

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
)
Keshavpal Gunna Reddy, M.D,) CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on information regarding Keshavpal Gunna Reddy, M.D. ("Dr. Reddy"). Dr. Reddy 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 the rules and regulations promulgated thereto, and

Whereas, on or about October 21, 1989, the Board first issued a license to practice medicine and surgery to Dr. Reddy, license number 38415, and

Whereas, at the times relevant herein, Dr. Reddy practiced medicine in Greensboro, North Carolina, and

Whereas, on April 15, 2009, the Board received a complaint from the mother of Patient A with regard to the cancellation of several appointments for Patient A by clinical pharmacist practitioner Stephanie Riddle ("CPP") and for the CPP changing medication on

several occasions without seeing and adequately evaluating Patient A, and

Whereas, the licensed therapist who was treating Patient A diagnosed Patient A with ADHD and other psychiatric diagnoses, diagnoses to which the CPP concurred, after examining Patient A, and

Whereas, the CPP concurred to these diagnoses pursuant to authority she believed she had under a written protocol that was jointly approved by this Board and the Board of Pharmacy, and

Whereas, the Boards' approval of this protocol was in error because a CPP by statute cannot make a medical diagnoses nor can a licensed therapist, and

Whereas, the discipline in this matter is not the result of the CPP making a diagnosis, and

Whereas, the CPP prescribed medication for treatment of Patient A, which prescription was reviewed and approved by Dr. Reddy in a timely fashion after the prescription was written, and

Whereas, the CPP was supervised by Dr. Reddy, and

Whereas, Dr. Reddy never examined Patient A within the relevant time frame to the examination by the CPP, and

Whereas, Dr. Reddy is responsible for the care rendered by CPP Riddle, and

Whereas, Dr. Reddy's and CPP Riddle's treatment of Patient A failed to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in that:

a. Dr. Reddy did not fully evaluate Patient A to confirm a diagnosis of ADHD and instead relied on a diagnosis made by a non-physician therapist and the CPP, and

b. Patient A was treated with a succession of different medications over time without evaluation by either Dr. Reddy or CPP Riddle, and

c. Neither Dr. Reddy nor the CPP reassessed how Patient A was progressing, other than from the review of reports by a non-physician therapist, and

Whereas, there is no clear documentation in Patient A's chart that Dr. Reddy was providing ongoing supervision of CPP Riddle with respect to certain medication changes, in violation of 21 NCAC 32T .0101(a) (5) ("Supervising Physician" means a licensed physician who, by signing the CPP agreement, is held accountable for the on-going supervision and evaluation of the drug therapy management performed by the CPP as defined in the physician, patient, pharmacist and disease specific written agreement), and

Whereas, Dr. Reddy's failure to supervise the CPP's treatment and care of Patient A, 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 under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke,

condition, or limit Dr. Reddy's license to practice medicine issued by the Board, and

Whereas, Dr. Reddy 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. Reddy's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Reddy is hereby REPRIMANDED for the above-described conduct.

2. Dr. Reddy shall not supervise any clinical pharmacist practitioner.

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

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

5. Dr. Reddy 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. Reddy 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.


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

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

9. Upon execution by Dr. Reddy 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 Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 23rd day of August, 2010.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: 
Donald E. Jablonski, D.O.
President

Consented to this the 20 day of August, 2010.

Keshavpal Gunna Reddy
Keshavpal Gunna Reddy, M.D.

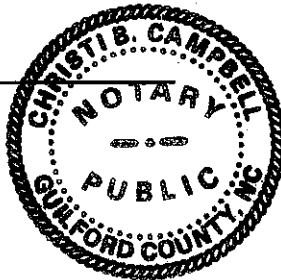
State of North Carolina
Guilford County

I, *Christie B. Campbell*, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Keshavpal Gunna Reddy, 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 20th day of August, 2010.

Christie B. Campbell
Notary Public

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My Commission expires: 10-25-2013