

**STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO
FORMAL ACTION REPORT – JANUARY 2011**

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Listed below is a summary of the disciplinary actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in January 2011 and an update of Board matters pending in courts as of the date of this document.

CITATIONS & PROPOSED DENIALS

CLARK, Allan William (MD #35.057420) – Pittsburgh, PA

Based on prior action by Pennsylvania's licensing board which stayed an indefinite suspension of doctor's license in that state, suspended the license for 30 days, and imposed a subsequent three year probation. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/13/11.

HUTCHISON, Philip Martin (DO #34.005766) – Bellevue, OH

Based on allegations that doctor wrote prescriptions for controlled substances as treatment of medical conditions for two persons who qualify as family members without documenting the prescriptions or any examination, evaluation or treatment in any patient record. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/13/11.

MARKER, Melissa Jane (DO #34.008532) – Vermilion, OH

Based on allegation that doctor wrote prescriptions for controlled substances as treatment of a medical condition for one person who qualifies as a family member without documenting the prescriptions or any examination, evaluation, or treatment in any patient record. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/13/11.

RANGARAJ, Raj Ramalingam (MD #35.081628; MD Training Cert. #57.003792) – Alpharetta, GA

Based on prior action by Georgia's licensing board in prohibiting doctor from performing plastic surgery, other than oculoplastic procedures; limiting doctor's practice to ophthalmology; requiring doctor to correct advertising implying that doctor is board certified as a plastic or cosmetic surgeon; and reprimanding doctor. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/13/11.

SHANK, Myron Lyle (MD #35.057234) – Lima, OH

Based on doctor's alleged practice below the minimal standards of care and violation of Board rules related to prescribing controlled substances in care rendered to 11 specified patients, including, but not limited to, inappropriately continuing to prescribe narcotics to patients who were not compliant with clinical instructions; inappropriately prescribing narcotics for treatment of fibromyalgia; failing to follow up on a needle biopsy performed for possible malignancy; inappropriately continuing to prescribe controlled substance stimulants despite the presence of possible contraindications; inappropriately prescribing sedating medications to a patient diagnosed with sleep apnea; maintaining incomplete, often illegible and/or unprofessional medical charts; and prescribing controlled substances to patients for whom doctor failed to recognize drug seeking behavior. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/13/11.

SIDDIQUI, Siraj Ahmed (MD #35.065056) – Mansfield, OH

Based on allegations that in care rendered to 15 patients doctor failed to maintain minimal standards of care applicable to the selection or administration of drugs or failed to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other modalities of treatment; departed from the minimal standards of care, and violated the Board's prescribing rules by actions including, but not limited to, inappropriately continuing to prescribe controlled substance anorectics despite the presence of possible contraindications, failing to appropriately evaluate or document the evaluation and treatment of patients for specified medical conditions, failing to maintain complete and accurate medical records, and inappropriately using controlled substance anorectics for purposes of weight reduction in the treatment of obesity. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/13/11.

ULMER, Chad Winfield (MD #35.092791; MD Training Cert. #57.010615) – Columbus, OH

Based on allegation that doctor does not meet conditions for reinstatement of his medical license specified in the 9/9/10 consent agreement and is impaired in ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice; the underlying basis being that following an assessment of doctor, an addictionologist opined that doctor is not currently capable of practicing according to acceptable prevailing standards of care. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/13/11.

DISMISSALS OF CITATIONS

GORELIC, Mark (MD #35.091056; MD Training Cert. #57.010161) – Pittsburg, PA

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued 10/13/10 dismissed without prejudice. Based on Board's determination that it would be administratively inefficient to pursue the charges at this time. Dismissal effective 12/7/10.

FINAL DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

DICELLO, Anthony Joseph (LMT #33.008633) – Upper Arlington, OH

Massage therapy license revoked, conditions for future restoration of license set. Based on Board determination that massage therapist made a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement on his 2007 licensure renewal application, had been found guilty of a state law regulating the possession, distribution, or use of a drug, and had been found guilty of one felony count of Trafficking in Cocaine, one felony count of Possession of Cocaine, and one felony count of Possession of Criminal Tools. Order effective 1/25/11.

FONTANEZ, Modesto (MD #35.083857) – Long Island City, NY

Medical license permanently revoked. Based on Board's determination that in medical services rendered to two specified patients doctor departed from, or failed to conform to, minimal standards of care. Order effective 1/13/11.

HILL, Josh Utah (PA #50.001493; Prescriptive Authority #55.000260) – Fort Mitchell, KY

Physician assistant license suspended for at least 12 months, interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement of license established, and subsequent probationary terms, conditions and limitations established for at least four years. Based on physician assistant having been found guilty of one felony count of Burglary, three felony counts of Wanton Endangerment, and one misdemeanor count of Assault. Order effective 1/25/11.

IYER, Sridhar K. (MD #35.060647) – Denton, TX

No further action taken by the Board. Based on prior action by the Texas medical board in granting doctor a license with terms and conditions, including physician monitoring of doctor's medical practice and completion of coursework, for which the event underlying the Texas action was remote in time. Order effective 1/25/11.

PATEL, Parag (MD #35.079906) – Crestview Hills, KY

Medical license suspended for at least 30 days, interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, and probationary terms, conditions, and limitations established for at least five years. Based on prior action by the Kentucky medical board in placing conditions on doctor's medical license in that state, and on the Board's determinations that doctor made a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement on his 2008 Ohio licensure renewal application by denying having been found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony when he had been found guilty of Disorderly Conduct and that doctor is impaired in ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use of abuse of alcohol. Order effective 1/25/11.

RHINEHART, Stephen Nels (MD #35.071419) – Circleville, OH

Medical license permanently revoked. Based on Board's determination that in medical services provided to three specified patients doctor engaged in activities constituting selling, giving away, furnishing, or administering drugs for other than legal and legitimate therapeutic purposes; made false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statements in relation to the practice of medicine; committed acts constituting the felonies of the Illegal Processing of Drug Documents, Forgery, and Tampering with Evidence; committed acts constituting the misdemeanor of Falsification; violated the prohibitions against prescribing controlled substances to family members and engaging in sexual contact with a patient; and violated the minimal standards of care by engaging in sexual contact with a patient. Order effective 1/13/11.

INTERIM AGREEMENT

AHMAD, Shafik (MD #35.072585) – Huber Hts., OH (Late Report)

By Interim Agreement effective 11/10/10, doctor agreed not to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio until the allegations contained in the 3/10/10 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued by the Board have been adjudicated by the Board and the Board has issued a final Order.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

CHAMBERS, Carolyn Ann (MD #35.096570) – Latrobe, PA

Application for medical license granted subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations. Based on doctor's admission of having been diagnosed with alcohol dependence for which doctor received treatment and on doctor's documented maintenance of sobriety and compliance with monitoring requirements in Pennsylvania since 9/08. Agreement effective 1/12/11; agreement to remain in effect for at least three years prior to any request for termination.

GOLDMAN, Philip Mark (MD #35.060870) – Florence, KY

Summary suspension of medical license issued 8/11/10 terminated; medical license suspended for at least 120 days; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating

probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission of being impaired in ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to the diagnosis of cocaine abuse. Agreement effective 1/13/11.

MERKIN, Bruce Jeffrey (MD #35.086596; MD Training Cert. #57.009554) – Cleveland, OH

Medical license suspended for at least one year; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's history of chemical dependency and relapse. Agreement effective 1/12/11.

REDDY, Sudesh Sandadi (MD #35.053263) – Marion, OH

Doctor reprimanded. Based on doctor's admission of having supervised and delegated medical tasks to an unlicensed physician assistant without first having in place a supervision agreement that was approved by the Board and entered into with the physician assistant. Agreement effective 1/12/11; reprimand does not terminate; agreement to remain in effect for at least two years prior to any request for termination.

RICHMOND, Katherine Lily (DO #34.006407) – Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Medical license suspended for at least 90 days; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission of having relapsed on alcohol in 2009 and having failed to maintain required documentation to track medication returned to her by patients, and on the determination by a Board-approved treatment provider that doctor is currently impaired in ability to practice medicine according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. Agreement effective 1/12/11.

SHAW, Christopher Scott (MD #35.096616; MD Training Cert. #57.006421; #57.014019) – Akron, OH

Terms of 6/13/07 consent agreement terminated; application for medical license granted subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations imposed to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission of having violated the terms of his 6/13/07 consent agreement by being found guilty of Disorderly Conduct and on doctor's attestation of not having relapsed, Agreement effective 1/12/11; agreement to remain in effect for at least two years prior to any request for termination.

SKIBICKI, Rick (MD #35.047024) – St. Marys, PA

Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations imposed to monitor practice. Based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care so long as certain treatment and monitoring conditions are in place. Agreement effective 1/12/11; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

STAMBOUGH, Jeffery Lynn (MD #35.053396) – Cincinnati, OH

Medical license suspended for an indefinite period of time; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission of having been diagnosed with alcohol dependence and determined to be impaired in ability to practice medicine according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to the habitual or excessive use or abuse of substances that impair ability to practice. Agreement effective 1/12/11.

PROBATION COMPLETED

CORSER, Bruce C. (MD #35.046569) – Cincinnati, OH

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 12/12/07 consent agreement granted by 1/12/11 Board vote. Release from probation effective 1/27/11.

MILLER, Roger Alan (MD #35.057893) – Columbus, OH

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 12/13/07 consent agreement granted by 1/12/11 Board vote. Release from probation effective 1/12/11.

MYERS, Carla Melinda (DO #34.003506) – Beavercreek, OH

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 1/12/06 consent agreement granted by 1/12/11 Board vote. Release from probation effective 1/12/11.

LICENSES REINSTATED

KEREK, William Balint (MD #35.040905) – Canton, OH

Doctor's request for reinstatement approved by 1/13/11 Board vote, subject to probationary terms and conditions established for at least three years by 1/13/10 Board Order. Reinstatement effective 1/13/11.

COOK, CHARLES H (MD #35.030969) – Lancaster, OH

Doctor's medical license reinstated upon documentation of completion of terms and conditions required by 12/08/10 Board Order. Reinstatement effective 1/27/11.

PROBATION – MONITORING TERMS MODIFIED

BADOUR, Ashraf Soliman (MD #35.055004) – Martins Ferry, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to an annual appearance granted by 1/13/11 Board vote.

BROWN, Cynthia Lynn (MD #35.061375) – Avon, OH

Doctor's request to modify work hour restriction to 40 hours per week granted by 1/13/11 Board vote.

FREEMAN, Joseph Richard (DO #34.005520) – Pomeroy, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required psychiatric sessions to every six months granted by 1/13/11 Board vote.

KENNEN, James Michael (DO #34.009065; #34.004546) – Lakewood, OH

Doctor's requests to reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week, with a minimum of 10 per month, and reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by 1/13/11 Board vote.

KEREK, William Balint (MD #35.040905) – Canton, OH

Monitoring physician approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by 1/13/11 Board vote.

MURRELL, Barbara Gay O Keefe (MD #35.044599) – McConnelsville, OH

Doctor's requests to reduce required alcohol and drug rehabilitation meetings to two a week, with a minimum of 10 per month, reduce required personal appearances to every six months, discontinue required chart review, and reduce required drug screens to twice per month granted by 1/13/11 Board vote.

RATCLIFF, Lawrence Gene (MD #35.039603) – Farmersville, OH

Monitoring physician approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by 1/13/11 Board vote.

RHODEBACK, Mark A. (LMT #33.013112) – Marysville, OH

Massage therapist's request to discontinue required psychiatric treatment granted by 1/13/11 Board vote.

RISE, Leroy Peri (MD #35.088474; MD Training Cert. #57.008684) – Columbus, OH

Doctor's request to discontinue drug log requirement granted by 1/13/11 Board vote.

SCHWARTZ, Steven Edward (PA #50.000297) – Salesville, OH

Physician assistant's requests to reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week, with a minimum of 10 per month, reduce required drug screens to twice per month, and reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by 1/13/11 Board vote.

SILK, Jon Berkeley, Jr. (MD Training Certificate #57.013225) – Dayton, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by 1/13/11 Board vote.

STEARNS, Duncan Scott (MD #35.094653) – Pepper Pike, OH

Doctor's requests to discontinue required controlled substance logs and reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by 1/13/11 Board vote.

COURT ACTION UPDATE

HALL, Darrell Andre (MD #35.072948) – Toledo, OH

By Decision and Entry filed 1/12/11, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas denied doctor's motion to stay the Board's 11/10/10 Order pending appeal.

FONTANEZ, Modesto (MD #35.083857) – Long Island City, NY

Notice of Appeal of Board's 1/12/11 Order filed by doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 1/26/11.

RHINEHART, Stephen Nels (MD #35.071419) – Circleville, OH

Notice of Appeal of Board's 1/12/11 Order filed by doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 1/28/11.

VARGAS, Jose (MD Applicant) – Fayetteville, NY

Notice of Appeal of Board's 1/12/11 Order filed by doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 1/24/11.

Non-Disciplinary Administrative Actions

Denial of Application

FOX, Kenneth James (PA #50.000865) – Leetonia, OH

Application for a provisional certificate to prescribe denied. Based on Board's determination that applicant does not have a qualifying master's degree and did not timely request recognition of clinical experience in lieu of the master's degree. Order effective 1/13/11. (Non-disciplinary)

VARGAS, Jose (MD Applicant) – Fayetteville, NY

Application for medical license denied. Based on Board's determination that doctor has not completed an acceptable examination sequence. Order effective 1/13/11. (Non-disciplinary)

Probation – Monitoring Terms Modified

WHITMAN, Roy M. (MD #35.021906) – Cincinnati, OH

Monitoring physician approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by 1/13/11 Board vote. (Non-disciplinary)

Please note that revocation and suspension Orders are not always effective immediately. If you have questions about effective dates or conditions governing a licensee's practice before a Board Order takes effect, please contact the office.

Ohio law permits appeal of a Board Order to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Due to this possibility and the potential for a stay that might delay the imposition of a Board action, you may wish to contact us periodically to verify a given practitioner's licensure status.

Most current citation letters, Board Orders, consent agreements and voluntary surrenders or retirements are available on the Medical Board's website at <http://med.ohio.gov/> under "*Licensee Profile and Status*." If you have questions or need additional details about specific cases, please contact Annette Jones at (614) 728-3686.