

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
)
Ramesh Loganathan Krishnaraj, M.D.,) CONSENT ORDER
)
Applicant.)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on the application of Ramesh Loganathan Krishnaraj, M.D. ("Dr. Krishnaraj") for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in the state of North Carolina. Dr. Krishnaraj makes the following admissions, and the Board makes the following findings and conclusions:

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 to it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Krishnaraj has applied for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in North Carolina.

Dr. Krishnaraj was first issued a license to practice medicine on September 18, 1999, license number 9901228.

Dr. Krishnaraj has a history of alcohol use disorder more specifically described in Consent Orders dated September 23, 2015, and June 3, 2021.

On March 3, 2021, after a relapse, Dr. Krishnaraj, at the request of the Board, inactivated his North Carolina medical license. Dr. Krishnaraj has not practiced medicine since that time.

After Dr. Krishnaraj's most recent relapse, Dr. Krishnaraj completed in-patient treatment and upon his discharge resided in a Sober Living facility for six months.

On March 3, 2021, Dr. Krishnaraj signed a new five-year monitoring agreement with the North Carolina Professionals Health Program ("NCPHP").

On June 3, 2021, Dr. Krishnaraj and the Board entered into a Consent Order in which his license was indefinitely suspended.

On December 15, 2021, Dr. Krishnaraj submitted his reinstatement application to the Board for a license to practice medicine.

Dr. Krishnaraj is currently in compliance with his NCPHP agreement, and NCPHP supports the reinstatement of his medical license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Krishnaraj acknowledges that when abusing substances, he may be unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(5) and grounds exist under this section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Krishnaraj's license to practice medicine or to deny any application he might make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

Dr. Krishnaraj knowingly waives his right to any hearing and to any judicial review or appeal in this case.

Dr. Krishnaraj, with the advice of legal counsel, acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Dr. Krishnaraj desires to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings.

The Board has determined that it is in the public interest to resolve this case as set forth below.

ORDER

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

1. The Board shall reinstate Dr. Krishnaraj's license to practice medicine on the following terms and conditions.

- a. Dr. Krishnaraj shall maintain his current agreement with NCPHP and abide by its terms, including the timely payment of any fees required by NCPHP.
- b. Prior to beginning to practice medicine at any location, Dr. Krishnaraj must first obtain practice site approval from NCPHP.
- c. Unless lawfully prescribed for him by someone other than himself, Dr. Krishnaraj shall refrain from the use or possession of alcohol and all other mind- or mood-altering substances and all controlled substances including but not limited to, sedatives, stimulants, and pain medication.
- d. Upon request by the Board, Dr. Krishnaraj shall supply urine, blood, hair, or any other bodily fluid or tissue sample the Board might reasonably require for the purposes of analysis to determine

if he has consumed any of the substances mentioned above.

e. Dr. Krishnaraj shall meet with the Board or members of the Board for an investigative interview at such times as requested by the Board.

2. Upon an *ex parte* determination of probable cause by the Board that Dr. Krishnaraj has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions contained in paragraph 1 of this Consent Order, that determination, without further showing, shall constitute grounds for the Board to summarily suspend Dr. Krishnaraj's North Carolina medical license pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-3(c), and Dr. Krishnaraj waives his right to a prompt hearing should the Board summarily suspend his license.

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

4. Upon request, Dr. Krishnaraj shall provide the Board with any information the Board deems necessary to verify compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.

5. If Dr. Krishnaraj fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions 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 to practice medicine and to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license to practice medicine.

6. This Consent Order 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 Consent Order be served on him.

8. Upon execution by Dr. Krishnaraj 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 Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Practitioner Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 1st
day of June, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

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

Consented to this the 1st day of JUNE, 2022.

Ramesh Loganathan Krishnaraj, M.D.
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State of North Carolina

County of Pitt

I, Elisa N. Haire, do hereby certify that Ramesh Loganathan 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 1st day of June, 2022.

Elisa N. Haire
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 06/09/2026

