



# North Carolina Medical Board

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June 13, 2022

## Via Attorney of Record

Jawanza Nyahuma Jabari, M.D.  
Columbus Regional Healthcare System  
500 Jefferson St.  
Whiteville, NC 28472

Dear Dr. Jabari:

The North Carolina Medical Board (“Board”) has completed further analysis of the matters that brought you to the attention of the Board. It is the Board’s decision not to commence formal proceedings against your license at this time. However, the Board voted to issue you this public letter of concern related to your care of Patient A. The Board does not consider a public letter of concern to be a disciplinary action or a limitation or restriction on your license.

In September of 2020, a thirty-five-year-old male (“Patient A”) presented to the hospital where you were the attending anesthesiologist for an elective toe amputation. Induction of anesthesia was performed by a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (“CRNA”) and approximately 15 minutes into the procedure Patient A went into cardiac arrest. Resuscitation attempts were successfully performed, but Patient A suffered hypoxic brain injury and was placed on life-support. Patient A was then transferred to a tertiary care center for further care and evaluation. Patient A’s condition continued to deteriorate, and he was given a poor prognosis for recovery. Approximately two weeks after the initial procedure, Patient A’s family withdrew life-sustaining care, at which time Patient A died as a result of his injuries.

The Board had your treatment of Patient A reviewed by an independent medical expert. The reviewing expert opined that there were issues with respect to the documentation of your overall care, including whether or not you were present at the time of induction. There were also concerns regarding the documentation of the resuscitation efforts.

The Board urges you to take steps to ensure the conduct giving rise to the Board’s concerns does not happen again. Otherwise, the Board may take additional action against your license to practice medicine. If that happens, this letter may be reviewed in determining the appropriate action.

This letter is a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and is subject to public inspection and dissemination as required by that law. It will be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Sincerely,

John W. Rusher, M.D., J.D.  
President

JWR/BB/jhg

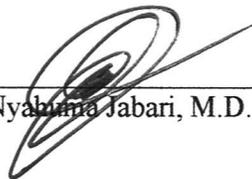
Consent and Waiver

I, Jawanza Nyahuma Jabari, M.D., would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings and consent to the Board's issuance of this public letter of concern in resolution of the above matter. I hereby waive any requirement under any law or rule that this public letter of concern be served on me.

I agree that within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter, I shall submit evidence of my Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support certification to the Board's Compliance Coordinator at [compliance@ncmedboard.org](mailto:compliance@ncmedboard.org). Further, I shall immediately extend my North Carolina Professionals Health Program ("NCPHP") monitoring agreement for an additional year to July 2023. I shall continue to comply with my monitoring agreement with NCPHP and follow all of its recommendations, including longitudinal training. I understand that the Board will perform a follow-up chart review within six (6) months and invite me for an investigative interview in approximately one (1) year. I understand that the Board expects my cooperation during the chart review and investigative interview.

If I fail to complete the above requirements, I understand that the Board may take disciplinary or other action against my North Carolina license.

Consented to this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2022.

  
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Jawanza Nyahuma Jabari, M.D.

State of NC

County of Columbus

I, Jamie K. Beverley, do hereby certify that Jawanza Nyahuma Jabari, 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 9 day of June, 2022.

Jamie K. Beverley  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/7/24

