



Mission Statement

The mission of the
Maryland Board of Physicians
is to assure quality health care
in Maryland through
the efficient licensure
and effective discipline of
health providers under
its jurisdiction, by protecting
and educating clients, customers
and stakeholders
and enforcing the
Maryland Medical Practice Act.

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New Board Chairman Appointed



Devinder Singh M.D.

Effective June 23, 2014, Devinder Singh, M.D., associate professor of surgery at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, was appointed as the Chairman of the Maryland Board of Physicians. Dr. Singh, who has served on the Board since 2011, was recommended by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and appointed by the Governor.

Since joining the Board, Dr. Singh has helped guide the Board in developing a two-panel system to resolve disciplinary cases and reduce the length of time for reviewing the cases. In his role as chairman, Dr. Singh will continue to guide the Board in overseeing and establishing policies for Board operations pertaining to efficient licensure and effective discipline of licensees. Dr. Singh's role will also involve a significant focus on policy development and regulation through legislative action with State leaders.

Dr. Singh is the director of plastic surgery research at the University of Maryland Medical Center and is also on the part-time faculty of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He is the Chief of Plastic Surgery at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Baltimore, and the co-director of the University of Maryland Rehabilitation and Orthopaedics Institute's Cleft Lip & Palate Clinic. Dr. Singh attended Brown University for college, Columbia University for medical school, and Yale University for a combined residency in general & plastic surgery. He is board certified in plastic surgery and is a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

New Executive Director Appointed



Christine A. Farrelly and Dr. Joshua Sharfstein

On July 30, 2014, the Maryland Board of Physicians recommended a candidate to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for appointment as the Board's Executive Director. Citing a deep understanding of licensing and discipline, the significant progress made over the last few months including the transition to a new two-panel system, and her commitment to a fair and well-run Board, the Board voted unanimously to recommend the appointment of Christine A. Farrelly. Dr. Sharfstein concurred with the recommendation and effective August 4, 2014, Ms. Farrelly was appointed as Executive Director of the Board.

Since 1994, Ms. Farrelly has been engaged in regulatory matters in health care in the public and private sectors, and since 2007, she has served at the Maryland Board of Physicians. Her recent leadership as Manager of the Compliance Unit and Deputy Director has been instrumental in improving the disciplinary and compliance process. Ms. Farrelly was recognized in 2014 by DHMH with an award for exceptional performance.



Naturopathic Doctors - Another Profession Regulated by the Board

Effective October 1, 2014, new law* requires the Board to regulate Naturopathic Doctors. A Naturopathic Doctor (ND) practices naturopathic medicine using only patient education and naturopathic therapies and therapeutic substances for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human health conditions.

The new law established a five-member Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee (Committee) comprised of two Naturopathic Doctors, one Physician Board Member, one Physician with experience working with NDs and one Consumer Member. The Board welcomes the new Committee members and thanks them for their willingness to serve. The Committee's responsibilities include developing and recommending licensure procedures and regulations to the Board governing the practice of naturopathic medicine. In addition, a Board

Correct Terminology-Intellectual Disability

It has come to the Board's attention that the phrase "mental retardation" is still being used by licensed health care professionals in the State. Existing Maryland law, specifically Rosa's Law, changed the references to "mental retardation" in State law and documents to "intellectual disability", a change that became effective on October 1, 2009. In 2010, President Obama signed a similar federal law, also named after Rosa, the child from Maryland. That law also changed the references to "mental retardation" in federal law to intellectual disability. Additionally, the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), published by the American Psychiatric Association, eliminated the use of "mental retardation" because its use had become pejorative.

Reminder: CMEs and Board Audits

Each physician renewing his/her license must attest to meeting the continuing medical education requirement of at least 50 Category 1 credits earned within the two year period immediately preceding submission of the renewal application. (COMAR 10.32.01.10). For the CME credits to apply, they must be completed and earned by the date the renewal application is submitted - NOT on the date the license expires (September 30), unless the renewal application is submitted on September 30 of the renewal year.

Please note that the Board conducts random audits of CMEs each year at the time of renewal.

led Formulary Workgroup will examine whether and to what extent naturopathic doctors should have prescribing authority. The Workgroup will report to the legislature in 2015.

The effective date of licensure of NDs in Maryland will be March 1, 2016. By that date, anyone practicing naturopathic medicine in Maryland must be licensed by the Board. The Board may fine individuals practicing naturopathic medicine in the State without a license up to \$50,000.

** Health Occupations-Board of Physicians-Naturopathic Doctors, Chapter 153, Acts of 2013 (SB 314).*

Federation of State Medical Boards



The Federation of State Medical Boards has developed Model Policy Guidelines for the Appropriate Use of Social Media and Social Networking in Medical Practice. The use of social media has become increasingly important in health care and presents several challenging issues for health care providers including violating the privacy and confidentiality of patients.

For more information, click: <http://library.fsmb.org/pdf/pub-social-media-guidelines.pdf>

NEW DEA RULES

Tramadol

Effective August 18, 2014, in accordance with the Controlled Substances Act (Act), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) placed Tramadol into schedule IV of the Act. The action by the DEA imposes the regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions applicable to schedule IV controlled substances on persons who handle (manufacture, distribute, dispense, import, export, engage in research, conduct instructional activities with, or possess) or propose to handle Tramadol.

Rescheduling of Hydrocodone Combination Products From Schedule III to Schedule II

Effective October 6, 2014, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration will reschedule hydrocodone combination products from schedule III to schedule II of the Controlled Substances Act after a formal rulemaking process. This action imposes the regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions applicable to schedule II controlled substances on persons who handle (manufacture, distribute, dispense, import, export, engage in research, conduct instructional activities with, conduct chemical analysis with, or possess) or propose to handle hydrocodone combination products. For more information please go to http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/fed_regs/rules/2014/fr0822.htm.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice – Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Diversion Control

NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010

On September 9, 2014, the Drug Enforcement Administration published in the Federal Register, the final rule for the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010 (Disposal Act).

These regulations govern the secure disposal of controlled substances by registrants and ultimate users and will implement the Disposal Act by expanding the options available to collect controlled substances from ultimate users for the purpose of disposal. In addition, the rule also reorganizes and consolidates previously existing regulations on disposal, including the role of reverse distributors. The regulations will become effective on October 9, 2014.

The final rule is available at: <http://www.regulations.gov>



Prescription Drug Abuse and Diversion

In June 2014, Ms. LaVerne Nassea, Executive Director, Maryland Board of Pharmacy, shared information on the Red Flags Video Project (Red Flags) with other Health Occupations Boards. Red Flags is an educational video that was released at the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) annual meeting in May 2014. The video highlights the warning signs associated with prescription drug abuse and the diversion of controlled dangerous substance.

For more information on the Red Flags, click: <http://www.awarerx.org/pharmacists>

Laser Hair Removal and Cosmetic Medical Procedures

Recently, the Board has noticed an increase in unlicensed individuals performing laser hair removal and is publishing another reminder on the matter.

The Board's Declaratory Ruling 00-1 on the use of laser for hair removal, effective 10/30/02, concluded that the use of laser for hair removal is a surgical act that may only be performed by physicians, certified nurse practitioners, registered nurses pursuant to Board of Nursing Declaratory Ruling 97-1 and physician assistants.

Also, effective August 23, 2010, the Board promulgated regulations on the Delegation and Assignment of Performance of Cosmetic Medical Procedures and Use of Cosmetic Medical Devices.* The regulations define laser as a cosmetic medical device, govern the performance, delegation, assignment, supervision of cosmetic medical procedures and the use of cosmetic medical devices by a physician or under a physician's direction. The regulations do not authorize the delegation of any duties to any person who is not licensed under the Health Occupations Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

According to the regulations, cosmetic medical procedures may be delegated to a physician assistant or assigned to any other health care provider licensed under Health Occupations Article, whose licensing board, has determined that the procedure falls within the provider's scope of practice. An esthetician is not a health care practitioner in Maryland.** In addition, a physician must be licensed in Maryland before he or she may perform, delegate, assign, or supervise cosmetic medical procedures or the use of cosmetic medical devices.*** The person the physician may delegate to must have received training in accordance with regulations.

*COMAR 10.32.09

**Section 5-601 of the Health General Article

*** COMAR 10.32.09.03

MEDICAL RECORDS – CLOSURE OF A MEDICAL PRACTICE

The Board receives many inquiries from patients about their medical records after their physician's practice closes as a result of the physician's retirement, surrender, death or discontinuance of the practice.

Following the closure of your practice for these reasons, the law* requires that the health care provider, the administrator of the estate, or a designee who agrees to provide for the maintenance of the medical records must write, within a reasonable time, to notify the Board that the records will be properly maintained.

Physicians should implement necessary procedures prior to the closure of their practice to ensure compliance with the law.

* Section 4-403(e) of the Health General Article.



Become a Board Medical Consultant

Would you be willing to occasionally review a case for the Board?

The Board is currently seeking physicians in all specialties to perform preliminary reviews of complaints.

The Board receives numerous complaints regarding care provided by physicians and other allied health care practitioners. The complaint process consists of obtaining a response from the licensee regarding the allegations, obtaining medical records and any other material necessary to perform a preliminary investigation. The next step is to have the case reviewed by a physician (consultant) in the same specialty to make a recommendation to the Board (1) whether the case should be opened for full investigation and formally peer reviewed; (2) whether the physician should be advised, by confidential letter regarding a certain issue; or (3) whether the care was appropriate and the case can be simply closed. Once this review is completed, a panel of the Board reviews the material and the consultant's recommendation and makes a final determination regarding the disposition.

A consultant is not required to testify and has immunity as well. The only requirement is that the consultant must submit a written report that includes a short synopsis of the complaint, the physician's response to the allegations, and the consultant's rationale regarding their opinion. The physician in question would not have knowledge of the consultant review at any time. Typical turn-around time is three (3) weeks.

A consultant receives 1 CME Category 1 for each medical record you review, up to 10 CMEs per renewal cycle.

If you are interested in performing this valuable service for the Board, please contact Maureen Sammons, Intake Manager at 410-764-5979, or maureen.sammons@maryland.gov.

Advisory Committee Recruitment

The Board is looking to fill a vacant physician position on one of its advisory committees. This position will serve on the Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiologist Assistance Advisory (Rad Tech) Committee.

Qualifications:

Rad Tech Committee: Successful candidates must have a current unencumbered Maryland license, be a specialist in radiology and supervise a licensed radiologist assistant. The Committee meets the third Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., every other month, beginning in January.

If you meet the qualifications and are interested in serving one of the above committees, please submit your curriculum vitae to Ellen Douglas Smith, Acting Deputy Director at ellen.smith@maryland.gov by October 31, 2014.



Board Sanctions

All Board orders are public documents. For additional details regarding the following orders, please go to the website and search a practitioner by name. Months of April through September:

For April 2014

Case Name: Abdul H. Abbasi, M.D.

License No: D44155

Date of Action: April 28, 2014

Termination of Consent Order dated March 23, 2005.

Case Name: Harold O. Alexander, M.D.

License No: D22219

Date of Action: April 16, 2014

Suspension for a period of three (3) months.

Case Name: Zakariyya Alim, RCP

License No: L00299

Date of Action: April 14, 2014

Termination of 30 day suspension issued on 3/14/14; Probation with terms and conditions for a minimum period of one (1) year.

Case Name: Nahal Aminnia

License No: Unlicensed

Date of Action: April 28, 2014

Fine of \$5000.

Case Name: Marianna Atanasson

License No: Unlicensed

Date of Action: April 7, 2014

Fine of \$1000.

Case Name: Fred Avila, RCP

License No: L00675

Date of Action: April 17, 2014

Termination of conditions of Consent Order dated June 28, 2013.

Case Name: Michael Bamgbopa, RCP

License No: L03115

Date of Action: April 4, 2014

Termination of Consent Agreement of March 31, 2014.

Case Name: Kamal Bangoria, M.D.

License No.: D65641

Date of Action: April 10, 2014

Summary Suspension.

Case Name: Kamal Bangoria, M.D.

License No.: D65641

Date of Action: April 24, 2014

Summary Suspension of April 10, 2014 Affirmed.

Case Name: Herman Branson, M.D.

License No: D32154

Date of Action: April 17, 2014

Fine of \$1,700; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Doriska Brown, M.D.

License No: D33779

Date of Action: April 4, 2014

Fine of \$3400; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Jennifer H. Clark, M.D.

License No: D71155

Date of Action: April 28, 2014

Reprimand.

Case Name: Gerard J. Dauer, Radiographer

License No: R02847

Date of Action: April 10, 2014

Termination of Consent Order dated February 2, 2011.

Case Name: Lorraine Driscoll, M.D.

License No: D66853

Date of Action: April 1, 2014

Reprimand; NJ Board Order shall remain in effect.

Case Name: Muhammad E. Dughly, M.D.

License No: D51042

Date of Action: April 28, 2014

Termination of Consent Order dated November 19, 2009.

Case Name: Ralph B. Epstein, M.D.

License No.: D08249

Date of Action: April 9, 2014

Suspension for thirty (30) days effective ten business days after the date of the Order. Fine of \$25,000.

Case Name: Brent R. Fox, M.D.

License No. D35246

Date of Action: April 10, 2014

Cease and Desist from prescribing Controlled Dangerous Substances in Maryland.

Case: Andrea Greer (AKA Cuzmanes)

License No: Applicant (NMT)

Date of Action: April 2, 2014

Licensure with Probation for a period of two years with terms and conditions.

Case Name: Cashmir C. Luke, RCP

License No. L03061 (Expired)

Date of Action: April 2, 2014

Denial of Application for Reinstatement.

Case Name: Michael O. Magan, M.D.

License No: D12429

Date of Action: April 17, 2014

Termination of Consent Order dated April 17, 2013.

Case Name: Neil A. Meade, M.D.

License No: D19220

Date of Action: April 17, 2014

Fine of \$525; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Feroz A. Sheikh, M.D.

License No: D43376

Date of Action: April 28, 2014

Suspension; Reciprocal action.

Case Name: James R. Sides, M.D.

License No. D31376

Date of Action: April 28, 2014

Reprimand; Probation for a period of one year and until conditions are met.

Case Name: Lawrence Swink, M.D.

License No: D17135

Date of Action: April 3, 2014

Administrative fine of \$5,000; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Jackie Allen Syme, M.D.

License No: D44476

Date of Action: April 29, 2014

Reprimand; Terms and conditions.

Case Name: Donald Taylor, M.D.

License No: D33071

Date of Action: April 28, 2014

Indefinite Suspension; Reciprocal action.

Case Name: Renee Tucker

License No: Unlicensed

Date of Action: April 16, 2014

Termination of Consent Order dated February 28, 2014.

Case Name: Tina West, M.D.

License No: D41594

Date of Action: April 17, 2014

Termination of Consent Order dated February 28, 2014.

For May 2014

Case Name: Zahid Aslam, M.D.

License No. D60954

Date of Action: May 30, 2014

Reprimand.

Case Name: Jyoti Behl, M.D.

License No. D35641

Date of Action: May 20, 2014

Administrative Fine of \$1925.00; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Carmelina A. Busuttil, PA-C

License No: C02735

Date of Action: May 15, 2014

Fine of \$500.

Case Name: Rebecca L. Clark, R.T.

License No. R10683

Date of Action: May 2, 2014

Revocation for a minimum of one year.

Case Name: Mark A. Cohen, M.D.

License No: D46110

Date of Action: May 22, 2014

Termination of Consent Order dated October 25, 2012.

Case Name: Ralph B. Epstein, M.D.

License No: D08249

Date of Action: May 19, 2014

Termination of Suspension; Probation for a minimum of 3 years with terms and conditions. Fine of \$25,000.00.



Case Name: Thomas P. Gage, M.D.
License No. D21607
Date of Action: May 22, 2014
 Administrative Fine of \$1700.00; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Donald J. Hayes, M.D.
License No: D20985
Date of Action: May 21, 2014
 Termination of condition that his prescription of phentermine or similar drug be reviewed by Supervisor.

Case Name: Rehana Hussain, M.D.
License No.: D43557
Date of Action: May 21, 2014
 Termination of Stayed Suspension. Probation for a minimum of three years from the date of the December 30, 2013 Final Decision and Order with terms and conditions.

Case Name: Jerome Karwacki, Jr., M.D.
License No.: D27525
Date of Action: May 7, 2014
 Permanent Letter of Surrender.

Case Name: Cherie Merritt, RCP
License No: L04856
Date of Action: May 6, 2014
 Termination Consent Order dated May 20, 2013.

Case Name: Jennifer L. Monteleone, PA-C
License No: C03133
Date of Action: May 2, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated April 30, 2012.

Case Name: Willie B. Mvemba, M.D.
License No. D55425
Date of Action: May 5, 2014
 Revocation.

Case Name: Vabian Paden, M.D.
License No. D60744
Date of Action: May 20, 2014
 Fine of \$2000.

Case Name: Susan Rich, M.D.
License No: D62027
Date of Action: May 16, 2014
 Administrative fine of \$1275.00; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Felipe C. Robinson, M.D.
License No.: D29205
Date of Action: May 14, 2014
 Letter of Surrender for a minimum of two years.

Case Name: Norman R. Robinson, M.D.
License No: D62025
Date of Action: May 16, 2014
 Probation until the terms and conditions of Delaware Order have been fulfilled.

Case Name: Leslie M. Simmons, M.D.
License No: D50606
Date of Action: May 20, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated November 14, 2012.

Case Name: Randal Sarro, PA-C
License No.: C04122
Date of Action: May 13, 2014
 Termination of Suspension; Probation for a minimum of two years with terms and conditions.

Case Name: Gretchen L. Smith, PA-C
License No: C02171
Date of Action: May 9, 2014
 Administrative fine of \$500.00.

Case Name: John H. Wilson, M.D.
License No: D44833
Date of Action: May 22, 2014
 Administrative fine of \$5000; terms and conditions.

For June 2014

Case Name: Nahal Aminnia
License No.: Unlicensed
Date of Action: June 3, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated April 28, 2014.

Case Name: Lisa L. Bechtel, PA-C
License No.: C02021
Date of Action: June 18, 2014
 Termination of Final Decision and Order dated May 13, 2014.

Case Name: Dawn Broderick, M.D.
License No.: D45956
Date of Action: June 4, 2014
 Administrative fine of \$2,675; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Doriska Brown, M.D.
License No.: D33779
Date of Action: June 20, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated April 14, 2014.

Case Name: Shireen R. Collins, Radiographer
License No.: R05854
Date of Action: June 3, 2014
 License reinstated with terms and conditions.

Case Name: William T. Dando, M.D.
License No.: D50835
Date of Action: June 5, 2014
 Summary Suspension.

Case Name: William T. Dando, M.D.
License No.: D50835
Date of Action: June 11, 2014
 Summary Suspension of June 5, 2014 is affirmed.

Case Name: Rodney Ebersole, RCP
License No: L03578
Date of Action: June 2, 2014
 Reprimand with terms and conditions.

Case Name: Jeffrey Gaber, M.D.
License No: D23964

Date of Action: June 13, 2014
 Administrative fine of \$3,700; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Ralph J. Gemelli, M.D.
License No.: D16067
Date of Action: June 16, 2014
 Administrative fine of \$4,000; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Andrea Greer (AKA Cuzmanes), NMT
License No.: N1563
Date of Action: June 19, 2014
 Letter of Surrender.

Case Name: Vijay Kumar Grover, M.D.
License No.: D28311
Date of Action: June 13, 2014
 Denial of Application of reinstatement of licensure.

Case Name: Jennifer L. Gularson, PA-C
License No.: C02222
Date of Action: June 5, 2014
 Fine of \$500.

Case Name: Richard Y. Hinton, M.D.
License No.: D50857
Date of Action: June 19, 2014
 Reprimand.

Case Name: Rachel E. Kazman, AT
License No.: A00445
Date of Action: June 17, 2014
 Suspension for one year.

Case Name: Amile A. Korangy, M.D.
License No.: D27704
Date of Action: June 2, 2014
 Summary Suspension of November 5, 2013 is terminated. Fine of \$5000; Probation for a minimum of three years with terms and conditions;

Case Name: David R. Leaverton, M.D.
License No.: D24433
Date of Action: June 20, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated March 7, 2014.

Case Name: Paul J. Mackoul, M.D.
License No: D47612
Date of Action: June 3, 2014
 Reprimand; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Lamont R. Matthews, R.T.
License No: R03332
Date of Action: June 20, 2014
 Suspension.

Case Name: Carrie A. Mohan, RCP
License No: L03357
Date of Action: June 13, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated June 28, 2013.



Board Sanctions

Case Name: Mohammed M. Mohiuddin, M.D.
License No.: D20015
Date of Action: June 19, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated November 20, 2013.

Case Name: Adam N. Summers, M.D.
License No.: D55340
Date of Action: June 19, 2014
 Termination of Final Decision and Order dated May 7, 2012.

Case Name: Robert J. Vissing, M.D.
License No: D33897
Date of Action: June 19, 2014
 Reprimand; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Saul J. Weinreb, M.D.
License No: D61299
Date of Action: June 2, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated November 13, 2013.

Case Name: Athena Wilson, RCP
License No: L03456
Date of Action: June 17, 2014
 Revocation.

For July 2014

Case Name: Harold O. Alexander, M.D.
License Number: D22219
Date of Action: July 21, 2014
 Suspension stayed; Probation for a minimum of 3 years with terms and conditions.

Case Name: Fred R.W. Bailor, D.O.
License No: H29206
Date of Action: July 3, 2014
 Reprimand; Probation for a minimum of 18 months with terms and conditions.

Case Name: Stephen Baylin, M.D.
License No: D09527
Date of Action: July 1, 2014
 Administrative fine of \$1,725; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Montague Blundon, M.D.
License No: D25637
Date of Action: July 1, 2014
 Probation for a minimum of three years with terms and conditions.

Case Name: Rudiger Breiteneker, M.D.
License No: D00875
Date of Action: July 1, 2014
 Permanent surrender of license.

Case Name: Dawn Broderick, M.D.
License No: D45956
Date of Action: July 17, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated June 4, 2014.

Case Name: Stephen P. Cafferty, D.O.
License No: H37228
Date of Action: July 1, 2014

Termination of Consent Order dated August 22, 2012.

Case Name: Debra A. Coats-Walton, M.D.
License No: D51777
Date of Action: July 17, 2014
 Reprimand; Monetary fine of \$5,000.

Case Name: Rupal R. Desai, M.D.
License Number: D61688
Date of Action: July 24, 2014
 Monetary fine of \$1,250.00; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Andrew Martin Ferrill, PA- C
License Number: Applicant
Date of Action: July 29, 2014
 Licensure Granted; terms and conditions

Case Name: Tarique Firozvi, M.D.
License Number: D14221
Date of Action: July 24, 2014
 Reprimand; \$10,000.00 monetary fine; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Oliver W. Flowers, M.D.
License No: D36306
Date of Action: July 21, 2014
 Revocation.

Case Name: C. Thomas Folkemer, M.D.
License Number: D14751
Date of Action: July 16, 2014
 Cease and Desist.

Case Name: Jeffrey Gaber, M.D.
License No: D23964
Date of Action: July 29, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated June 13, 2014.

Case Name: Martin W. Gallagher, Jr., M.D.
License No: D31880
Date of Action: July 10, 2014
 Cease and Desist.

Case Name: Jeanine Gargiulo, PA-C
License No: C04781
Date of Action: July 1, 2014
 Fine of \$500.

Case Name: Fred C. Gebhardt, M.D.
License No: D19529
Date of Action: July 1, 2014
 Fine of \$500.

Case Name: Nanci Rachel Howland, M.D.
License Number: D47912
Date of Action: July 23, 2014
 Reprimand still in effect; The physician has satisfied certain terms and conditions of the Consent Order dated May 22, 2013.

Case Name: Rehan A. Khan, M.D.
License No: D62300
Date of Action: July 1, 2014
 Reprimand; Probation for a minimum of 2 years with terms and conditions.

Case Name: Robert B. Kroopnick, M.D.
License Number: D14753
Date of Action: July 15, 2014
 Reprimand; Probation for a minimum of one (1) year with terms and conditions.

Case Name: Mary Elizabeth Lindsay, M.D.
License Number: D30050
Date of Action: July 25, 2014
 Reprimand; Probation for a minimum of three (3) years with terms and conditions.

Case Name: Charles E. Moore, II, M.D.
License No.: D35330
Date of Action: July 8, 2014
 Reprimand; Monetary fine of \$5,000.00; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Andres Olaciregui, M.D.
License Number: D09180
Date of Action: July 21, 2014
 Reprimand.

Case Name: Carlton D. Romney, PA-C
License Number: C000648
Date of Action: July 18, 2014
 Revocation.

Case Name: Geoffrey Spangler, Radiation Therapist
License No: O00406
Date of Action: July 22, 2014
 Suspension.

Case Name: Karl Spector, M.D.
License No: D55143
Date of Action: July 25, 2014
 Reprimand; monetary fine of \$1,500.00.

Case Name: Gary J. Sprouse, M.D.
License No: D32036
Date of Action: July 30, 2014
 Reprimand.

Case Name: Vincent J. Vaghi, M.D.
License No.: D27925
Date of Action: July 1, 2014
 Reprimand remains in effect; The physician has satisfied the terms and conditions of the Consent Order dated August 28, 2013.

Case Name: Joel W. Walker, M.D.
License No: D69819
Date of Action: July 28, 2014
 One (1) year suspension; Probation for a minimum of three (3) years with terms and conditions.

Case Name: Ghevont W. Wartanian, M.D.
License No: D19700
Date of Action: July 22, 2014
 Reprimand; Monetary fine of \$10,000; terms and conditions.



Case Name: Arnold Zedd
License No: D53164
Date of Action: July 23, 2014
 Termination of Order of Reinstatement dated December 20, 2010.

For August 2014

Case Name: Kamal G. Bangoria, M.D.
License No: D65641
Date of Action: August 27, 2014
 Summary Suspension Affirmed.

Case Name: William L. Chester, M.D.
License No: D30540
Date of Action: August 27, 2014
 Monetary fine of \$5,000.00; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Rupal R. Desai, M.D.
License No: D61688
Date of Action: August 20, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated July 24, 2014.

Case Name: Michael Duplessie, M.D.
License No: D52880
Date of Action: August 28, 2014
 License Suspended.

Case Name: Rodney Ebersole, RCP
License No: L03578
Date of Action: August 15, 2014
 License Surrendered.

Case Name: Eric G. Hansen, AT
License Number: A00060
Date of Action: August 28, 2014
 Summary Suspension Affirmed.

Cholet K. Josue, M.D.
License No: D67956
Date of Action: August 8, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated October 25, 2012.

Case Name: Patricia A. Newton, M.D.
License No: D23551
Date of Action: August 27, 2014
 Summary Suspension.

Case Name: Alan Rosenthal
License No: Unlicensed
Date of Action: August 6, 2014
 Monetary fine of \$2,500.00.

Case Name: Ronald E. Thomas, M.D.
License No: D26318
Date of Action: August 22, 2014
 Reprimand; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Minus George Vasiliades, M.D.
License No: D64755
Date of Action: August 15, 2014
 Termination of Suspension of December 19, 2012; Probation with terms and conditions.

Case Name: Kelly L. Walker, R.T.
License No: R09879
Date of Action: August 19, 2014
 License Surrendered.

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Case Name: Mark R. Abbruzzese, M.D.
License Number: D48226
Date of Action: September 3, 2014
 Reprimand. Reciprocal action.

Case Name: Richmond P. Allan, M.D.
License Number: D34406
Date of Action: September 25, 2014
 Suspension. Reciprocal action.

Case Name: Mohammad O. Aslam, M.D.
License Number: D73565
Date of Action: September 4, 2014
 License Surrender.

Case Name: Jyoti Behl, M.D.
License Number: D35641
Date of Action: September 4, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated May 20, 2014.

Case Name: Manjula Borge, M.D.
License Number: D66257
Date of Action: September 15, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated February 27, 2014.

Case Name: Denise A. Chevalier, M.D.
License Number: D33391
Date of Action: September 23, 2014
 Monetary Fine of \$1,300.00; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Denise A. Chevalier, M.D.
License Number: D33391
Date of Action: September 25, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated September 23, 2014.

Case Name: Debra A. Coats-Walton, M.D.
License Number: D51777
Date of Action: September 26, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated July 17, 2014.

Case Name: Richard T. Cook Jr, M.D.
License Number: D55631
Date of Action: September 23, 2014
 Reprimand. Reciprocal action taken by the New Hampshire Board.

Case Name: William T. Dando, M.D.
License Number: D50835
Date of Action: September 2, 2014
 Permanent Surrender.

Case Name: Michael Q. Durry, M.D.
License Number: D63673
Date of Action: September 16, 2014
 Termination of Suspension of June 27, 2012; Probation for 3 years with terms and conditions.

Case Name: Brent R. Fox, M.D.
License Number: D35246
Date of Action: September 2, 2014
 Reprimand; Probation for 6 months with terms

and conditions.

Case Name: Teneice A. Johnson
License Number: Unlicensed
Date of Action: September 26, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated July 17, 2014.

Case Name: William E. Keefe, M.D.
License Number: D30798
Date of Action: September 24, 2014
 Monetary fine of \$1,000.00; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Patricia A. Newton, M.D.
License Number: D23551
Date of Action: September 11, 2014
 Summary Suspension Affirmed.

Case Name: Yanjalagere K. Ramaiah, M.D.
License Number: D12975
Date of Action: September 9, 2014
 Summary Suspension.

Case Name: Yanjalagere K. Ramaiah, M.D.
License Number: D12975
Date of Action: September 25, 2014
 Summary Suspension Affirmed.

Case Name: Michael J. Richardson, M.D.
License Number: D15910
Date of Action: September 3, 2014
 Monetary fine of \$700.00; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Randal Sarro, PA-C
License Number: C04122
Date of Action: September 19, 2014
 Reprimand.

Case Name: Karl Spector, M.D.
License Number: D55143
Date of Action: September 26, 2014
 Termination of Consent Order dated July 25, 2014.





Board Member Recruitment

The Maryland Board of Physicians is soliciting nominations for upcoming Physician Member positions on the Board. Maryland residency requirements will apply. Physician nominees will be accepted from Maryland physician organizations representing at least 25 licensed physicians in the State, on the organization's letterhead, and signed by the administrator of the organization. Non-organization physician nominees will be accepted with a valid petition stating the candidate's name, address, license number, and signature. The petition must be supported with the names, license numbers and signatures of 25 physicians licensed in Maryland.

Nominations and petitions must include a completed Biographical Information form, a completed Appointee Exemption Disclosure (AED) form and resume or curriculum vitae of the nominee. The documents below provide more details.

The Board is especially interested in physicians with experience working with Physician Assistants and/or Athletic Trainers.

Please forward all nominations and petitions no later than **November 3, 2014**. *Click below to access the needed forms:*

- http://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/Board_recruitment_092014.pdf



CMEs for Physicians with Dispensing Permits

Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations, §12-102 became effective July 1, 2013. This is a Pharmacy law that requires physicians who prepare and dispense prescriptions, pursuant to a dispensing permit issued by the Board, to complete ten continuing education credits over a 5 year period relating to the preparing and dispensing of prescription drugs. The law specifically directs dispensers to take courses offered by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), *or as approved by the Secretary*.

ACPE courses have been difficult for physicians to access through its website. Therefore, the Board has researched appropriate courses, submitted the list to the Secretary for his approval in accordance with the legislation, and the approved list is available on the Board's website (http://www.mbp.state.md.us/pages/drug_control.html).



Keep Your Practitioner Profile Updated

All licensed practitioners can edit their demographic information through the online practitioner profile on the Board's website. Through your practitioner profile, you can update your nonpublic, primary practice and public addresses. You can also add postgraduate training programs or specialty board certifications and add or remove your self-designated practice area. The changes you submit through the profile are updated on the Board's internal database within 24 hours.

To edit your online profile:

Go to the Board's website at <https://www.mbp.state.md.us/bpqapp>

- On the right hand side of the home page click "Practitioner Profiles".
- Type in your license number under the heading, "Are you a licensed practitioner and need to create/edit your profile information?"
- First time users must complete the initial registration screen. If already registered, enter your password at the prompt.
- Once registered, select the edit button for the category of information you would like to edit.

NOTE: The Board no longer processes paper or email requests for address changes. Practitioners can change their own address through the Practitioner Profile System at <https://www.mbp.state.md.us/bpqapp>.

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New Licensure Regulations

The new Physician Licensure regulations became effective on September 29, 2014. These regulations result from the enactment of legislation in the 2013 legislative session. The most noteworthy changes include:

- The elimination of the 60 day late renewal. If a physician's license expires, an application for reinstatement is required.
- Authorizes a maximum of 5 CME credits per renewal cycle for voluntary, uncompensated services in the practice of medicine.
- Requires an applicant and a licensee to inform the Board within 30 days of any charges, violations, criminal charges, convictions, hospital actions including investigations, any physical or mental condition that impairs the physician's ability to practice medicine, other state licensing or disciplinary board actions and related matters.

For more information, please click:

<http://www.mbp.state.md.us/pages/regulations.html>