

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
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Rashid Ali Buttar, D.O.,) CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") regarding information provided to the Board concerning Rashid Ali Buttar, D.O. ("Dr. Buttar"). Dr. Buttar 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 to it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Buttar was first issued a license to practice medicine by the Board on or about May 20, 1995, license number 9500528.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Buttar practiced integrative medicine in Iredell County and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

PATIENT A

On January 27, 2016, the Board received a complaint from Physician A regarding a patient ("Patient A") under Dr. Buttar's care. Physician A expressed concern that the treatment being provided by Dr. Buttar to Patient A was adding to Patient A's pain and suffering and was preventing Patient A from receiving appropriate care and the possibility of successful treatment.

Patient A was first seen by Dr. Buttar on December 23, 2015 for recurrent retinoblastoma. Dr. Buttar was providing supportive therapy.

The Board sent the medical records for Patient A to an independent expert reviewer. The expert reviewer completed a fellowship in Integrative Medicine and is Board Certified in Internal Medicine. The reviewing expert concluded that the documentation of Patient A's care failed to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in North Carolina. Specifically, the expert reviewer expressed concerns about the adequacy of Patient A's medical record, which were hand-written.

The Board understands that Dr. Buttar has already implemented a comprehensive electronic medical record system across his practice, including providing himself and his staff training.

PATIENT B

On November 21, 2017, the Board received a complaint from Patient B's parent. The complaint alleged that while Patient B, a minor, was being treated by Dr. Buttar, Dr. Buttar and Patient B's parent engaged in a personal relationship.

Dr. Buttar admits that he engaged in a third-party boundary violation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Buttar acknowledges that the documentation of care provided to Patient A, as described above, failed to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and grounds exist under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Buttar's license to practice medicine or to deny any application he might make in the future.

Dr. Buttar acknowledges that his conduct, as described above, constitutes unprofessional conduct including, but not limited to, departure from or the failure to conform to the ethics of the profession, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and grounds exist under this section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Buttar's license to practice medicine or to deny any application he might make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

Dr. Buttar, with the advice of legal counsel, acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Dr. Buttar 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. Buttar's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Buttar is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Within ten (10) months of the date of this Consent Order, Dr. Buttar shall take and successfully obtain a passing score from the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians ProBE ethics course. Dr. Buttar shall submit evidence of the successful completion of the ProBE course to the Board's Compliance Coordinator at North Carolina Medical Board, P.O. Box 20007, Raleigh, NC 27619-0007 or compliance@ncmedboard.org within five (5) days of receiving his grade.

3. Within ten (10) months of the date of this Consent Order, Dr. Buttar shall complete a continuing medical education course ("CME") on records-keeping. The CME course must be approved in advance by the Board's Medical Director. Prior approval may be obtained by contacting the Board's Compliance Coordinator. Dr. Buttar shall submit evidence of completion of the above required CME course to the Board's Compliance Coordinator within five (5) days of completing the course.

4. Dr. Buttar shall strictly comply with the Board's Position Statement titled, "MEDICAL RECORDS - Documentation, Electronic Health Records, Access, and Retention."

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

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

7. Upon request, Dr. Buttar shall provide the Board with any information the Board deems necessary to verify compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.

8. If Dr. Buttar 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 to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license to practice medicine.

9. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Buttar and the Board, and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

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

11. Upon execution by Dr. Buttar 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 13th day of February, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: *Barbara E. Walker, D.O.*
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President

Consented to this the 6th day of February, 2019.



Rashid Ali Buttar, D.O.

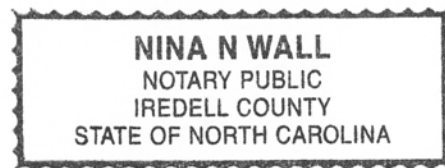
State of North Carolina

County of Iredell

I, NINA N. WALL, do hereby certify that Rashid Ali Buttar, D.O. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 6 day of February, 2019.

Nina N Wall
Notary Public



(Official Seal)

My Commission Expires: 12.29.21