# Alabama BME/MLC Newsletter and Report

Prescribing and Pharmacology of Controlled Drugs: Critical Issues and Common Pitfalls

## The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners present Prescribing and Pharmacology of Controlled Drugs: Critical Issues and Common Pitfalls.

Controlled substances are prescribed and dispensed today at an increasing rate to help patients cope with pain, insomnia, anxiety, depression, obesity and a myriad of other disorders. Studies show that most practitioners are rather conservative when prescribing controlled drugs, while a small number are at times overly aggressive. In addition, controlled prescription medications are falling into the hands of increasing numbers of prescription drug abusers.

How can the practitioner more effectively understand the pharmacologic profiles for controlled drugs, identify diagnostic criteria for appropriate prescribing and consider the therapeutic implications of specific substance abuse by individual patients? This intensive course was developed to enhance the physician's ability to effectively prescribe controlled medications, while minimizing their misuse when possible. It was also designed to incorporate all FDA-mandated REMS requirements.

**Registration:** Register online at <u>www.masalink.org</u> or print a registration form and fax it to (334) 269-5200.

Questions? Contact MASA's Education Department at (334) 954-2500 or (800) 239-6272.

# **Public Actions, cont.**

◆ On May 3, the Commission placed on indefinite suspension the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **William Ricardo Montiel, MD**, license no. MD.18168, Prattville, AL.

◆ On May 3, the Commission entered an Order removing all restrictions from the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Andrew Michael Osborne, MD**, license no. 18034, Troy AL.

◆ On May 31, the Commission entered an Order denying the request of **Steven Jeffrey Dick, MD**, license no. MD.21416, Decatur, AL, for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in Alabama.

◆ On May 31, the Commission entered an Order placing on probation the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Roy William Harris, DO**, license no. DO.469, Bucyrus, OH.

◆ On May 31, the Commission entered an Order restoring to full, unrestricted status the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Eugene A. Mangieri, MD**, license no. MD.10801, Northport, AL.

◆ On May 31, the Commission entered an Order affirming the denial by the Board of Medical Examiners of the application for a certificate of qualification to practice medicine in Alabama of **Tajudeen I. Ohiokpehai**, **MD**, Brooklandville, MD.

#### Actions taken regarding failure to comply with CME requirements

Joint Petition, Stipulation and Consent Orders dated Aug. 22:

Hotel Accommodations July 13-14

Dates, Locations and

Hotel: Hyatt Regency Birmingham The Wynfrey Hotel *(Formerly The Wynfrey Hotel)*. Call (800) 996-3739 and reference room block ID **MASA2013R**. Room block closes June 24.

August 9, 10 and 11 Hotel: Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach. Call (800) 634-8001 and reference the Medical Association of the State of Alabama or ID **#9861** for room block. Room block closes July 8.

Joint Petition, Stipulation and Consent Order dated Nov. 28: • Joel P. Laughlin, MD, MD.27030, Mobile, AL • W. David Lindsay, MD, MD.14461, Alabaster, AL • Suhail Shafi, MD, MD.29135, Ozark, AL

Joint Petition, Stipulation and Consent Order dated Dec. 19: • Jorge A. Caceres, MD, MD.3878, Bessemer, AL

Joint Petition, Stipulation and Consent Order dated April 11, 2013: • Joseph E. Watters, II, PA, PA.55, Rainbow City, AL

Joint Petition, Stipulation and Consent Order dated May 22: • Krishna R. Mudimbi, MD, MD.30256, Huntsville, AL

# **Report of Public Actions of the Medical Licensure Commission and Board of Medical Examiners**

## MLC – January 2013

♦ On Jan. 31, the Commission entered an Order approving a request to amend the practice plan of William
S. Fleet, MD, license no. MD.12869, Mobile, AL.

♦ On Jan. 31, the Commission entered an Order removing all restrictions on the license to practice medicine in Alabama of Charles
E. Runels, Jr., MD, license no. MD.149656, Fairhope, AL, and restoring the license to full, unrestricted status.

◆ On Jan. 31, the Commission entered an Order revoking the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Kim Markl Sheridan, MD**, license no. MD.21343, Pensacola, FL.

#### MLC – February 2013

◆ Upon the stipulation of the parties, the Commission entered a Consent Order on Feb. 27 indefinitely restricting the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **David Paul Abrams, DO**, license no. DO.559, Houston, TX.

 ◆ Upon the joint petition and stipulation of the parties, the Commission entered a Consent Order on Feb. 27 indefinitely suspending the license to practice medicine in Alabama of James A. Hargroder, MD, license no. MD.8223, Baton Rouge, LA.

#### **BME – February 2013**

◆ On Feb. 20, the Board accepted the Voluntary Surrender of **Ronald D. Kittinger, MD**, license no. MD.10578, Birmingham, AL. Dr. Kittinger is no longer authorized to practice medicine in Alabama.

### MLC – March 2013

◆ Effective Mar. 4, by Order dated Feb. 27, the Commission summarily suspended the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **W. Ricardo Montiel, MD**, license no. MD.18168, Prattville, AL, until the Administrative Complaint has been heard and a decision rendered thereon.

#### BME – March 2013

◆ Effective Mar. 21, the Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate of **Shelinder Aggarwal, MD**, license no. 22384, Huntsville, AL, is temporarily suspended until such time as a hearing shall be held by the Board and a decision rendered thereon.

♦ On Mar. 20, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of certificate of qualification and license to practice medicine in Alabama of John B.
Abell, MD, license no. MD.28130, Albany, GA.

◆ Upon the joint petition and stipulation of the parties, on Mar. 20, the Board entered a Consent Order restricting the license to practice as a physician assistant in Alabama of **Chad J. Gilliam, PA**, license no. PA.670, Madison, AL.

◆ Upon the Stipulation of the Parties, on Mar. 20, the Board entered a Consent Order restricting the Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate of **Lorn Scott Miller, MD**, license number MD.21488, Jasper, AL, to Schedules III, IIIN, IV, IVN and V. ◆ On Mar. 20, the Board denied the application for certificate of qualification to practice medicine in Alabama of **Tajudeen Imohimeh Ohiokpehai, MD**, Lutherville, MD.

◆ On Mar. 20, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of certificate of qualification and license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Robert Davis Williams, MD**, license no. MD.29580, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

#### MLC – April 2013

 On Apr. 5, the Commission reprimanded the license to practice medicine in Alabama of Brian
 E. Cressman, MD, license no.
 MD.19928, Jasper, AL.

◆ On Apr. 4, the Commission removed all restrictions from the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Ashok Jagani, MD**, license no. MD.22377, Northport, AL.

◆ On Apr. 4, the Commission lifted the suspension of the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Kenneth Eugene Roberts, MD**, license no. MD.9562, Dothan, AL.

#### MLC – May 2013

◆ On May 3, the Commission entered an Order reprimanding and placing on indefinite probation the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Jerry Bruce Hankins, MD**, license no. MD.17795, Birmingham, AL.

◆ On May 3, the Commission entered an Order granting the request of **Mark Peter Koch, DO**, license no. DO.322, Camden, AL, to practice in additional locations.

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