

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
)
Rodger Wendell Lefler, M.D.,) CONSENT ORDER
)
Respondent)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") regarding Rodger Wendell Lefler, M.D. ("Dr. Lefler"). Dr. Lefler admits and the Board finds and concludes that:

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. Lefler is a physician licensed by the Board on March 18, 2000, license number 200000252. At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Lefler practiced internal medicine in Gastonia, North Carolina.

From on or about May 2004 to May 8, 2013, Dr. Lefler was employed at Internal Medicine Associates of Gastonia, PA ("Gastonia Internal") which is a medical practice comprised of

Dr. Lefler, Dr. Lefler's step-daughter, and her husband, all three of whom are physicians. As part of Gastonia Medical's weight loss care, it had bottles of the weight loss medication phentermine on site.

From on or about 2009, to May 7, 2013, Dr. Lefler took approximately thirty (30) phentermine tablets every two (2) months from Gastonia Medical and gave them to a family member.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Lefler's 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), which is grounds for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition or limit Dr. Lefler's license to practice medicine and surgery issued by the Board.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

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

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

1. Dr. Lefler is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Dr. Lefler's North Carolina medical license is hereby SUSPENDED FOR FOUR (4) MONTHS; however, such suspension shall be IMMEDIATELY STAYED for the entire duration of the FOUR (4) MONTHS.
3. Dr. Lefler shall pay an Administrative FINE in the amount of THREE THOUSAND (\$3,000.00) DOLLARS within thirty (30) days of the date of this Consent Order
4. Dr. Lefler shall obey all laws. Likewise, he shall obey all rules and regulations involving the practice of medicine.
5. Dr. Lefler shall notify the Board in writing of any change in his residence or practice addresses within ten (10) days of the change.
6. Dr. Lefler shall meet with the Board or members of the Board for an interview at such times as requested by the Board.

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

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

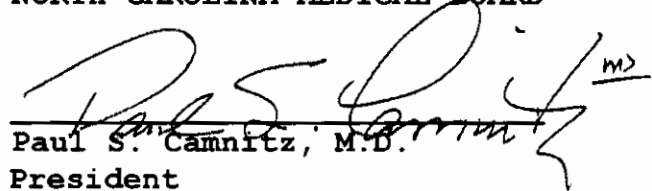
9. If Dr. Lefler fails to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, that failure shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and shall be grounds for the Board to summarily suspend Dr. Lefler's license to practice medicine or, after any required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

10. Upon execution by Dr. Lefler 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 National Practitioners Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 2nd
day of January, 201~~3~~⁴.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:


Paul S. Cannitz, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 13th day of December, 2013.

Rodger Wendell Lefler
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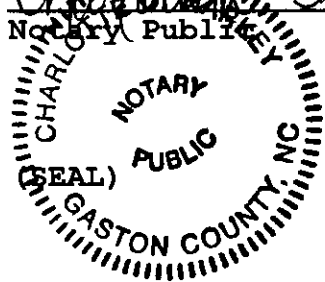
State of North Carolina

County of Gaston

I, Charlotte D. Harkey, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Rodger Wendell Lefler, 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 13th day of December, 2013.

Charlotte D. Harkey
Notary Public


My Commission expires: 2-18-2018