

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)	
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James Thomas Skeen, M.D.,)	CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.)	

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") regarding information provided to the Board concerning James Thomas Skeen, M.D., ("Dr. Skeen"). Dr. Skeen makes the following admissions and the Board makes the following findings and conclusions:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Skeen was first licensed by the Board on or about July 18, 1998, license number 9801061.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Skeen practiced medicine in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Dr. Skeen was issued a public letter of concern by the Board on November 29, 2010, for issuing prescriptions for

controlled substances to a family member without conducting an appropriate examination or maintaining proper medical records.

In June 2015, the Board received information from law enforcement alleging that Dr. Skeen had self-prescribed medications.

As a result of this information, the Board opened an investigation. As part of the Board's investigation, Dr. Skeen was interviewed by a Board investigator and five (5) of Dr. Skeen's medical records were selected for review.

Dr. Skeen admitted to self-prescribing on two occasions, once in or about July 2014 and again in August 2015.

Three (3) medical records submitted to the Board were reviewed by an external expert reviewer. The expert reviewer found that the medical records failed to include subjective information, contained copy and paste type entries that were inaccurate, failed to include documentation of patients' response to therapy and failed to include documentation of medication side effect discussions with patients. The expert reviewer opined that Dr. Skeen's medical records fell below the standard of care in North Carolina.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Skeen acknowledges that his conduct, as described above, constitutes unprofessional conduct, including, but not limited to, departure from, or the failure to conform to, the

standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6).

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

Dr. Skeen acknowledges and agrees that the Board has jurisdiction over him and over the subject matter of this case.

Dr. Skeen knowingly waives his right to any hearing and to any judicial review or appeal in this case.

Dr. Skeen acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Dr. Skeen desires to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings.

The Board has determined that it is in the public interest to resolve this case as set forth below.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, with Dr. Skeen's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Skeen is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Dr. Skeen shall attend a proctored medical records course, to be approved by the Office of the Medical Director, within six (6) months of the date of this Consent Order. Dr. Skeen shall provide proof of satisfactory completion of the course to the Compliance Department within thirty (30) days of completing the course.

3. Dr. Skeen shall obey all laws. Likewise, he shall obey all rules and regulations involving the practice of medicine.

4. Dr. Skeen shall notify the Board in writing of any change in his residence or practice addresses within ten (10) days of the change.

5. Dr. Skeen shall meet with the Board or members of the Board for an investigative interview at such times as requested by the Board.

6. If Dr. Skeen fails to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, that failure shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and shall be grounds, after any required notice and hearing, for the Board to annul, suspend or revoke his license to practice medicine and surgery and to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license.

7. This Consent Order shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

8. Dr. Skeen hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Consent Order be served on him.

9. Upon execution by Dr. Skeen and the Board, this Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the

provisions thereof. Additionally, it will be reported to persons, entities, agencies and clearinghouses as required and permitted by law including, but not limited to, the Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Practitioner Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 17th day of March, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: Pascal O. Udekwu
Pascal O. Udekwu, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 9 day of March, 2016.



James Thomas Skeen, M.D.

State of North Carolina

County of Guilford

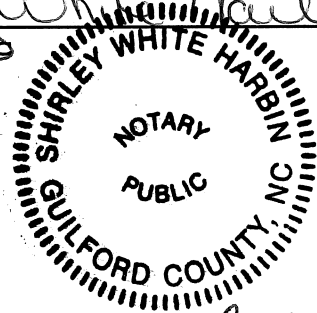
I, Shirley White Harbin, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that James Thomas Skeen, M.D. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal

this the 9 day of March, 2016.


Notary Public

(SEAL)



My Commission Expires: 2-27-2019