

BEFORE THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re: )  
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Armah Jamale Cooper, M.D., )        CONSENT ORDER  
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Respondent. )

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board (hereinafter Board) on information that Armah Jamale Cooper, M.D. (hereinafter Dr. Cooper) improperly prescribed drugs for his own use. Dr. Cooper admits, and the Board finds and concludes, the following:

Whereas Dr. Cooper is a physician first licensed by the Board on or about June 11, 1985, to practice medicine and surgery, license number 29096, pursuant to which he practices medicine in Butner, North Carolina, and

Whereas Dr. Cooper has a history of epilepsy, for which he has been under the care of a physician at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland, who prescribed clonazepam to Dr. Cooper to control his seizures, and

Whereas when, on occasion Dr. Cooper was delayed in receiving prescriptions from his physician at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Cooper began prescribing clonazepam in the name of a family friend, but Dr. Cooper would take this clonazepam himself, and

Whereas Dr. Cooper's prescribing described above constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), and grounds exist under that section of the General Statutes for the Board to take disciplinary action against his license, and

Whereas Dr. Cooper has been assessed by the North Carolina Physicians Health Program (NCPHP), and NCPHP does not believe that Dr. Cooper has a problem with substance abuse, and

Whereas NCPHP has referred Dr. Cooper to a primary care physician and a neurologist for continuing care, and

Whereas Dr. Cooper has enrolled in the University of Florida course Prescribing Controlled Substances, and

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

1. The Board hereby REPRIMANDS Dr. Cooper for the above-described conduct.

2. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Cooper and the Board, and it

shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

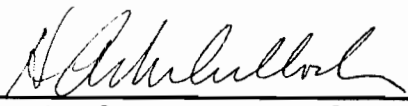
3. Dr. Cooper hereby waives any requirement under law or rule that this Consent Order be served on him.

4. Upon execution by Dr. Cooper 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's Data Bank, and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

This the 9th day of July, 2007.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:

  
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H. Arthur McCulloch, M.D.  
President

Consented to this the 27 day of June, 2007.

Armah Jamale Cooper, M.D.  
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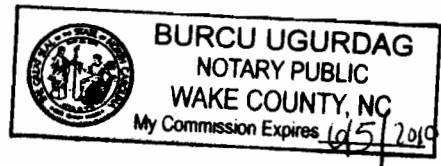
State of North Carolina

County of Wake

I, Burcu Ugurdag, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Armah Jamale Cooper, 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 27 day of June, 2007.

Burcu Ugurdag  
Notary Public  
(SEAL)



My Commission expires: June 5, 2010