New Board Chairman Appointed

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

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.
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 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.


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.

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

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.
NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010


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

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

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
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.
For April 2014

Case Name: Abdul H. Abbasi, M.D.
License No: D44155
Date of Action: April 28, 2014

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

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 Name: Andrea Greer (AKA Cuzmanes)
License No: Applicant (NMT)
Date of Action: April 2, 2014
Fine of $5,000; terms and conditions.

Case Name: Jyoti Behl, M.D.
License No: D60954
Date of Action: April 3, 2014
Reprimand.

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 8, 2014
Indefinite Suspension; Reciprocal action.

Case Name: Renee Tucker
License No: Unlicensed
Date of Action: April 16, 2014

Case Name: Tina West, M.D.
License No: D41594
Date of Action: April 17, 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

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  

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  

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.

Case Name: Najal 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  

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: A03332  
Date of Action: June 20, 2014  
Suspension.

Case Name: Carrie A. Mohan, RCP  
License No: L03357  
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<td>Robert J. Vissing, M.D.</td>
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<td>July 8, 2014</td>
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<td>Carlton D. Romney, PA-C</td>
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<td>Vincent J. Vaghi, M.D.</td>
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<td>Reprimand remains in effect; The physician has satisfied the terms and conditions of the Consent Order dated August 28, 2013.</td>
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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  

Case Name: Rupal R. Desai, M.D.  
License No: D61688  
Date of Action: August 20, 2014  
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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 No: A00060  
Date of Action: August 28, 2014  
Summary Suspension Affirmed.

Case Name: Cholet K. Josue, M.D.  
License No: D67956  
Date of Action: August 8, 2014  

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  
Termination of Consent Order dated July 17, 2014.

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: Rich mond P. Allan, M.D.  
License Number: D34406  
Date of Action: September 25, 2014  
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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  

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  

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: D55143  
Date of Action: September 26, 2014  

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  
## 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](http://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/Board_recruitment_092014.pdf)

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### 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](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](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](https://www.mbp.state.md.us/bpqapp).
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