

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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In The Matter of :  
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**JOHNNY BILL CRAIG, M.D.** :  
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(Certificate No. 015547) :  
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**No. 03-I-006**

**CONSENT ORDER**  
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An investigation conducted by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") indicates that Johnny Bill Craig, M.D. ("Dr. Craig"), a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana and principally practicing in and around Shreveport, Louisiana, suffers from abuse and dependency to controlled and mood-altering substances. The physician's condition was first diagnosed in 1999 when he underwent inpatient evaluation at Talbott Recovery Campus, Atlanta, Georgia ("Talbott"). Recommendations at the time of his discharge included execution of a contract with the Health Foundation of Louisiana's Physicians' Health Program (the "PHP") providing ongoing monitoring of his condition and retirement from his practice of oncology primarily due to the effects of multiple sclerosis. Dr. Craig was compliant with Talbott's recommendation but continued to practice medicine on a part-time basis rendering medical determinations for the federal government. He did fairly well in recovery until late 2001 when he obtained Ultram from the Internet and subsequently from a hospital for increased pain without consulting with another physician. He subsequently self-reported these events to his monitor and complied with his recommendations. In March 2002, Dr. Craig was prescribed Lortab for injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He failed to reveal his condition to the prescribing physician and ingested the medication until early April 2002, when he informed his sponsor. At that time Dr. Craig was referred back to Talbott for evaluation and remained in treatment through early June 2002. Dr. Craig's diagnoses at the time of discharge included, among items, opioid dependence with relapse, alcohol abuse versus dependence and depressive disorder, for which treatment recommendations for on-going therapy and monitoring were provided in the form of a comprehensive continuing care plan.

As evidenced by his subscription to this Order Dr. Craig acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that such acknowledgment and the reported information would provide the Investigating Officer herein for the Board with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against him for violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285(A)(5) and (29), constituting sufficient cause for action against his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana. On the basis of apparently reliable information, however, the Board is persuaded that the conditions from which Dr. Craig suffers may be susceptible to effective medical treatment, resulting in the maintenance of his capacity to engage in the practice of medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, provided that Dr. Craig strictly observes and complies with appropriate restrictions on and conditions to maintenance of his medical license. In consideration of this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer respecting the pending investigation, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state against the unprofessional, unqualified and unsafe practice of medicine, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent.

Recognizing his right to have an administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time Dr. Craig would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955-965, Dr. Craig, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Craig also acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.*, or which he otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Craig also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto, as well as his legal counsel assisting him in connection herewith, to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Craig expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer or his legal counsel shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to proceed with the filing and adjudication of an Administrative Complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that the license of Johnny Bill Craig, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 015547, be and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, indefinitely conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

**(1) Continuing Treatment and Therapy; Participation in PHP; Reports to Board.** Dr. Craig shall continue under treatment and therapy consistent with the prescriptions and recommendations of Talbott. In addition, within ten (10) days from the acceptance of this Order by the Board, Dr. Craig shall contact the PHP, inform its representatives of his current status, provide a copy of this Order and describe the evaluation and treatment to which he has submitted. If deemed appropriate by the PHP, Dr. Craig shall enter into a PHP monitoring agreement providing such conditions as may be recommended by the PHP and designating a treating and/or monitoring physician acceptable to the PHP. Dr. Craig shall comply with all terms and conditions of any recommended monitoring agreement, a copy of which he shall cause to be furnished to the Board within five (5) days of its execution. Dr. Craig shall, moreover, authorize and cause his treating and/or monitoring physicians and/or the PHP to submit to the Board, not less frequently than quarterly during the first year of the existence of this Order, semi-annually thereafter, written reports and verbal reports should the Board desire the latter, as to his then-current treatment program, diagnosis, prognosis and his compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Order.

**(2) Maintenance of Complete Abstinence.** Dr. Craig shall maintain complete and total abstinence from the use of alcohol or any other mood-altering substance for the duration of his life, except as may be prescribed by a treating physician other than himself for a *bona fide* medical condition. Dr. Craig shall personally inform his treating and monitoring physicians, both orally and in writing, within forty-eight (48) hours of the prescription or administration of any controlled or mood-altering substance received by him from another physician for treatment of a *bona fide* medical condition. Dr. Craig shall immediately self-

report to the Board in writing any failure to adhere to Talbott's recommendations or the terms, conditions or restrictions of this Order.

**(3) Board Access to Treatment Records and Reports.** Dr. Craig shall, and does by his subscription hereto, authorize any physician or any institution at which he undergoes treatment for alcohol, chemical dependency or any other condition from which he may suffer or be diagnosed, as well as any physician under whose care he may come at such an institution who has or may hereafter evaluate, diagnose, treat or monitor him, to provide the Board with copies of all medical reports relating to Dr. Craig's history, examination, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis and to provide the Board with written and verbal reports relative thereto. Dr. Craig expressly waives any privilege that may otherwise be afforded the disclosure of such records pursuant to state or federal law and shall immediately execute any authorization or release that may be necessary to permit the Board access to such records.

**(4) Limitation of Practice.** On and after the effective date of this Order Dr. Craig shall limit his practice to non-patient care and administrative duties relative to chart review, rendering medical determinations for both the state and federal government and providing consultation services or other assistance to legal counsel at their request.

**(5) Prescription, Dispensation, Administration of Controlled Substances Prohibited - All Schedules.** Dr. Craig shall not, at any time following the approval of this Consent Order by the Board and for as long as he shall hold a license to practice medicine in this state, prescribe, dispense or administer any controlled substance which may be classified, defined, enumerated or included in 21 C.F.R. §1308, La. Rev. Stat. §40:964 or any substance which may hereafter be designated a controlled substance by amendment or supplementation of such regulation and statute or the drugs Nubain, Dalgan, Soma, Butalbital or Ultram in any form or generic thereof.

**(6) Continuing Medical Education.** Dr. Craig shall obtain not less than fifty (50) credit hours per year for three (3) years through attendance at and participation in continuing medical education programs ("CME") accredited by and qualifying for the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association, and he shall obtain such award within three (3) years from the date hereof. On or before August 1st of each year for the three (3) years following the effective date of this Consent Order, Dr. Craig shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of the CME programs and credits completed by him during the preceding twelve (12) months.

**(7) Sanction.** By his subscription hereto, Dr. Craig acknowledges that his receipt of written notification from the Investigating Officer of the Board that he has received a written report which indicates his failure to comply with the requirements set forth by this Order in any respect shall, without the need for formal hearing or for providing him with any right to which he may otherwise be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, constitute his irrevocable consent to the immediate suspension of his license to practice medicine in this state by the Board pending the final resolution of an administrative hearing and decision by the Board with respect to the information made the basis of such report.

**(8) Probation Monitoring Fee.** For each year of the probationary term Dr. Craig shall pay the Board a probation monitoring fee of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars. Payment of the initial fee shall be due not later than sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order. All subsequent annual payments shall be due on or before the anniversary date of the initial fee payment.

**(9) Cooperation with Board's Medical Consultant/Probation and Compliance Officer.** Dr. Craig shall immediately notify the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer of any change in his current home and professional addresses and telephone numbers and he shall direct all matters required pursuant to this Consent Order to the attention of the Probation and Compliance Officer, with whom he shall cooperate on all matters and inquiries pertaining to his compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Consent Order. Dr. Craig shall also make himself available, upon reasonable notice, for personal interviews with the Medical Consultant or Probation Officer of the Board or their designated representatives for the purpose of discussing his then-current compliance with the terms of this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Craig shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Craig's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana or for such other action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

BY:

  
KIM EDWARD LEBLANC, M.D., PH.D.  
*President*

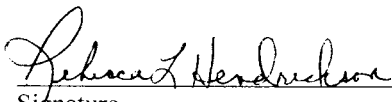
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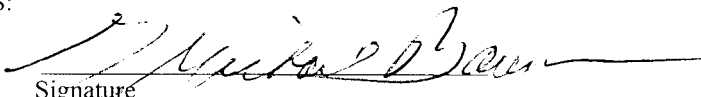
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I, JOHNNY BILL CRAIG, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the  
above and foregoing Order, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.

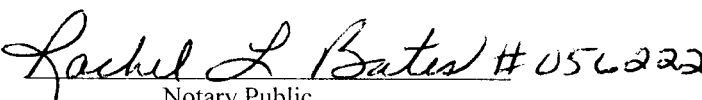
  
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WITNESSES:

  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Shreveport, Louisiana, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
October, 2004, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

  
Notary Public  
Rachel L Bates  
Printed Name  
#056222  
Bar/Notary #