

## Licensee Information

### Joel Larry Sebastien - MD

**License #:** 2018-01526      **License Status:** Active      **Public Action:** Yes  
**Issue Date:** 06/13/2018      **Renewal Date:** 03/17/2023      See: Actions-Adverse & Administrative Tab

#### Active Supervisees

Name	Type	Status	Approved
None Reported			

#### North Carolina Hospital Admitting Privileges

Location
None Reported

#### Out of State Active/Inactive Licenses

State
Florida
New York
Pennsylvania

#### Out of Country Active/Inactive Licenses

Country
None Reported

#### Address

A New Dimension  
 116 Main St NW  
 Lenoir, NC 28645  
 828-759-2921

#### Information

Days patients are seen at this practice:

Practice philosophy:

Non-English languages in which office is able to provide clinical services (e.g. Hindi, Spanish):

Non-English languages in which practitioner is able to provide clinical services (e.g. Hindi, Spanish):

Participates in Medicare:

Accepting new Medicare patients:

Participates in Medicaid:

Accepting new Medicaid patients:

Uses electronic medical records:

## Medical School

School	Graduation
State University of New York at Buffalo School of Med and Biomedical Science	1998

## Post Graduate Training

"Last Year" does not necessarily mean that the licensee completed his/her training program. (In NC, a physician can be licensed without completing such a program.)

Institution	Specialty	State, Country	Training Program	Last Year
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Department	Other - Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery	PA, US	Fellowship	2004
Westchester Medical Center	General Surgery	NY, US	Residency	2003
Westchester Medical Center	General Surgery	NY, US	Internship	1999

## Current Board Certification and Year of Certification/Recertification

Physicians should not list non-ABMS or non-AOA specialty boards unless the board meets the criteria set forth in the NC Medical Board's Advertising and Publicity Position Statement.

Primary/Subspecialty	Year
Surgery (general)	2015

## Area of Practice

Area Of Practice	Primary
Abdominal Surgery	
Bariatric Medicine	
General Surgery	Yes

## Current Membership in Medical Professional Organizations

Membership
None Reported

## Honors & Awards

Honor/Award	Given By	Date
None Reported		

## Public Service

Name of Clinic	Service Description	Date
None Reported		

## Current Academic Appointments

Title	Institution	City, State, Country
None Reported		

## Publications

Title
None Reported

## Section 1: Adverse Actions

### North Carolina Medical Board Public Actions

This section indicates whether the North Carolina Medical Board has taken adverse public action regarding the licensee. Click on the link or links below to see an electronic copy of public documents associated with the licensee.

Certain public documents, such as hearing transcripts, are listed but are not posted on the site. If the record indicates a transcript is available, it may be obtained by contacting the Board.

NCMB public actions are posted on this site indefinitely.

Date	Description	Link
05/18/2022	Public Letter of Concern	<a href="#">View</a>

### Other Regulatory Board or Agency Public Actions

Date	Name of Board/Agency	Action Taken	Link
None Reported			

### Health Care Institution Suspensions and Revocations

Date	Health Care Institution	Action Taken
None Reported		

## Section 2: Administrative Actions

Actions listed in this section are considered non-disciplinary by the Board. In situations where administrative actions are taken, the licensee may not have met certain statutory requirements or may have failed to follow correct administrative procedures.

### North Carolina Medical Board Reentry Agreement

Date	Description	Link
None Reported		

### North Carolina Special Purpose Licensing Agreement

Date	Description	Link
None Reported		

### 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 took public action against the licensee. Select the Actions Tab to view the public action**

taken in response to this case.

Incident Date	Payment Date	Area of Practice	City, State, Country	Response
12/14/2017	08/18/2020	Abdominal Surgery	Daytona Beach, FL, US	The patient with multiple medical problems on chronic steroid was post op from a sleeve gastrectomy. The patient became unstable following surgery was thought to be related to Adrenal Crisis and was treated for that but continued to deteriorated and coded.

### 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:

- The 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.
- It 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.
- Malpractice 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.
- Malpractice 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.

### Misdemeanor/DUI/DWI Conviction Information

Conviction Date	Conviction	Jurisdiction	Sentence
None Reported			

### Felony Conviction Information

Conviction Date	Conviction	Jurisdiction	Sentence
None Reported			