on August 10, 1988, and Respondent's license expires on June 30, 2019.

2.

On July 11, 1997, Respondent's license was summarily suspended based upon the Board having received reliable information that Respondent had entered a plea of guilty, under the First Offender Act, to sexual battery on a patient. The charges involved Respondent having placed his mouth on the breast of a female patient without the patient's consent. *In the Matter of Narendra M. Patel, M.D., License No. 031092, Before the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, Docket No. 97-957 (July 11, 1997).*

3.

On October 2, 1997, in lieu of a hearing, concerning the conduct described in the paragraph above, Respondent's case before the Board regarding his medical license was resolved by a Consent Order. *In the Matter of Narendra M. Patel, M.D., License No. 031092, Before the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, Docket No. 97-957 (October 2, 1997).* In the Consent Order, Respondent agreed to a period of suspension followed by





probation. The terms of probation included, among other things, therapy with quarterly reports, use of a female chaperone with female patients, a fine, and a public reprimand.

4.

On January 10, 2003, the Board issued an order terminating the Respondent's probation, after determining that Respondent had complied with all the terms of Respondent's probation. *In the Matter of Narendra M. Patel, M.D., License No. 031092, Before the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, Docket No. 97-957 (January 10, 2003).*

5.

On February 20, 2017, the Board issued an Order for Mental / Physical Examinations, after receiving information that Respondent had touched two female patients inappropriately. *In the Matter of Narendra M. Patel, M.D., License No. 031092, Before the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, Docket No. 10170025 (February 20, 2017).*

6.

On July 12, 2017, the Board received reliable information from Vanderbilt University Medical Center Comprehensive Assessment Program that Respondent is unfit to practice medicine with female patients. This determination was based upon an evaluation and with a reasonable degree of medical certainty.

7.

On July 31, 2017, the Board issued an Order of Summary Suspension.

8.

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

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## 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, 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, that the following sanctions shall be imposed upon Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia:

1.

Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia shall be indefinitely suspended commencing on the effective date of this Consent Order. During the period of suspension, the Respondent shall not use the title, "M.D." or otherwise engage in the practice of medicine. 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.

2.

Two (2) years after the effective date of the Summary Suspension, Respondent may petition for lifting of the suspension. Such petition shall include documentation that Respondent has successfully completed a treatment program for professional boundary violations at a facility approved by the Board; and documentation that Respondent is safe to practice, specifically with female patients.

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3.

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

4.

The period of indefinite suspension shall last unless and until the Board, in its sole discretion, lifts the suspension in writing. Should the Board lift the suspension, then it may do so by consent order, which places Respondent's license to practice medicine under such terms and conditions as the Board deems necessary to ensure that Respondent may practice with reasonable skill and safety to the public. The Respondent may be required to meet with the Board, or a committee thereof, should the Board consider the lifting of the indefinite suspension. 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 shall not constitute a contested case.

5.

Respondent shall abide by all state and federal laws regulating the practice of medicine, 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 appear from reports, inspections or other information submitted to the Board that Respondent is otherwise unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients,

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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.

6.

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

7.

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.

8.

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 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

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to adjudicate this matter. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2018.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD  
BY: E. Daniel DeLoach, MD  
E. DANIEL DELOACH, MD  
Chairperson

ATTEST: L. Sharn Hughes  
LASHARN HUGHES, MBA  
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: Narendra M. Patel  
NARENDRA M. PATEL, MD  
Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF  
NARENDRA M. PATEL, MD,  
Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this, 16 day of January, 2018.

Miriam Lemon  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires:

MIRIAM LEMON  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Whitfield County  
State of Georgia  
My Comm. Expires October 9, 2020

