



North Carolina Medical Board

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February 28, 2018

Via Attorney of Record

Jenny Elizabeth Franczak, M.D.
1829 E. Franklin Street, Suite 700B
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Dr. Franczak:

The North Carolina Medical Board (“Board”) has concluded its investigation related to a complaint regarding a patient for whom you putatively diagnosed as suffering from chronic Lyme disease. It is the Board’s decision not to commence formal proceedings against your license at this time. However, the Board did vote to issue you this public letter of concern. The Board does not consider a public letter of concern to be a disciplinary action or a limitation or restriction on your license.

The Board is concerned that your care of Patient A failed to conform to standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice. Specifically, the Board is concerned that you evidently acquiesced in the patient’s mother’s conclusion that the patient carried the diagnosis of chronic Lyme disease despite negative laboratory studies and without your having obtained Patient A’s prior medical records or lab work from his prior treating physicians. The Board is principally concerned your treatment of Patient A was one of escalating narcotic dosages with minimal oversight or monitoring. A review of your medical records showed little justification for narcotic dosing, limited face to face visits with the patient, no use of the North Carolina Controlled Substances Reporting System, and no use of urine drug screens.

Within six months from the date of this letter, the Board requires you to complete ten hours of category I continuing medical education (CME) course(s) regarding prescribing controlled substances and record keeping. The course(s) must be approved in the advance by the Board’s Office of Medical Director.

The Board urges you to take steps to ensure the conduct giving rise to the Board’s concerns does not happen again. Otherwise, the Board may vote to commence formal disciplinary proceedings against your license. If that happens, this letter may be entered into evidence in determining the appropriate discipline.

This letter is a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and is subject to public inspection and dissemination as required by that law. It will be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards; however, it will not be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

Sincerely,

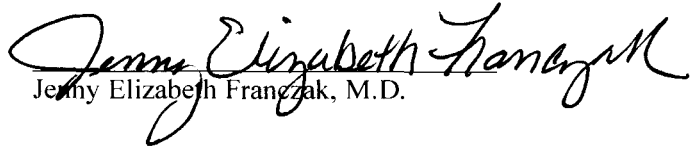
Timothy E. Lietz, M.D.
President

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Consent and Waiver

I, Jenny Elizabeth Franczak, M.D., would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings and consent to the Board's issuance of this public letter of concern and the continuing medical education requirements contained herein in resolution of the above matter.

Consented to this the 27th day of Feb, 2018.

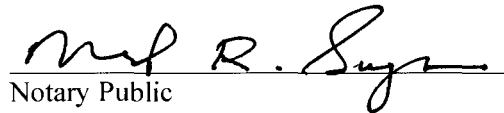

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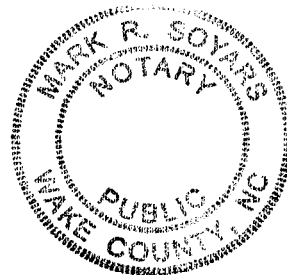
State of North Carolina

County of Durham

I, Mark R. Soyars, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Jenny Elizabeth Franczak, 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 27th day of February, 2018.


Notary Public



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My Commission Expires: 4/22/2022