

BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: SRIDHAR YARATHA, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

The West Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and Sridhar Yaratha, M.D., ("Dr. Yaratha") freely and voluntarily enter into the following Consent Order pursuant to West Virginia Code §30-3-14, et seq.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Dr. Yaratha holds a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia, License No. 19975 issued originally in 1999. Dr. Yaratha's address of record with the Board is Macon, North Carolina.
2. Dr. Yaratha specializes in the field of Psychiatry.
3. A complaint was filed by a former psychiatric patient against Dr. Yaratha on August 14, 2003, alleging unprofessional conduct on the part of Dr. Yaratha.
4. Dr. Yaratha responded to the said complaint through his counsel by letter dated December 1, 2003.
5. Dr. Yaratha appeared before the Complaint Committee of the Board for an informal meeting on May 9, 2004.
6. The Board received a letter from Dr. Yaratha's counsel, dated June 8, 2004, which advised the Board that Dr. Yaratha no longer intended to practice medicine in West Virginia and that he voluntarily wishes to relinquish his license to practice medicine in the State of West Virginia.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has a mandate pursuant to West Virginia Code §30-3-1 to protect the public interest.
2. Probable cause exists to substantiate charges of disqualification from the practice of medicine pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §30-3-14(c)(8) and (17) and for which Dr. Yaratha may be sanctioned by the Board.
3. The Board has determined that it is appropriate to waive the commencement of proceedings against Dr. Yaratha and to proceed without the filing of charges or a formal Complaint and Notice of Hearing as Dr. Yaratha has decided to surrender his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia.

CONSENT

Sridhar Yaratha, M.D., by affixing his signature hereon, agrees solely and exclusively for purposes of this agreement and the entry of the Order provided for and stated herein, and proceedings conducted in accordance with this Order, to the following:

1. Dr. Yaratha acknowledges that he is fully aware that, without his consent, here given, no permanent legal action may be taken against him except after a hearing held in accordance with West Virginia Code §30-3-14(h) and West Virginia Code §29A-5-1, et seq.;
2. Dr. Yaratha acknowledges that he has the following rights, among others: the right to a formal hearing before the West Virginia Board of Medicine, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against him;
3. Dr. Yaratha waives all rights to such a hearing.

4. Dr. Yaratha consents to the entry of this Order relative to his practice of medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia: and.

5. Dr. Yaratha understands that this Order is considered public information, and that matters contained herein may be reported, as required by law, to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

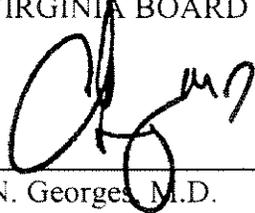
ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Board, and on the basis of the consent of Dr. Yaratha the West Virginia Board of Medicine hereby **ORDERS** as follows:

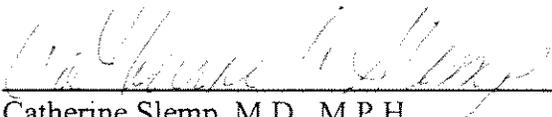
The license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia of, Sridhar Yaratha, M.D. License No. 19975 is **SURRENDERED**, effective August 16, 2004, and agrees not to apply for a medical license in West Virginia at any time in the future, and understands that if he does so, his request for medical licensure will be denied.

Entered this 19th day of August, 2004.

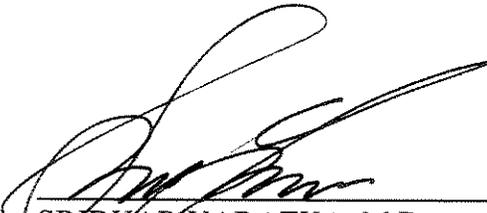
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SRIDHAR YARATHA, M.D.

Date: 8/12/04

STATE OF North Carolina

COUNTY OF Wake

I, Nichole T Hodge, a Notary Public for said county and state do hereby certify that Sridhar Yaratha, M.D., whose name is signed on the previous page has this day acknowledged the same before me.

Given under my hand this 12 day of Aug, 2004.

My commission expires Nov 18, 2006.

Nichole T Hodge
Notary Public

NICHOLE T. HODGE
NOTARY PUBLIC
WAKE COUNTY, N.C.