BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re: )
) ) CONSENT ORDER
Jorge David Flechas, M.D., )
) Respondent.

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") regarding information provided to the Board concerning Jorge David Flechas, M.D. ("Dr. Flechas"). Dr. Flechas 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. Flechas was first issued a license to practice medicine by the Board on or about June 10, 1980, license number 24245.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Flechas practiced medicine in Hendersonville, North Carolina.
In June 2019, the Board received a complaint alleging that Dr. Flechas had provided medical care and treatment, including prescribing controlled substance to Person A, an immediate family member.

The complaint was based on an investigation conducted by Child Protective Services division of the Department of Social Services in South Carolina ("DSS"). DSS initiated their investigation after being contacted by hospital officials that Person A had delivered a child, born addicted to opiates, in April 2019.

Person A reported taking opiates prescribed by Dr. Flechas for headaches. Dr. Flechas admitted to prescribing opiates to Person A prior to and during her pregnancy.

Since the Board’s investigation, Dr. Flechas no longer treats Person A and she has obtained a new primary care physician.

By prescribing to Person A, Dr. Flechas violated rule 21 NCAC 32B .1001(c) which prohibits prescribing controlled substances for the physician’s own use or the physician’s immediate family, any person living in the same residence as the physician, or anyone with whom the physician is having a sexual relationship. Further, Dr. Flechas’ prescribing is in derogation of the Board’s Position Statements entitled, “Writing of Prescriptions” and “Self-Treatment and Treatment of Family Members.”
Dr. Flechas has a disciplinary history with the Board more specifically described in a Consent Order dated May 23, 2008, a Public Letter of Concern dated May 22, 2013, and a Public Letter of Concern dated October 10, 2018.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Flechas acknowledges that his conduct, as described above, constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and grounds exist under this section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition or limit Dr. Flechas’ license to practice medicine or to deny any application he might make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

Dr. Flechas acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Dr. Flechas 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. Flechas’s consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Flechas’s North Carolina license to practice medicine is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

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

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

4. Upon request, Dr. Flechas 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. Flechas 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 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. Flechas and the Board, and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.
7. Dr. Flechas hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Consent Order be served on him.

8. Upon execution by Dr. Flechas 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 14th day of February, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:

Bryant A. Murphy, M.D.
President
Consented to this the 10 day of Feb, 2020.

Jorge David Flechas, M.D.

State of NC

County of Howard

I, Luea Drey, do hereby certify that Jorge David Flechas, 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 10th day of February, 2020.

Luea Drey
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10/27/24