

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
)
Ramesh L. Krishnaraj, M.D.,) NON-PRACTICE AGREEMENT
)
Respondent.)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on information regarding Ramesh L. Krishnaraj, M.D. ("Dr. Krishnaraj"). Dr. Krishnaraj admits and the Board finds and concludes that:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

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.

FINDINGS OF FACT

On September 18, 1999, the Board issued a license to Dr. Krishnaraj, license number 9901228.

During the time relevant herein, Dr. Krishnaraj practiced in Morganton, North Carolina.

Dr. Krishnaraj has a history of alcohol abuse and has been monitored by North Carolina Physicians Health Program ("NCPHP") since March 2007.

In January 2015, Dr. Krishnaraj signed a five-year monitoring contract with NCPHP, requiring Dr. Krishnaraj to abstain from the use of alcohol or other mood-altering chemicals.

On June 26, 2015, NCPHP notified the Board that Dr. Krishnaraj's had used alcohol in violation of his NCHP contract.

Dr. Krishnaraj is currently in residential treatment.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

When consuming alcohol, Dr. Krishnaraj is unable to practice medicine and surgery with the reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or excessive use of drugs, 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 or revoke Dr. Krishnaraj's license to practice medicine and surgery and to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

Dr. Krishnaraj acknowledges and agrees that the Board has jurisdiction over him and over the subject matter of this case.

Dr. Krishnaraj acknowledges that he has read and understands this Non-Practice Agreement and enters into it voluntarily.

ORDER

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

1. Dr. Krishnaraj agrees that he will not practice medicine until such time as he is given written permission to do so by this Board.

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

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

4. Dr. Krishnaraj agrees that should he resume the practice of medicine in violation of this Non-Practice Agreement, such resumption of practice will provide sufficient basis for the Board to summarily suspend his license. Dr. Krishnaraj further agrees that should the Board summarily suspend his license for resuming practice in violation of this Non-Practice Agreement, Dr. Krishnaraj knowingly and voluntarily waives his right to a prompt hearing on the summary suspension.

5. If Dr. Krishnaraj fails to comply with any provision of this Non-Practice Agreement, such 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. Krishnaraj's medical license or to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license.

6. This Non-Practice Agreement shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Krishnaraj and the Board, and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

7. Dr. Krishnaraj hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Interim Non-Practice Agreement be served on him.

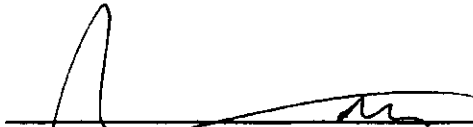
8. Upon execution by Dr. Krishnaraj and the Board, this Non-Practice Agreement shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof. It will be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards and any other databanks required by law including, but not limited to, the National Practitioner Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 13th
day of August, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: Cheryl L. Walker-McGill, M.D.
Cheryl L. Walker-McGill, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 7 day of August, 2015.




Ramesh L. Krishnaraj, M.D.

State of North Carolina
County of Durham

I, James A. Wilson, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Ramesh L. Krishnaraj, M.D. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

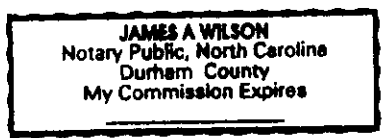
Witness my hand and official seal

this the 7th day of August, 2015.



Notary Public

(SEAL)



My Commission expires: September 3, 2017