

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND)	
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION)	
of the State of Illinois,)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	No. 2014-04433
JUSTIN LUKE GETTINGS, M.D.,)	
License No. 036.129989,)	
Respondent.)	

CONSENT ORDER

The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois, Division of Professional Regulation (hereinafter "the Department") by Laura E. Forester, Chief of Medical Prosecutions, and JUSTIN LUKE GETTINGS, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent"), by and through Stephanie Wolfson, Attorney for Respondent, hereby agree to the following:

STIPULATIONS

Respondent holds a Certificate of Registration as a Physician and Surgeon in the State of Illinois, License No. 036.129989. Respondent's license is currently in NOT RENEWED status. At all times material to the matter set forth in this Consent Order, the Department of Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois had jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties herein.

On or about June 11, 2014, Respondent was terminated from his residency program at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine for diverting opioids and Adderall for his personal use.

On or about May 22, 2015, the North Carolina Medical Board ("North Carolina") and Respondent entered into a Consent Order requiring Respondent to comply with specific terms and conditions including, but not limited to, maintaining his contract with North Carolina Physicians Health Program ("NCPHP") and following all NCPHP recommendations.. See Exhibit A, attached

hereto and incorporated herein. North Carolina took disciplinary action against Respondent's license on the basis of his conduct at Northwestern while in the residency program. *See* Exhibit A.

The allegation(s) as set forth herein, if proven to be true, would constitute grounds for the Department to revoke, suspend, or otherwise discipline Respondent's license to practice as a Physician and Surgeon in the State of Illinois, on the authority of 225 ILCS 60/22(A)(7), (31), (33), (12) and (5), relying on the Rules for the Administration of the Medical Practice Act, Title 68, Chapter VII, Subchapter b, Part 1285.240(a), 20 ILCS 2105/2105-130, and 20 ILCS 2105/2105-135.

Respondent has been advised of the right to have pending allegations reduced to written charges, the right to a hearing, the right to contest any charges brought, and the right to administrative review of this Consent Order. Respondent knowingly waives each of these rights, as well as the right to administrative review of this Consent Order. Such waiver ceases if this Consent Order is rejected by either the Medical Disciplinary Board or the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Respondent and the Department have agreed, in order to resolve this matter, that Respondent, JUSTIN LUKE GETTINGS, M.D. be permitted to enter into a Consent Order with the Department, providing for the imposition of disciplinary measures which are fair and equitable under the circumstances and which are consistent with the best interests of the people of the State of Illinois.

CONDITIONS

WHEREFORE, the Department, through Laura E. Forester, its Chief of Medical Prosecutions, and JUSTIN LUKE GETTINGS, M.D., Respondent, by and through Stephanie Wolfson, Attorney for Respondent, hereby agree to the following:

A. Respondent's Physician and Surgeon License, No. 036.129989, shall be placed on INDEFINITE PROBATION with the following terms and conditions:

1. Respondent shall comply with all the terms and conditions of the Consent Order entered into with the North Carolina Medical Board. *See Exhibit A.*
2. Respondent shall immediately notify the Department in writing, mailed to the address below, of any violation of the North Carolina Consent Order.

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Attention – Probation Compliance Unit
911 Harrison Avenue
Des Plaines, IL 60016**


3. When all the terms and conditions of the North Carolina Consent Order are successfully completed, Respondent may petition for termination of the INDEFINITE PROBATION. With the petition, Respondent must provide proof that North Carolina has determined that Respondent successfully completed all terms and conditions of the Stipulation.

B. Respondent agrees that any violation of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order permits the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation to issue an Order forthwith mandating the automatic, indefinite and immediate suspension of Respondent's Physician and Surgeon License, No. 036.129989, for a minimum period of twelve (12) months. This suspension shall not preclude the Department from taking any other disciplinary or other action it deems appropriate. In the event that Respondent contests the factual basis underlying said Indefinite Suspension in a written Petition that complies with the Department's Rules of Practice in Administrative Hearings, which is filed with the Department within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Indefinite Suspension, then Respondent shall be afforded a hearing on the merits within thirty (30) days from the filing of said Petition.

C. This Consent Order shall become effective upon signing and approval by the Director of the Department.


**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
of the State of Illinois**

7/1/15
DATE




Laura E. Forester
Chief of Medical Prosecutions

6/18/15
DATE




JUSTIN LUKE GETTINGS, M.D.
Respondent

6/29/15
DATE



Stephanie Wolfson
Attorney for Respondent

15 July 2015
DATE



Member
Medical Disciplinary Board

The foregoing Consent Order is approved in full.

DATED THIS 28th day of July, 2015.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
of the State of Illinois;
Bryan A. Schneider, Secretary
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**



Jay Stewart
DIRECTOR

REF: Case No. 2014-04433
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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL)
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of the State of Illinois, Complainant,)
v.)
JUSTIN LUKE GETTINGS, M.D.)
License No. 036.129989, Respondent.)

No. 2014-4433

ILL. DEPT. OF FINANCIAL AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
15 FEB 23 PM 2:49
CLERK OF THE COURT

Notice of Intent to Refuse to Renew

To: Justin Luke Gettings, M.D.


BE NOTIFIED that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois ("Department") has received information that you were terminated from the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine's orthopaedic surgery residency program in June of 2014, due to forging the name of two physicians in order to obtain prescriptions for Controlled Substances. The Department has jurisdiction to investigate this discipline and bring this action pursuant to the Medical Practice Act, 225 Illinois Compiled Statutes, Section 60/36.

BE NOTIFIED that the above actions constitute a violation of the Medical Practice Act, 225 Illinois Compiled Statutes, Section 60/22 (A) paragraphs (7), (31), (33) and (5), relying on the Rules for the Administration of the Medical Practice Act, Title 68, Chapter VII, Subchapter b, Part 1285.240(a), 20 ILCS 2105/2105-130, and 20 ILCS 2105/2105-135. The Department has determined that your license to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of Illinois may be placed on Refuse to Renew status or otherwise disciplined due to the following:

1. **BASIS OF VIOLATION:** Respondent forged prescriptions for over a year in order to obtain Controlled Substances. Specifically, from April 2013 to April 2014, Respondent obtained prescriptions for Norco by forging the signature of a fellow resident and obtained prescriptions for Adderall by forging the name of his psychiatrist. Respondent enrolled in and completed treatment with Presence Behavioral Health Addiction Services, Professionals Program for opioid and stimulant use disorder. Respondent has also enrolled in the Texas Physician Health Program and Harris County Medical Society Monitoring Program;
2. **DATE OF RESIDENCY TERMINATION:** Respondent was terminated from his residency program at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine on June 11, 2014.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that you have the right to request a hearing to address the issues that give rise to placing your Physician and Surgeon License in Refuse to Renew status. You shall have 30 days from the date of this notice to make a written request for a hearing. Failure to request a hearing within 30 days will result in the entry of the Order of Refusal to Renew your Physician and Surgeon License. Your request for a hearing should be directed to the Clerk of the Court, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, 100 W. Randolph St., Suite 9-300, Chicago, IL 60601.

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By: 

Laura E. Forester
Chief of Medical Prosecutions

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