



Licensee Information

Information as of 10/28/2020

Last Updated by Licensee on 08/14/2020

Susan Alicia Bliss - MD Full and Unrestricted

LICENSE#: 9900170 **LICENSE STATUS:** Active **Public Action:** No
ISSUE DATE: 03/20/1999 **RENEWAL DATE:** 10/07/2021

Malpractice

Malpractice Information

This section indicates whether the licensee has been the subject of a malpractice judgment, award, payment or settlement. In accordance with NC law, the board posts this information for a period of seven years after the date of the judgment, award, payment or settlement. Settlements of less than \$75,000 or that occurred prior to May 1, 2008 are not included in this information.

The Board encourages the public to consider malpractice payment information in context and in combination with other information about the licensee's education, training and professional experience.

Please see **Interpreting Malpractice Payment Information** below.

The Board reviewed this payment and determined that no public action was warranted.

Date of Incident	Date of Payment	Area of Practice	Incident City	Incident State	Incident Country	Licensee Response
03/15/2016	07/27/2018	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Charlotte	NC	United States	

Interpreting Malpractice Payment Information

North Carolina Medical Board Public Action associated with a malpractice payment

An important factor to consider when interpreting malpractice payment information is whether the payment is associated with a public action of the NC Medical Board. The Board reviews the quality of care associated with every malpractice payment involving a North Carolina licensee. The Board takes public action when its investigation determines patient care was below accepted and prevailing standards.

When considering malpractice payment data, please keep in mind:

- oThe existence of a payment does not necessarily mean that malpractice has occurred. Nor is a payment necessarily evidence of incompetence, misconduct or an admission of wrongdoing on the part of the licensee.
- oIt often takes years for a malpractice claim to move through the legal and/or liability insurance systems. The incident that resulted in a payment may have taken place years before the payment was made.
- oMalpractice payment histories vary by area of practice. Some licensees may have a higher-than-average incidence of malpractice payments because they specialize in treating patients who are at a high risk for problems.
- oMalpractice insurance companies sometimes settle cases because it is less costly to make a monetary settlement than it is to defend a case in court. Many times, such cases are settled without a finding of fault or admission of negligence by the licensee.