

BEFORE THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re: )  
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Anthony Curtis Patterson, M.D. ) ORDER  
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Respondent. )

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board (hereinafter Board) regarding Anthony Curtis Patterson, M.D. (hereinafter Dr. Patterson), holder of medical license number 34429.

Whereas Dr. Patterson and the Board previously entered into a Consent Order, effective June 5, 1998, amended by a Consent Order effective February 12, 1999 (hereinafter Consent Orders), and

Whereas the Board believes that the Consent Orders are no longer necessary to ensure it and the people of North Carolina that Dr. Patterson can safely practice medicine;

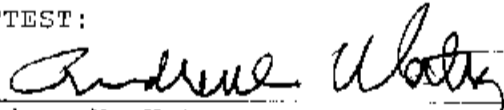
Now, therefore, the Board hereby Orders that the terms and conditions in the numbered paragraphs of the Consent Orders previously entered by the Board and Dr. Patterson shall no longer remain in effect, and Dr. Patterson is hereby relieved of any continuing obligations thereunder, except those regarding the public nature of such Consent Orders.

By order of the North Carolina Medical Board this 5th day of May, 2000.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

  
Wayne W. VonSeggen, PA-C  
President

ATTEST:

  
Andrew W. Watry  
Executive Director

BEFORE THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:	)	
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Anthony Curtis Patterson, M.D.,	)	CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.	)	

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board (hereinafter Board) on the request of Anthony Curtis Patterson, M.D. (hereinafter Dr. Patterson), to amend the Consent Order between the Board and Dr. Patterson.

Whereas Dr. Patterson has a license to practice medicine, number 34429, issued to him on July 20, 1991, by the Board, and has been practicing psychiatry in the Concord, North Carolina, area, and

Whereas Dr. Patterson and the Board entered a Consent Order on June 5, 1998 (hereinafter 1998 Consent Order), upon his admission that he engaged in improper verbal boundary violations with two patients, including inappropriate sexual discussions with two patients, and

Whereas the 1998 Consent Order requires, in paragraph 3, that Dr. Patterson continue counseling with Gene G. Abel, M.D., of the Behavioral Medicine Institute of Atlanta (hereinafter Dr Abel), and

Whereas the Board and Dr. Patterson agree that while Dr. Patterson will remain under a requirement to obtain counseling, he now may be counseled by others beside Dr. Abel, and

Whereas the Board and Dr. Patterson, therefore, have agreed to make certain modifications to Dr. Patterson's 1998 Consent Order;

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

1. Dr. Patterson will maintain a contract with the North Carolina Physicians Health Program (hereinafter NCPHP) and abide by its terms, including the payment of any fees required thereby.
2. Dr. Patterson will continue the treatment protocols established by Dr. Abel. Dr. Patterson will continue his counseling with Christopher S. Norris, Ph.D., or such other counselor as the Board's President may direct in writing. Dr. Patterson shall direct and sign all releases necessary for Dr. Norris or his successor to provide quarterly reports to NCPHP and to the Board, the next report being due by February 28, 1999.
3. Dr. Patterson will meet with the Board at such times as the Board may request.
4. Dr. Patterson will obey all laws.
5. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Patterson and the Board, and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board. The terms and conditions in the numbered paragraphs of this Consent Order supersede and take the place of those in any prior consent order between the Board and Dr. Patterson imposing any continuing obligation or condition on Dr. Patterson, except those regarding the public

nature of such consent orders. This Consent Order has no effect on the suspension of Dr. Patterson's license, previously served and now completed, imposed by the 1998 Consent Order.

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

7. Dr. Patterson shall complete fifty (50) hours of category I continuing medical education by June 1, 1999, including at least 10 hours that address boundary violations.

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

9. If Dr. Patterson 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 his license to practice medicine and surgery or to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license.

10. Upon execution by Dr. Patterson 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.

By order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 17 day of Feb., 1999.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:

[Signature]  
Paul Saperstein  
President

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Andrew Watry  
Executive Director

Consented to this the 8th day of February, 1999.

[Signature]  
Anthony Curtis Patterson

State of North Carolina  
Cabarrus County

I, Dana M. Dry, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Anthony Curtis Patterson personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal  
This the 8th day of February, 1999.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission expires: My Commission Expires June 18, 2003

BEFORE THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:

Anthony C. Patterson, M.D.,

Respondent

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CONSENT ORDER

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board [hereinafter, "Board"], regarding Anthony C. Patterson, M.D. [hereinafter, "Dr. Patterson"], upon a patient complaint that Dr. Patterson engaged in improper verbal boundary violations;

Whereas, Dr. Patterson has a license to practice medicine, number 34429, issued to him on July 20, 1991, by the Board, and has been practicing psychiatry in the Concord, North Carolina area; and

Whereas, Dr. Patterson admits that he engaged in improper verbal boundary violations with two patients, including inappropriate sexual discussions with two patients; and

Whereas, these facts constitute grounds under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, or limit Dr. Patterson's license to practice medicine in North Carolina or to deny any application he might, in the future, make for a license to practice medicine; and

Whereas, Dr. Patterson is an active participant in the North Carolina Physicians Health Program (NCPHP), and has been evaluated by the Behavioral Medicine Institute of Atlanta, which has rendered the opinion that Dr. Patterson can practice psychiatry without threats to the safety of his patients; and

Whereas, Dr. Patterson met with a committee of the Board on May 15, 1998, to discuss these matters, and

Whereas, the Board has determined that it is in the public interest to license Dr. Patterson to practice medicine subject to the conditions set forth below;

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

1. Dr. Patterson's license to practice medicine in North Carolina shall be and hereby is **SUSPENDED** for a period of six months beginning on the effective date of this Consent Order, which suspension will be stayed following the passage of 90 days upon the condition that Dr. Patterson complies

with the conditions expressed herein.

2. Dr. Patterson will maintain a contract with NCPHP and abide by its terms, including the payment of any fees required thereby.

3. Dr. Patterson will continue his counselling with Gene G. Abel, M.D. of the Behavioral Medicine Institute of Atlanta, and shall direct Dr. Abel to provide quarterly reports of his progress to Robert C. Vanderberry, M.D., of NCPHP, and to the Board, the next report being due by August 31, 1998, thereafter every ninety days, and will continue the treatment protocols established by Dr. Abel.

4. Dr. Patterson will meet with the Board at such times as the Board may request.

5. Dr. Patterson will obey all laws.

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

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

8. Dr. Patterson shall complete fifty (50) hours of continuing medical education within twelve months following the execution of this Consent Order, including at least 10 hours that address boundary violations.

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

10. If Dr. Patterson fails to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, that failure shall constitute unprofessional conduct and shall be grounds, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14 (a)(6), after any required notice and hearing, for the Board to lift the stay provided under paragraph 1 of this Consent Order, and to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit his license to practice medicine or to deny any application he might make for a license to practice medicine.

11. Upon execution by Dr. Patterson 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.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 1998.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: *Charles E. Tradd, M.D.*  
Charles E. Tradd, M.D.  
President

ATTEST:

*Andrew W. Watry*  
Andrew W. Watry  
Executive Director

Consented to this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 1998.

*Anthony C. Patterson, M.D.*  
Anthony C. Patterson, M.D.

North Carolina  
Cabarrus County

I, Crystal FurrLaBrock, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Anthony C. Patterson, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 1998.

*Crystal FurrLaBrock*  
Notary Public

My commission expires: August 27, 2002

