



# Maryland Board of Physicians

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## WHAT'S NEW AT THE BOARD

### BOARD OF PHYSICIANS ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN



**Robert G. Hennessy, M.D.**

At its October 2007 meeting, the Maryland Board of Physicians elected Robert G. Hennessy, M.D. to serve as Chairman for the next two years. Dr. Hennessy is Board certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery and maintains a private practice in the Baltimore region in neurological surgery and was appointed to the Board in 2003.

Dr. Hennessy graduated from the Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1960. After postgraduate training in surgery, completed at the University of Minnesota, Dr. Hennessy completed residency training in neurosurgery at the University of Maryland and had additional postgraduate training in England and Sweden and at the Fort Howard Veterans Hospital.

Dr. Hennessy is married and has five children. His professional memberships include, among others, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Congress of Neurological Surgery, Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, and the Neurosurgical Society of the Virginias.



Harry C. Knipp, M.D. and C. Irving Pinder, Jr.

Dr. Hennessy succeeds Dr. Harry C. Knipp, the first chairman to be elected by the newly appointed Board of Physicians in 2004. Term limits prevented Dr. Knipp from re-election as Board Chair. Dr. Knipp will continue to serve on the Board and will continue as chairman of the Investigative Review Panel.

### “TAKE AS DIRECTED”

Do these words appear on the prescriptions you write? Will your patient remember your directions when it is time to take the medication? Will the pharmacist have enough information to satisfy insurance companies? Even in the best circumstances, when you and your patient are communicating well, the chances are that your patient (or even you) will not remember all of the details of your conversation. Don't take a chance: make sure that your prescriptions indicate dosage, frequency, and other critical information that would affect when and how the medication should be taken. This is not a substitute for a discussion with your patient; it should be a supplement, to reinforce your discussion. The result could be fewer errors and better compliance by your patient.

### BOARD SEEKING NOMINATIONS TO FILL BOARD VACANCIES

The Maryland Board of Physicians is soliciting nominations for physicians to fill four Board member positions. Also available are two seats for consumer members.

Physician nominees will be accepted from Maryland physician organizations representing at least 25 licensed physicians in the State. These nominations should be on the organization's letterhead and signed by the administrator of the organization. In addition, nominations will be accepted from individual Maryland licensed physicians who submit a valid petition signed by 25 Maryland licensed physicians. The petition should contain the candidate's name, address, license number, and signature; and the names, license numbers and signatures of the signers of the petition.

Nominations and petitions must include a completed biographical information form and resume or curriculum vitae of the nominee. The form may be downloaded from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene website: [www.dhmh.state.md.us/execnom](http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/execnom).

Please forward all nominations and petitions to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, John M. Colmers, at 201 West Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, Attention Anna Lieberman, Administrator, Appointments and Executive Nominations by February 2, 2008. The Department is committed to obtaining increased gender, geographical and minority representation on each of the Boards, Commissions and Task Forces.

Valid nominations and petitions will be forwarded to Governor Martin O'Malley. The Governor will appoint the new physician Board members from the nominations.

## PHYSICIAN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

**James B. Allen, M.D.**, No License (Cocoa Beach, FL)  
 Application for Initial Medical Licensure is denied. The Board's action is based on action taken by the Medical Boards of Florida and Washington State, and the physician's failure to notify the Maryland Board of denial of his application in Washington State. Date of Action: August 22, 2007

**Edward J. Arrison, M.D.**, License #: D50993  
 Area of Practice: Anesthesiology (Edgewood, MD)  
 Reprimand; Probation for a minimum of 5 years subject to terms and conditions. The physician violated the terms of his Disposition Agreement based on his relapse of January 30, 2006, his self reported relapse since January 2004, and failure to reveal the Disposition Agreement to his employer. Date of Action: July 25, 2007

**Michael L. Beavers, D.O.**, H57008 (Berlin, MD)  
 Suspension of the January 24, 2007, Consent Order is terminated effective September 1, 2007; Probation for a minimum of 5 years subject to terms and conditions. The physician has met the conditions precedent to termination of the suspension. Date of Action: September 6, 2007

**Rosita H. Dee, M.D.**, License #: D21691  
 Area of Practice: Neurology (Silver Spring, MD)  
 Permanent Revocation. Although warned, sanctioned, and educated by the Board twice previously, the physician continues to provide inadequate and dangerous medical care; her deficiencies as a medical practitioner have been proven to be irremediable. Date of Action: June 13, 2007

**Michael Q. Durry, M.D.**, License #: D63673  
 Area of Practice: Surgery (Baltimore, MD)  
 Summary Suspension. The physician engaged in sexual misconduct with a female inmate at a medical clinic of a correctional institution, and engaged in unprofessional conduct and violated state regulations pertaining to sexual misconduct with female employees at a hospital facility where he had held privileges. Date of Action: August 6, 2007

**Aleksandr I. Dzhnanashvili**, Unlicensed Medical Practitioner  
 Area of Practice: (Baltimore, MD)  
 Permanent Revocation; any application for licensure, registration, or certification will not be accepted. The first year resident in a hospital residency program, among other things, posed as a licensed physician, entered the premises of a nursing home on several occasions, and unlawfully removed narcotic-eluding patches from a ventilator-dependent patient. Date of Action: July 25, 2007

**Morton J. Ellin, M.D.**, D03078 (Baltimore, MD)  
 Permanent Revocation. The Board found that the physician was guilty of immoral and unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine because of his sexual contact with an 18 year old patient over a period of 7 years, with the sexual contact occurring in the examining room in his office and in a hotel room. Date of Action: September 26, 2007

**Ralph B. Epstein, M.D.**, D08249 (Owings Mills, MD)  
 Reprimand; Probation for a minimum of 2 years subject to terms and conditions; and a fine of \$20,000. The Board found that the physician violated the standards of care and failed to maintain adequate medical records based on his failure to provide informed consent, failure to document on a hospital consent form, failure to post in the operating room, and failure to document in the operative note a procedure for which he did not have privileges with regard to three patients, and at another hospital performed a procedure for which he did not have privileges. Date of Action: October 1, 2007

**Eric G. Flegel, D.O.**, License #: H59852  
 Area of Practice: General Practice (Sandsprings, OK)  
 Revocation. The physician unilaterally terminated his compliance with the Board's Disposition Agreement and underlying contract that addressed rehabilitation issues; failed to contact his case manager at the Board for more than 2 years; and failed to respond to the Board's repeated requests for compliance. Date of Action: June 22, 2007

**Allan S. Gold, M.D.**, D19994 (Baltimore, MD)  
 Suspension for 6 months; 3 months stayed; suspension effective 30 days from the date of the order; after the 3 months of active suspension, Probation for a minimum of 2 years subject to terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician engaged in unprofessional conduct and failed to meet standards of quality care with regard to a patient he treated from June 1998 to September 2000. Date of Action: September 26, 2007

**Eric C. Greenberg, M.D.**, License #: D50275  
 Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Bethesda, MD)  
 Probation for 3 years subject to terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician engaged in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine by prescribing CDS to a family member for 2 years; and failed to meet standards of quality care and maintain adequate medical records in regard to 6 patients. Date of Action: June 27, 2007



**Robert C. Karlsberg, M.D.**, License #: D06842  
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Potomac, MD)  
Revocation; the Board will not entertain an application for reinstatement for 5 years. The Board concluded that the physician committed many egregious acts of unprofessional misconduct by entangling himself inappropriately and unethically in the personal, financial, and professional lives of 5 of his patients. He provided dangerously substandard care to his patients. The Board also concluded that the physician was guilty of intimidating or attempting to intimidate a person to withhold or change testimony in hearings or proceedings before the Board; and guilty of trying to hinder, prevent, or otherwise delay any person from making information available to the Board in furtherance of an investigation of the Board. Date of Action: August 13, 2007

**Jeremy A. King, M.D.**, License #: D60206  
Area of Practice: General Practice (San Antonio, TX)  
Reprimand. The physician was sanctioned by the California Medical Board based on a Nonjudicial Punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for engaging in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a female patient. Date of Action: July 25, 2007

**Ian E. Kirk, M.D.**, Unlicensed Medical Practitioner  
Area of Practice: (Silver Spring, MD)  
Application for initial medical licensure denied. The physician willfully made false statements on his application for initial medical licensure in Maryland. Date of Action: June 6, 2007

**Godfrey W. Major, M.D.**, License #: D42197  
Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Baltimore, MD)  
Revocation. The physician failed to provide his patients with medical information that they needed and completely failed to cooperate with the Board's investigation at any point. Date of Action: June 20, 2007

**Herbert L. Muncie, M.D.**, D14622 (Mandeville, LA)  
Suspension imposed by the March 28, 2007, Consent Order is stayed; all other terms of the Order remain in effect. The physician has met the terms and conditions precedent to staying the suspension. Date of Action: October 4, 2007

**Roman Ostrovsky, M.D.**, License #: D51563  
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Baltimore, MD)  
Revocation. The physician pled guilty to a crime of moral turpitude, that is, the physician did knowingly and willfully make and cause to be made a series of false statements and material misrepresentation in claims for payment which were submitted to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, and thereby became subject to statute that mandates revocation of license. Date of Action: June 12, 2007

**Ali Razi, M.D.**, D58379 (Laurel, MD)  
Reprimand; the Board took action based on disciplinary action taken by the New York State Board of Medical Conduct. Date of Action: September 26, 2007

**Michael S. A. Richardson, M.D.**, D45438 (Memphis, TN)  
Reprimand. The Board took action based on disciplinary action taken by the District of Columbia for certain prescribing practices. Date of Action: September 26, 2007

**Mahmaud Shirazi, M.D.**, License #: D46962  
Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Salisbury, MD)  
Summary Suspension. The Board concluded that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively required emergency action based on the investigatory information that the physician inappropriately touched three female patients in a sexual manner. Date of Action: June 18, 2007

**Stephen C. Schellhase, M.D.**, License #: D56490  
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Baltimore, MD)  
Suspension for a minimum of 6 months; subject to terms and conditions; Probation for 3 years subject to terms and conditions. The physician engaged in sexual misconduct with a patient. Date of Action: June 27, 2007

**Carol J. Scott, M.D. AKA Carol Ruth Scott, M.D.**, License #: D34537  
Area of Practice: Emergency Medicine (Baltimore, MD)  
Reprimand; fine of \$5,000 to be paid 120 days after the date of the order; reinstatement of license after compliance with terms; the February 23, 2000, Consent Order to remain in effect and incorporated in this order. The physician violated the February 23, 2000, Consent Order of the Board. Date of Action: May 23, 2007

**Joanne Shay, M.D.**, D53230 (Baltimore, MD)  
Reprimand; terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician failed to meet standards of care in regard to a patient in her practice of anesthesiology. Date of Action: October 24, 2007

**Asuncion Soriano, M.D.**, License #: D17128  
Area of Practice: General Practice (Capitol Heights, MD)  
Permanent Letter of Surrender. The physician decided to permanently surrender her license to avoid further prosecution of the disciplinary charges based on findings of peer reviewers that she breached the standard of quality care in the six cases reviewed. Date of Action: May 23, 2007



**Adam N. Summers, M.D.**, D55340 (Glen Burnie, MD)  
 Reprimand; Probation for minimum of 2 years subject to terms and conditions; and a fine of \$20,000. The Board found that the physician was guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine with regard to a patient in his practice of plastic surgery.  
 Date of Action: October 24, 2007

**Oparaugo I. Udebiuwa, M.D.**, D44603 (Davidson, MD)  
 Revocation. The physician pled guilty to a crime of moral turpitude, that is, 5 counts of misdemeanor Medicaid Fraud, and thereby was subject to statute that mandates revocation of license. Date of Action: October 24, 2007

**Steven K.S. Yu, M.D.**, License #: D39776  
 Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Gaithersburg, MD)  
 Reprimand subject to terms. The physician failed to meet the standards of quality care in regard to a patient in his practice of obstetrics and gynecology by failing to treat the patient's post-partum hemorrhage in a timely or aggressive manner resulting in an irreversible anemic/hypovolemic state. Date of Action: June 27, 2007

**PHYSICIANS ADMINISTRATIVE FINES**

**Jose E. Gonzalez, M.D.**, License #: D30953  
 Area of Practice: Pediatrics (Eldersburg, MD)  
 Administrative fine of \$1,000. The physician practiced medicine after his medical license had lapsed. Date of Action: July 23, 2007

**ALLIED HEALTH DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

**Michael K. Glass, MRT**, License #: R03868  
 Area of Practice: Radiation Technology (Sykesville, MD)  
 Reinstatement of Certification denied. Although the practitioner's recent statements are that he has refrained from drug and alcohol use and has had recent negative screenings, the Board at this time took its action based on the practitioner's long history of chemical dependency and criminal activity.  
 Date of Action: August 30, 2007

**George A. Gravesande, RCP**, License #: L03797  
 Area of Practice: Respiratory Therapy (Rockville, MD)  
 Summary Suspension. The Board determined that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively required emergency action based on its investigative information that the health care practitioner sexually assaulted a patient at a hospital. Date of Action: June 27, 2007

**Jane Lafferty, MRT**, R00988 (Baltimore, MD)  
 Surrender of Certificate to Practice Medical Radiation Technology based on the practitioner's current health status. Date of Action: September 26, 2007

**Carlton D. Romney, P.A.**, License #: C00648  
 Area of Practice: Physician Assistant (Clinton, MD)  
 Application for reinstatement of certification as a physician assistant is denied. The applicant withheld information that was critical for the Board to have in order to properly assess his certification application in 1988, and again on his reinstatement application in 2005.  
 Date of Action: June 19, 2007

**Nina S. Sloan, RCP**, Certification #: L03062  
 Area of Practice: Respiratory Therapy Technician (Randallstown, MD)  
 Suspension of the Respiratory Care Practitioner license is terminated effective May 23, 2007; Probation for a minimum of 3 years from May 23, 2007, to continue until successful completion of terms and conditions. The individual has completed the 6 month period of active suspension and has petitioned the Board in writing for termination of her suspension, is not under investigation by the Board, and no charges have been issued against her. Date of Action: May 25, 2007

**Varghese A. Varghese, RCP**, License #: L02766  
 Area of Practice: Respiratory Therapy (Ellicott City, MD)  
 Reprimand; Probation until the practitioner has complied with terms and conditions. The practitioner looked at a patient's confidential medical record without authorization or a legitimate medical reason. Date of Action: August 22, 2007

**Dana M. Weaver, RCP**, License #: L04238  
 Area of Practice: Respiratory Therapy (Silver Spring, MD)  
 Summary Suspension. The practitioner failed to disclose on her application for certification and her renewal application that her employment had been affected by disciplinary action, and that she was convicted of criminal acts (forgery and embezzlement). Date of Action: August 23, 2007

**ALLIED HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE FINES**

**Tsehay Alemayehu, RT**, O00546 (Brandywine, MD)  
 Administrative fine of \$500. The allied health professional practiced prior to her certification. Date of Action: September 12, 2007

**Tina M. Clark, MRT**, R08500 (Severn, MD)  
 Administrative fine in the amount of \$500. The allied health professional practiced prior to her certification. Date of Action: October 10, 2007

**Willie Laney, Jr., MRT**, R07427 (Germantown, MD)  
 Administrative fine in the amount of \$500. The allied health practitioner practiced with a lapsed certificate. Date of Action: October 10, 2007



**Saroj R. Patel, NMT**, Certificate #: N01228  
 Area of Practice: Nuclear Medicine Technology (Silver Spring, MD) Administrative fine of \$500. The health care practitioner practiced nuclear medical technology without a certificate, in violation of the Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §14-5B-17(b). Date of Action: June 14, 2007

**Sally J. Stevens, MRT**, R08501 (Severna Park, MD)  
 Administrative fine of \$500. The allied health professional practiced prior to her certification. Date of Action: September 26, 2007

**PRACTICING WITHOUT A LICENSE**

**Loren Eric Lockman**  
 Area of Practice: (Thurmont, MD)  
 Order to Cease & Desist from the practice of Medicine; fine of \$320,000. The individual practiced medicine without a license and represented to the public that he was authorized to practice medicine. The individual prescribed and promoted water-only fasting for lengthy periods for individuals whose health conditions were harmed (including the death of an individual) or could have been harmed by engaging in such fasting. Date of Action: August 31, 2007

**Timothy Scott Trader**  
 Area of Practice: (Downey, CA)  
 Order to Cease & Desist from the practice of Medicine; fine of \$70,000. The individual practiced medicine without a license and represented to the public that he was authorized to practice medicine. His conduct with regard to two individuals was egregious, and his actions with regard to one of them resulted in her death. Date of Action: August 31, 2007

**CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDITS**

A new provision of Maryland law empowers the Maryland Board of Physicians to impose a civil fine of \$100 per missing credit for a physician who cannot provide documentation of having completed 50 hours of continuing medical education (CME) during the 2-year period before the physician's renewal. A newly licensed physician is required to complete the online New Physician Orientation before the physician's first renewal. The requirement for earning 50 CMEs applies to all renewals after the first renewal. By regulation, physicians are required to retain documentation of CMEs for 6 years. The Board audits a random sample of physicians by requesting that they submit documentation of their CMEs. The Board retains the authority to impose other penalties (reprimand, suspension, revocation) in cases relating to CMEs for repeat offenders, falsification of documentation, etc.

**EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP  
 ADDED TO STAFF  
 WELCOME OUR NEW EMPLOYEES**

**John T. Papavasiliou  
 Deputy Director**

Prior to joining the Board in July 2007, John worked in the Mental Hygiene Administration as the Chief Operating Officer of RICA-Baltimore from 1999-2005. In 2005 he moved to the Developmental Disabilities Administration, serving as the Deputy Director of Rosewood State Hospital Center. Prior to 1999 he worked as an independent Information Systems consultant, focusing on systems analysis, database development and process automation. John has a B.S. in Business Administration as well as an M.B.A. in Information Systems.

**Jennifer Williams  
 Chief Licensure Division**

Jennifer Williams comes to the MBP with background in Management and Administration having been employed as the Executive Director of The Housing Assistance Corp. and with several State Agencies to include the Office of the Attorney General, Dept. Of Social Services and the State Retirement Agency. Ms. Williams holds a Bachelors in Urban Studies from Morgan State University and a Masters in Management Administration with a concentration in Healthcare Administration from The College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

**Jill Porter  
 Public Policy Analyst**

Jill Porter, an experienced professional with more than 25 years in the public sector at the state and federal levels, joined the MBP staff on August 29, 2007. Jill has served in the executive branch of Maryland state government for five governors. Previous positions have included service as legislative director for the Department of Budget and Management, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and the Maryland Department of Education. Jill, a resident of Baltimore, is a graduate of Western Maryland (now McDaniel) College.

**POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS  
 The Board regulates a new profession**

As of October 1, 2006, a new law requires the Board to regulate Polysomnographic Technologists. Polysomnographic Technologists assist physicians in administering sleep tests to patients that are suspected of having sleep disorders. The Board has established an advisory committee and is developing regulations for polysomnographic technologists. Individuals practicing polysomnography are not required to be licensed until October 1, 2009. However, anyone working as a technologist performing sleep studies should review the Board's website, [www.mbp.state.md.us](http://www.mbp.state.md.us), to determine the qualifications for licensure as a technologist. By October 1, 2009 anyone practicing polysomnographic technology must be licensed by the Board. If the individual is not licensed, the individual may be fined up to \$5,000 for practicing without a license.

## REMINDERS FOR ALLIED HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

### Practicing without a license

Individuals who plan to practice as medical radiation technologists, nuclear medicine technologists, physician assistants, radiation therapists or respiratory care practitioners must have a Maryland license/certificate before practicing or be subject to a fine up to \$5,000. Any individual who knowingly aids the unauthorized practice of the above mentioned professionals may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board. Physician Assistants must also have an approved delegation agreement on file with the Board before they can practice.

The only exceptions to practicing without a license/certificate are medical radiation technologists, nuclear medicine technologists and radiation therapists who are participating in an internship program approved by the Board. Individuals planning to participate in an approved internship program must complete an internship application and send it to the Board for approval. To find out if an internship program is approved, contact the Board at 410-764-4774. The participant must receive an approval letter from the Board before participating in the internship program.

**Name and Address Changes:** Allied Health practitioners are required to notify the Board in writing of a name or address change within 60 days of the change or be subject to a \$100 administrative fine. Practitioners may go to the Board's website at <http://www.mbp.state.md.us/pages/forms.html> and download address change and name change forms.

### Reminders for Physician Assistants

**Termination Notices:** Employers are required to notify the board within ten (10) days of any termination of employment. If the termination of employment is related to a quality care issue, then employers are required to notify the Board within five (5) business days.

### Temporary Practice Letters Qualifications

**Physician Assistants may qualify for a temporary practice letter if:**

- a. The Board previously approved a delegation agreement for the physician assistant with the same scope of practice as currently requested in the proposed delegation agreement; AND
- b. The Board previously approved a delegation agreement for the supervising physician to supervise one or more physician assistants in the proposed practice setting for the same scope of practice as currently requested in the proposed delegation agreement.

**Physician Assistants will not qualify for a temporary practice letter if:**

- a. The supervising physician has never been approved by the Board to supervise a physician assistant; AND
- b. A physician assistant has never been approved by the Board to practice as a physician assistant in Maryland.

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