

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF:</b>	)	<b>BEFORE THE TENNESSEE BOARD</b>
	)	<b>OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS</b>
<b>ANGUS M. GREEN CROOK, M.D.</b>	)	
<b>RESPONDENT</b>	)	<b>CASE NO: 201504057</b>
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<b>NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE</b>	)	
<b>TENNESSEE LICENSE NO. 1862</b>	)	

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**CONSENT ORDER**

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The Division of Health Related Boards of the Tennessee Department of Health (hereinafter the "Division"), by and through the Office of General Counsel, and Respondent Angus M. Green Crook, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent"), respectfully move the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter the "Board") for approval of this Consent Order affecting Respondent's medical license in the State of Tennessee.

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**I. AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION**

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The Board is responsible for the regulation and supervision of medical doctors licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee. See Tennessee Medical Practice Act, Tennessee Code Annotated Section (hereinafter "TENN. CODE ANN. §") 63-6-101, *et seq.* It is the policy of the Board to require strict compliance with the laws of this State, and to apply the laws so as to preserve the quality of medical care provided in Tennessee. It is the duty and responsibility of the Board to enforce the Tennessee Medical Practice Act in such a manner as to promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare in every practicable way, including disciplining medical doctors who violate the provisions of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-101, *et seq.* or the Rules

and Regulations promulgated by the Board and recorded in the Official Compilation Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (hereinafter "TENN. COMP. R. & REGS.").

Respondent Angus M. Green Crook, M.D., by his signature to this Consent Order, waives the right to a contested case hearing and any and all rights to judicial review in this matter. Respondent agrees that presentation to and consideration of this Consent Order by the Board for ratification and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members shall be prejudiced to the extent that requires their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Order not be ratified. Likewise, all matters, admissions and statements disclosed or exchanged during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions.

Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that by signing this Consent Order, Respondent is allowing the Board to issue its order without further process. Respondent acknowledges that this is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the Healthcare Practitioner Data Bank and/ or similar agency. In the event that the Board rejects this Consent Order for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.

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## II. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

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1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a medical doctor in the State of Tennessee, having been granted Tennessee medical license number

1862 by the Board on January 01, 1953. Respondent's license currently has an expiration date of October 31, 2017.

2. The Respondent has worked for Planned Parenthood for forty-two-years. L.G. worked at Planned Parenthood as a RN.
3. On or about April 27, 2015, the Respondent wrote a prescription for L.G. for thirty valium 10mg with two refills.
4. Prior to writing the prescription, the Respondent failed to obtain a medical history and failed to perform a physical examination. Additionally, the Respondent did not create a medical record related to the prescription he wrote to L.G.
5. On or about July 8, 2015, the Respondent signed a blank prescription and gave the prescription to L.G. to fill out for a patient. L.G. wrote the prescription out to himself.

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### III. GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE

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The Stipulations of Fact are sufficient to establish that grounds for discipline of Respondent's medical license exist. Specifically, Respondent has violated the following statutes or rules which are part of the Tennessee Medical Practice Act, (TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-101, *et seq.*) for which disciplinary action before and by the Board is authorized:

6. The facts stipulated in paragraphs three (3) through five (5), *supra*, constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(b)(1):

Unprofessional, dishonorable or unethical conduct;

7. The facts stipulated in paragraphs three (3) and four (4), *supra*, constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(b)(4):

Gross health care liability or a pattern of continued or repeated health care liability, ignorance, negligence or incompetence in the course of medical practice;

8. The facts stipulated in paragraphs three (3) and four (4), *supra*, constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(b)(12):

Dispensing, prescribing or otherwise distributing any controlled substance or any other drug not in the course of professional practice, or not in good faith to relieve pain and suffering, or not to cure an ailment, physical infirmity or disease, or in amounts and/or for durations not medically necessary, advisable or justified for a diagnosed condition;

9. The facts stipulated in paragraphs three (3) and four (4), *supra*, constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(b)(14):

Dispensing, prescribing or otherwise distributing any controlled substance, controlled substance analogue or other drug to any person in violation of any law of the state or of the United States;

10. The facts stipulated in paragraphs three (3) and four (4), *supra*, constitute grounds for disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice as a medical doctor in the State of Tennessee pursuant to TENN. COMP. R. & REGS., Rule 0880-02-.14(7):

(a) Except as provided in subparagraph (b), it shall be a prima facie violation of T.C.A. § 63-6-214 (b) (1), (4), and (12) for a physician to prescribe or dispense any drug to any individual, whether in person or by electronic means or over the Internet or over telephone lines, unless the physician, or his/her licensed supervisee pursuant to appropriate protocols or medical orders, has first done and appropriately documented, for the person to whom a prescription is to be issued or drugs dispensed, all of the following:

1. Performed an appropriate history and physical examination; and
2. Made a diagnosis based upon the examinations and all diagnostic and laboratory tests consistent with good medical care; and
3. Formulated a therapeutic plan, and discussed it, along with the basis for it and the risks and benefits of various treatments options, a part of which might be the prescription or dispensed drug, with the patient; and

4. Insured availability of the physician or coverage for the patient for appropriate follow-up care.

11. The fact stipulated in paragraph four (4) *supra*, constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice as a medical doctor in the State of Tennessee pursuant to TENN. COMP. R. & REGS., Rule 0880-02-.15(4)(a):

Duty to Create and Maintain Medical Records - As a component of the standard of care and of minimal competency a physician must cause to be created and cause to be maintained a medical record for every patient for whom he or she, and/or any of his or her professionally licensed supervisees, performs services or provides professional consultation.

12. The fact stipulated in paragraph five (5) *supra*, constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice as a medical doctor in the State of Tennessee pursuant to TENN. COMP. R. & REGS., Rule 0880-02-.23(4):

(a) Each prescriber shall undertake adequate safeguards and security measures to ensure against loss, improper destruction, theft, or unauthorized use of the tamper-resistant prescriptions in the prescriber's possession.

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#### IV. POLICY STATEMENT

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The Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners takes this action in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

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#### V. ORDER

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**NOW THEREFORE**, Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following:

13. The Tennessee medical license of Angus M. Green Crook, M.D. license number 1862, is hereby **REPRIMANDED**, effective the date of entry of this Consent Order.
14. Respondent must enroll in and successfully complete within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, the two (2) day medical course entitled "*Medical Documentation: Clinical, Legal and Economic Implications for Healthcare Providers*" offered at The Case Western Reserve University Continuing Medical Education Program at The Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine located in Cleveland, Ohio, or an equivalent course approved by the Board. Within thirty (30) days after completion of such course, Respondent shall mail or deliver proof of compliance with this course requirement to: **Disciplinary Coordinator, The Division of Health Related Boards, Tennessee Department of Health, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243**. Any Continuing Medical Education (hereinafter "CME") course hours earned from attendance and completion of the course required by this paragraph shall be in addition to the CME hours required to maintain licensure.
15. Respondent must enroll in and successfully complete within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, the course entitled "*Prescribing Controlled Drugs*" offered at The Center for Professional Health at Vanderbilt University Medical Center located in Nashville, Tennessee, or an equivalent course approved in advance by the Board's Medical Director. Within thirty (30) days after completion of such course, Respondent shall mail or deliver proof of compliance with this course requirement to: **Disciplinary Coordinator, The Division of Health Related Boards, Tennessee Department of Health, 665 Mainstream Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243**. Any CME

course hours earned from attendance and completion of the course required by this paragraph shall be in addition to the CME hours required to maintain licensure.

16. Respondent must pay, pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(k) and Rule 0880-02-.12(1)(j), the actual and reasonable costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law, including all costs assessed by the Office of Investigations, Secretary of State, Administrative Procedures Division, as well as the Office of General Counsel. These costs will be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared and filed by counsel for the Department. The maximum amount for the assessment of costs shall be three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).
17. Respondent shall pay two (2) "Type B" civil penalties in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) each, for a total of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), representing one civil penalty for each prescription referenced in paragraphs three (3) and five (5) of this Consent Order. These civil penalties shall be paid in full and sent to the address listed below within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order.

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## VI. NOTICE

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18. Respondent understands that this is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (N.P.D.B.) and/or similar agency.
19. Any and all costs shall be paid in full within sixty (60) days from the issuance of the Assessment of Costs by submitting a certified check, cashier's check, or money order payable to the **State of Tennessee**, which shall be mailed or delivered to: **Disciplinary Coordinator, The Division of Health Related Boards, Tennessee Department of Health, 665 Mainstream Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243**. A notation


shall be placed on said check that it is payable for the costs and civil penalties of **Angus M. Green Crook, M.D., Case No. 201504057.**

This **CONSENT ORDER** was approved by a majority of a quorum of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners at a public meeting of the Board and signed this 16 day of March, 2016.

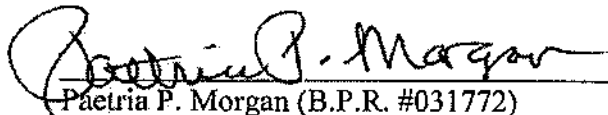
  
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**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**

  
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Angus M. Green Crook, M.D.  
Respondent

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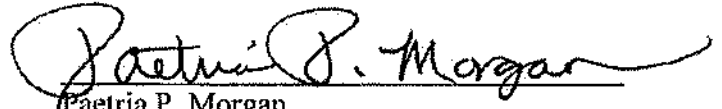
  
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3/16/2016  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of this document has been served upon Respondent, Angus M. Green Crook, M.D., P.O. Box 330947, Nashville, TN 37203 by delivering same in the United States Mail, Certified Number 7015 1520 0003 3864 9268, return receipts requested, and United States First Class Postage Pre-Paid Mail, with sufficient postage thereon to reach its destination.

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.



Paetria P. Morgan  
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