



**NORTH CAROLINA  
MEDICAL BOARD**

January 25, 2012

Thomas H. Jones, M.D.  
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Chapel Hill, NC 27514-2209

Dear Dr. Jones:

This will acknowledge receipt of your Voluntary Surrender Form dated today. The surrender of your license to practice medicine (license number 35933) issued by the North Carolina Medical Board becomes a public record according to North Carolina law. You are required to reapply if you wish to reinstate your license.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact Patrick Balestrieri, Board Attorney, at 919.326.1109, ext. 225.

Sincerely,

*R. David Henderson*

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Executive Director

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**NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD  
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER FORM**

Name: THOMAS Howard JONES MD License #: 35933  
Practice Address: 727 Rainbow Drive, Suite 300-A  
Chapel Hill, NC.

I hereby surrender my license to practice medicine issued by the Board effective upon receipt of this document by the Board or its agent.

I understand that I may not give medical advice or treatment to any person, with or without compensation; may not prescribe drugs; and may not otherwise engage in the practice of medicine within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. §90-1.1. Once tendered, this decision to surrender my license may not be withdrawn. I understand that the surrender of my license does not preclude the Board from bringing charges against me at a later date.

I understand that I have obligations to patients that continue beyond the surrender of my license including, but not limited to, winding up my practice in an orderly fashion, assisting patients in ensuring continuity of their care, and preserving patient records and access thereto.

I understand that this document is a public document 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 may 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.

I understand my right to and I have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney, at my own expense, before tendering this surrender of my license. I have made the decision to surrender my license to practice medicine knowingly, voluntarily, and of my own free will.

Date: 1/25/12  
Signature: Thomas Howard Jones Witness: Randy Sheple

BEFORE THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:	)	
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Thomas Howard Jones, M.D.,	)	CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.	)	

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on information concerning Thomas Howard Jones, M.D. ("Dr. Jones"). Dr. Jones 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, Dr. Jones is a physician first licensed by the Board on September 19, 1992, license number 35933; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones practiced psychiatry in Chapel Hill and Cary, North Carolina at the times relevant herein; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones has had a history of substance dependence requiring hospitalization and treatment and has been a past participant with the North Carolina Physicians Health Program ("NCPHP"); and

Whereas, in December 2011, the Board received information expressing concerns regarding the possible impairment of Dr. Jones based on cognitive changes, memory disturbances and personality changes in the form of irritability, short term memory loss and anger; and

Whereas, on January 6, 2012, Dr. Jones presented to NCPHP for an assessment; and

Whereas, as a result of the January 6, 2012, NCPHP assessment, NCPHP recommended that Dr. Jones enter a residential treatment program due to concerns they had relating to substance dependence and other possible impairment; and

Whereas, on January 8, 2012, Dr. Jones entered Bradford Health Services, a residential treatment program; and

Whereas, on January 10, 2012, Dr. Jones signed an agreement stating that he would not practice medicine until cleared to do so by both the Board and NCPHP; and

Whereas, on January 25, 2012, Dr. Jones voluntarily surrendered his North Carolina medical license; and

Whereas, the conduct described above constitutes Dr. Jones being unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals or any other type of material or by reason of any physical or mental abnormality, within the

meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(5) and grounds exist under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke or limit Dr. Jones's medical license issued by the Board or to deny any application he might make in the future; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones 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. Jones' consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Jones' license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED effective January 25, 2012.

2. Dr. Jones shall obey all laws and he shall obey all regulations related to the practice of medicine.

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

4. If Dr. Jones 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, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Jones's license to practice medicine or to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license.

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

6. Upon execution by Dr. Jones 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.

7. Dr. Jones hereby waives any requirement under law or rule that this Consent Order be served upon him.

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

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 26th  
day of March, 2012.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: Ralph C. Loomis, M.D.  
Ralph C. Loomis, M.D.  
President

Consented to this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2012.

Thomas Howard Jones, M.D.  
Thomas Howard Jones, M.D.

State of North Carolina

County of Orange

I, Catherine L Lankford, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Thomas Howard Jones, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2012.

Catherine L Lankford  
Notary Public

(SEAL)



My Commission Expires:

August 1, 2014