

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)	
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Jirpesh Raojibhai Patel, MD,)	CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.)	

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board (hereinafter, "Board") on information regarding Jirpesh Raojibhai Patel, M.D. (hereinafter, "Dr. Patel"). Dr. Patel admits, and the Board finds and concludes, that:

Whereas 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

Whereas the Board issued Dr. Patel a license to practice medicine and surgery on September 20, 2001, license number 200101261, and

Whereas, during the times relevant herein, Dr. Patel practiced with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and

Whereas Dr. Patel suffers from a medical condition that affects his ability to practice medicine, and

Whereas, on September 10, 2008, Dr. Patel inactivated his North Carolina medical license, and

Whereas, as evidenced by the above, Dr. Patel is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(5), which is grounds for the Board to discipline his license or to deny any application he might make in the future for a license, and

Whereas Dr. Patel would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings, and

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

Now, therefore, with Dr. Patel's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Patel's license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina shall remain inactive for an indefinite period of time.

2. In order for Dr. Patel to reactivate his license, he must apply with the Board, and must set forth evidence demonstrating his fitness to practice medicine and whereby the Board, after consideration of such evidence, shall render a decision as to his application for reactivation, which the Board is under no obligation to approve.

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

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

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

6. If Dr. Patel 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 take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Patel and the Board, and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

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

9. Upon execution by Dr. Patel 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 by and permitted by law including, but not limited to, the Federation of State Medical Boards, the National Practitioner's Data Bank, and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

This the 23rd day of January, 2009.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:



George L. Saunders, III, MD
President

Consented to this the 23rd day of January, 2009.

Jirpesh Raojibhai Patel.
Jirpesh Raojibhai Patel, M.D.

State of North Carolina

County of Wake

I, Diana Edwards, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Jirpesh Raojibhai Patel, 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 23rd day of January, 2009.

Diana Edwards
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission expires: 11-14-09

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Respondent)	

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board (hereinafter Board) regarding the application of Jirpesh Raojibhai Patel, M.D., (hereinafter Dr. Patel) to reinstate his license to practice medicine and surgery.

Whereas, 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

Whereas, on September 20, 2001, the Board issued a license to practice medicine and surgery to Dr. Patel, license number 200101261, and

Whereas, during the time relevant herein, Dr. Patel practiced medicine with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and

Whereas, Dr. Patel suffers from a medical condition, dissociative fugue that is characterized by taking leave of one's surroundings, wandering and memory loss, and

Whereas, this condition, when not in remission, affects Dr. Patel's ability to practice medicine; however, Dr. Patel, at present, is in remission of this medical condition, and

Whereas, on September 10, 2008, Dr. Patel inactivated his North Carolina medical license, and

Whereas, Dr. Patel subsequently entered into a Consent Order with the Board on January 23, 2009, wherein his license was voluntarily made inactive for an indefinite period of time, and

Whereas, in December 2008, Dr. Patel filed an application for reinstatement of his North Carolina medical license, which was subsequently voluntarily withdrawn in September 2009 due to incorrect responses to questions on the application, and

Whereas, specifically, when asked about any prior licensing board investigation on his 2009 application, Dr. Patel failed to disclose an April 2008 incident at Dulles Airport that was related to his Dissociative Fugue which led to Dr. Patel's January 2009 Consent Order; and when asked about his medical conditions, Dr. Patel failed to disclose that he suffered from Dissociative Fugue, and

Whereas, after he withdrew his 2009 application for reinstatement, Dr. Patel later filed another application for reinstatement of his North Carolina medical license in March 2010, and

Whereas Dr. Patel has entered into a contract with the North Carolina Physicians Health Program (hereafter "NCPHP") and Dr. Patel is in compliance with his NCPHP contract, and

Whereas, Dr. Patel has submitted correspondence from his current treating health care providers who attest to Dr. Patel's fitness to practice medicine, and

Whereas, Dr. Patel admits that when his medical condition is not in remission, he is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of this medical condition, which is an illness within the meaning of N.C. Gen.Stat. § 90-14 (a) (5), which is grounds for the Board to annul, suspend, or revoke his license or to deny any future application he might make, and

Whereas, although Dr. Patel voluntarily withdrew his 2009 application, Dr. Patel's failure to disclose certain information in his 2009 application for reinstatement constitutes the making of false statements or representations to the Board, or willfully concealing from the Board material information in connection with an application, request or petition for reinstatement or reactivation of a license, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14 (a) (3), which is grounds for the Board to annul, suspend, or revoke his license or to deny any future application he might make, and

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

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

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

Whereas, Dr. Patel has taken steps and agreed to take further steps to ensure to the Board and the people of North Carolina that he can safely practice medicine.

Whereas Dr. Patel would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings, and

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

Now, therefore, with Dr. Patel's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Patel is hereby REPRIMANDED for the non-disclosures as described above in regard to his 2009 application for reinstatement.

2. The Board shall issue Dr. Patel a license to practice medicine and surgery.

3. Dr. Patel shall continue to maintain his NCPHP contract and continue to abide by all NCPHP recommendations.

4. Dr. Patel shall provide, to the Board, an annual letter from his treating psychiatrist attesting to his fitness to practice medicine, with specific comment on the state of Dr. Patel's Dissociative Fugue condition. This letter shall be provided during the calendar month of August for every year that Dr. Patel is licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina.

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

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

7. Dr. Patel shall meet with the Board or members of the Board for an informal interview at such times as requested by the Board.

8. Dr. Patel shall obey all laws. Likewise, he shall obey all rules or regulations involving the practice of medicine.

9. Dr. Patel shall notify the Board in writing of any change in his residence or practice addresses within then (10) days of the change.

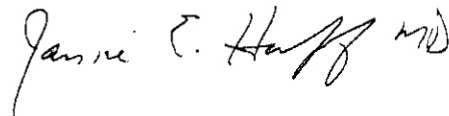
10. If Dr. Patel fails to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, that failure shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and

shall be grounds, after any required notice and hearing, for the Board to annul, suspend, or revoke his license, or to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license.

11. Upon execution by Dr. Patel 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 by and permitted by law including, but not limited to, the Federation of State Medical Boards, the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board, this the 7th day of January , 2011 .

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD



By:

Janice E. Huff, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 27th day of December, 2010.

Jirpesh. R. Patel, M.D.

[Signature]

Jirpesh Raojibhai Patel, M.D.

State of New York

County of Broome

I, Kali Rush, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Jirpesh Raojibhai Patel, 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 27 day of November, 2010.

[Signature]

Notary Public

KALI RUSH
Notary Public - State of New York
No. 01RU6212032
Qualified in Broome County
My Commission Expires Oct. 5, 2011

(SEAL)

My Commission expires: Oct 5, 2011

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This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") regarding Jirpesh Raojibhai Patel, M.D. ("Dr. Patel"), holder of medical license number 200101261.

Whereas, Dr. Patel and the Board previously entered into a Consent Order, effective January 7, 2011 ("Consent Order"); and

Whereas, enumerated paragraph three (3) of the Consent Order states that Dr. Patel shall maintain his contract with the North Carolina Physicians Health Program ("NC PHP"); and


Whereas, Dr. Patel has completed the terms and conditions of his NC PHP contract; and

Whereas, the Board believes that enumerated paragraph three (3) of the Consent Order is no longer necessary to ensure it and the people of North Carolina that Dr. Patel can safely practice medicine.

Now, therefore, the Board hereby Orders that Dr. Patel be RELIEVED of the conditions contained in enumerated paragraph three (3) of the January 7, 2011, Consent Order.

By Order of the Board this the 5th day of October, 2011.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: 

Janice E. Huff, M.D.
President