

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
)
Dale McClure Simpson, M.D.,) CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on information that the Board has received concerning Dale McClure Simpson, M.D. ("Dr. Simpson"). Dr. Simpson 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, Dr. Simpson is a physician licensed by the Board on or about August 18, 1979, license number 23778; and

Whereas, during the times relevant herein, Dr. Simpson practiced medicine in Southern Pines, North Carolina; and

Whereas, from approximately April 2003, to February 2009, Dr. Simpson treated six (6) patients identified herein as Patients A through F for psychiatric and chronic pain conditions; and

Whereas, the Board has received expert medical opinions from medical experts that Dr. Simpson engaged in unprofessional

conduct with respect to his treatment of Patients A-F including Dr. Simpson's 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); and

Whereas, Dr. Simpson contends that his treatment of Patients A-F was appropriate and within accepted standards of medical care; and

Whereas, Dr. Simpson has submitted an expert medical opinion from a medical expert that aspects of Dr. Simpson's care of Patients A-F were appropriate and within accepted standards of medical care; and

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

Whereas, the Board has determined it to be in the public interest to resolve this matter as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, with Dr. Simpson's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Simpson shall not treat any patients for chronic pain conditions.

2. Dr. Simpson shall not prescribe Controlled Substance Schedule II and III narcotic medications. Dr. Simpson may prescribe Controlled Substance Schedule IIN and IIIN non-narcotic medications.

3. Dr. Simpson's North Carolina medical license shall be suspended for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of this Consent Order; however this suspension is immediately stayed for the entire one (1) year period.

4. The Board shall conduct a North Carolina Controlled Substances Reporting System survey and a medical record review of Dr. Simpson approximately one (1) year from the effective date of this Consent Order. Dr. Simpson shall cooperate fully with these inquiries.

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

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

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

8. If Dr. Simpson 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.

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

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

11. Upon execution by Dr. Simpson 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 Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 8th day of November, 2010.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:


Janice E. Huff, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 26 day of October, 2010.

Dale McClure Simpson MD
Dale McClure Simpson, M.D.

State of North Carolina

County of Moore

I, Warona Thomas, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Dale McClure Simpson, 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 26th day of October, 2010.

Warona Thomas
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission expires: 8/6/11