

Maryland Board of Physicians

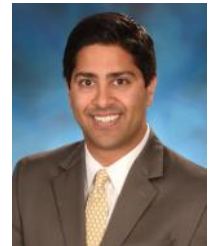
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Fall 2015

Message from the Board Chair

Hello and welcome to the Maryland Board of Physicians' Fall 2015 Newsletter. The Board's mission is to protect the public health through efficient licensure, effective discipline, and progressive policy-making.

This medical board is the third largest in the U.S., regulating more than 45,000 licensees, including physicians, physician assistants, and many allied health providers such as athletic trainers, nuclear medicine technologists, polysomnographic technologists, and radiologist assistants. Interestingly, in 2014, the Maryland General Assembly enacted legislation fully authorizing the practice of naturopathic medicine in Maryland; this additional allied health group will be regulated by the Board and will be eligible for licensing in March 2016.



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This year, the Board, along with key stakeholders, worked diligently to promulgate regulations that will ultimately govern the practice of naturopathy. As a corollary to these regulations, the Board also convened a formulary workgroup to advise the legislature on a statutorily unanswered question: what, if any, prescriptive authority should naturopaths be granted?

After exhaustive meetings with stakeholders representing organizations such as the trade society for naturopathy, the physician trade society MedChi, and the Board of Pharmacy - and after conducting a thorough review of other states licensing naturopaths - the formulary workgroup's recommendation was to strictly limit naturopathic prescriptive authority to oxygen and epinephrine for emergency situations only. The recommendation has been forwarded to the legislature, along with a request to consider creating a Complimentary and Alternative Medicine board to ameliorate any potential challenges confronted by allopathic and osteopathic practitioners in regulating an unfamiliar naturopathic standard of care.

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Naturopathic Medicine Update

During the 2014 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly enacted HB 402/SB 314-Health Occupations-State Board of Physicians-Naturopathic Doctors.* This legislation established a [Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee](#) (NMAC), which was required "to develop and recommend" regulations, including a "Code of Ethics" for the Board's review.

The NMAC, along with Board staff and Board Counsel, have met since Fall 2014 to develop these regulations. The proposed regulations contain 20 sections, including definitions, qualifications for initial licensure, the written attestation, the scope of practice, grounds for discipline, investigations and hearings, advertising, and the code of ethics. The Board approved the proposed regulations submitted by the NMAC, and the draft was posted on the Board's Website for informal comments.

The Board received two comment letters. One generally was supportive of the proposed regulations but expressed concern regarding the amount of the initial licensure fee. The writer of the second letter opined that the proposed regulations were not stringent enough. The Board responded to both letters.

The Board will post further updates on its Website as the proposed regulations move through the promulgation process.

**Chapter 153 and Chapter 399, Acts of 2014*

Board News

Message from the Board Chair

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At my request, Board staff has queried our computer system, and I can share the following Fiscal Year 2015 licensing and disciplinary statistics with you:

- ◆ Average time for initial physician licensing: 46 days in Maryland
- ◆ Percentage of physician licenses issued within 10 days of receipt of the last qualifying document: 95%
- ◆ Physician credentials processed (for initial licensure): 21,563
- ◆ Allied health credentials processed (for initial licensure): 6,091
- ◆ Complaints investigated: 932
- ◆ Investigative cases reviewed by Disciplinary Panels: 586
- ◆ Cases over 18 months (i.e. the backlog): 1
- ◆ Total Board disciplinary actions: 289

As you can see, the Board is an enormously busy state agency; nevertheless, the Board strives for excellence in its operations, including customer service. The mission to protect the public health always guides the Board's decision-making at every turn. The Board sincerely looks forward to serving the public interests, as well as those of its licensees.

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Board Welcomes New Member

The Board is pleased to announce that its new consumer member is Charles Gast of Anne Arundel County.

Mr. Gast has extensive experience in investigation, public policy, and regulations, previously serving on the Board of Nursing, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Board of Review, and the Tipton Airport Authority.

Mr. Gast works for State Farm Insurance and is active in coaching baseball.

The Board welcomes Mr. Gast and appreciates his willingness to devote his time and effort to serving on the Board.

Board Holds Forum on New Licensing and Case Management System

On November 2, 2015, the Board held an informational and outreach forum regarding the development or acquisition of a new system to manage licensing and case management of investigations. The forum included an overview of the Board's current system and processes, and discussion of a future system.

A new system could realize cost savings, improved licensing efficiencies and effectiveness, and timely resolutions of investigations.

Stakeholders who would like to submit ideas or comments to the Board may send them to: mbpmail@rcn.com.

The mission of the 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.

Physicians Must Register with the State to Certify Patients for Medical Cannabis

*Contributed by Hannah Byron,
Executive Director of the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission*

Under the terms of Maryland law, licensed physicians in the state must register with the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC) in order to certify patients for medical cannabis treatment. MMCC, which anticipates medical cannabis will be available to patients during the second half of 2016, has established an online physicians' registry at the Commission's Website: MMCC.maryland.gov.

In order to complete the registration, physicians will need to provide their Maryland physician's license number and controlled dangerous substance (CDS) number.

After successfully registering, physicians will receive an instant e-mail message confirming the process is complete. The confirmation e-mail will make reference to the patient registry and the written certification form, although these documents are not currently available on the Website. MMCC anticipates these materials will be available in early 2016.

In addition to the physicians' registry, the MMCC Website includes extensive information regarding medical cannabis as a treatment option for patients, including links to online courses and training in the science and medicine of cannabis. The site also includes notices of seminars and other live events of interest to Maryland-based physicians.

Note: Physicians with questions related to the registry or other MMCC matters should contact the MMCC by e-mailing to: dhmh.medicalcannabis@maryland.gov.

Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force's Final Report Released

In February 2015, Governor Larry Hogan issued two executive orders, establishing the Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force (the Task Force) and a separate Inter-Agency Coordinating Council to address the state's growing heroin and opioid crisis. This summer, the Task Force issued an Interim Report containing findings from regional field summits, areas of further study, ten preliminary recommendations, and approved resource allocations.

The Task Force submitted its Final Report to Governor Hogan on December 1, 2015. The Final Report contains 33 recommendations divided into seven major categories, which include expanding access to treatment, enhancing quality of care, and boosting overdose prevention efforts. The Board's [continuing medical education mandate](#) is noted in the Final Report, which recommends that two other health occupations boards also require the completion of one hour of education related to opioid prescribing.

To view both reports, visit the Website of Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford, who serves as chair of the Task Force, at <http://governor.maryland.gov/ltgovernor/home/heroin-and-opioid-emergency-task-force>.

Dispensing Permits Continuing Education

Continuing education (CE) requirements regarding dispensing permits can be found in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.13.01.03 D, which states:

D. Continuing Education Requirement.

- (1) A permit holder shall complete 10 continuing education credits over a 5-year period relating to the preparing and dispensing of prescription drugs as a condition of permit renewal.
- (2) The continuing education credit requirement shall be implemented in accordance with Ch. 267, §2, Acts of 2012.

The required CE credits were being phased in as follows for permits expiring:

- a. in 2014, the physician shall complete two CE credits;
- b. in 2015, the physician shall complete four CE credits;
- c. in 2016, the physician shall complete six CE credits;
- d. in 2017, the physician shall complete eight CE credits;
- e. in 2018, the physician shall complete ten CE credits.

Additional information is available on the Board's "Drug Dispensing Permit Information" Web page:

http://www.mbp.state.md.us/pages/drug_control.html.

Allied Health Renewals

Perfusionist-Advanced licenses will expire on January 31, 2016. Perfusionist-Advanced licensees may renew their licenses from **December 7, 2015 through January 31, 2016**. They will be required to attest that they are currently certified by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion before they can renew their licenses.

Go to http://www.mbp.state.md.us/pages/allied_health.html on the Board's Website and click on *How Do I Renew My License*. The renewal fee is \$257 (\$221 renewal fee and a \$36 fee assessed by the Maryland Health Care Commission*).

Any Perfusionist-Advanced licensee practicing without a license after January 31, 2016, may be fined up to \$5,000.

*For more information about the assessment, please go to the Maryland Health Care Commission's Website at <http://www.mhcc.maryland.gov>.

Advisory Committee Recruitment

The Board is seeking candidates to fill two vacant positions on the [Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee \(RCPSC\)](#):

- ◆ One thoracic surgeon
- ◆ One respiratory care practitioner

Qualifications

Successful candidates must have a current, unencumbered Maryland license. The physician must be a specialist in thoracic surgery. The Committee meets quarterly on the second Thursday at 10 a.m., beginning in February.

Committee Responsibilities

The RCPSC's responsibilities include making recommendations to the Board in the following areas:

- ◆ Code of ethics for the practice of respiratory care;
- ◆ Standards of care for the practice of respiratory care;
- ◆ Requirements for licensure of a respiratory care practitioner;
- ◆ Requirements for continuing education of a respiratory care practitioner; and
- ◆ Any other matters related to the practice of respiratory care.

If you meet the qualifications and are interested in serving on the RCPSC, please submit your curriculum vitae to Phyllis Washington, at phyllis.washington@maryland.gov, by **December 29, 2015**.

Coming Soon: Printing of Renewed Licenses

The Board is continuing to improve the renewal process to make it faster and easier for practitioners to renew their licenses online.

The goal is to offer electronic copies of the renewed license in lieu of the paper licenses currently issued by the Board. The renewed license will be available for immediate download and printing.

The Board hopes to implement this real-time proof of licensure to licensees in 2016. Practitioners will receive detailed instructions prior to implementation.

Update on Criminal History Records Checks

Chapter 34 (HB 574 / SB 449) from the 2015 session of the Maryland General Assembly requires the Board's applicants and licensees to submit to [criminal history records checks](#) (CHRCs) as a qualification for licensure.

Chapter 34 also created new grounds for disciplinary action if a licensee fails to submit to a required CHRC.

The Board continues to work through the necessary steps to implement the CHRCs by:

- ◆ Working with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the FBI for final approvals;
- ◆ Developing regulations and procedures; and
- ◆ Hiring staff.

Continue to monitor the Board's Website for developments. Licensure applications also will be updated as implementation moves forward. The implementation date for **all** renewals is October 2016.

Sanctions: April through September 2015

All Board orders are public documents. To view a document, click on the individual's name.
April 2015:

Case Name: [Christian N. Nwankwo, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7714-0041

Date of Action: April 1, 2015

Terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order of December 18, 2013 satisfied. Reprimand and permanent conditions of Consent Order, dated December 18, 2013, remain in effect.

Case Name: [Donald R. Taylor, M.D.](#)

Case Numbers: 2014-0609 and 7714-0077

Date of Action: April 2, 2015

Terminating suspension and imposing probation. Reciprocal action taken by Georgia Composite Medical Board.

Case Name: [Purcell G. Bailey, Jr., M.D.](#)

Case Numbers: 2014-0758 and 2014-0993

Date of Action: April 2, 2015

Suspension, with terms and conditions, for one (1) year effective April 16, 2015 and probation for three (3) years with terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician is guilty of unprofessional and immoral conduct in the practice of medicine.

Case Name: [Andrea N. Bailey, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2015-0618

Date of Action: April 2, 2015

Suspension of medical license. Reciprocal action taken by the Virginia Board of Medicine.

Case Name: [Benson W. Yu, M.D.](#)

Case Numbers: 2014-0281 and 7714-0035

Date of Action: April 6, 2015

Termination of Summary Suspension with terms and conditions. Reciprocal action taken by the Virginia Board of Medicine.

Case Name: [Muhammed A. Niaz, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7714-0030

Date of Action: April 6, 2015

Termination of Probation; Reprimand remains in effect.

Case Name: [Udayan B. Shah, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7714-0064

Date of Action: April 7, 2015

Termination of Probation; Reprimand remains in effect.

Case Name: [Charles E. Moore II, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7715-0006

Date of Action: April 9, 2015

Fine Satisfied. Reprimand remains in effect.

Case Name: [Paul J. Mackoul, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7714-0078

Date of Action: April 9, 2015

Conditions of the Final Decision and Order have been satisfied. Reprimand remains in effect.

Case Name: [Sarad Raj Baral, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0913

Date of Action: April 14, 2015

Reprimand with terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician is guilty of immoral and unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine.

Case Name: [Gabriel A. Berrebi, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2013-0104

Date of Action: April 15, 2015

Reprimand; Suspension of license to practice medicine with terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine.

Case Name: [Rakesh K. Mathur, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7713-0009

Date of Action: April 15, 2015

Suspension terminated; Probationary terms and conditions remain. The Board found that the physician has satisfied the fine imposed by the Consent Order dated July 27, 2012.

Case Name: [Laurie Beth Kreger, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2015-0455

Date of Action: April 16, 2015

Suspension of license to practice medicine with terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician is professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent; is addicted to, or habitually uses, any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance (CDS); and provided professional services while using a narcotic or CDS.

Case Name: [Abdul Razaq, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0679

Date of Action: April 17, 2015

Revocation. The Board determined that the physician is guilty of a crime involving moral turpitude and may apply for reinstatement of license after one (1) year.

Sanctions (continued)

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April - May 2015:

Case Name: [James C. Bear, R.T.](#)

Case Number: 2015-0208

Date of Action: April 29, 2015

Surrender of Radiography License. The practitioner has surrendered his license to practice radiography to avoid further investigation and prosecution of allegations and is not eligible for reinstatement of license for at least three (3) years.

Case Name: [Toseef Khan, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2015-0633

Date of Action: May 1, 2015

Reprimand. Reciprocal action taken by the Arizona Board of Medicine.

Case Name: [Sheldon L. Margulies, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2013-0915

Date of Action: May 4, 2015

Reprimand. The physician's license is Inactive. The Board found that the physician failed to meet standards of care for the delivery of quality medical or surgical care and failed to maintain adequate medical records.

Case Name: [James R. Sides, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7714-0075

Date of Action: May 11, 2015

Termination of Probation. The Board found that the physician has successfully complied with the probationary terms and conditions of the imposed Consent Order dated April 28, 2014. Reprimand remains in effect.

Case Name: [Susan D. Rich, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0881

Date of Action: May 13, 2015

Fine of \$3,500.00. The Board found that the physician practiced medicine without a valid license.

Case Name: [Darlene L. Wyche, Radiographer](#)

Case Number: 2014-0990

Date of Action: May 13, 2015

Surrender of License to Practice Radiography. The radiographer voluntarily surrendered her license to avoid further prosecution.

Case Name: [Elizabeth A. Lilly, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7715-0041

Date of Action: May 14, 2015

Satisfied terms and conditions. Reprimand remains in effect. The physician has successfully complied with the terms and conditions imposed under the Consent Order dated November 18, 2014.

Case Name: [Anthony V. Dallas, Jr., M.D.](#)

Case Numbers: 2015-0164 and 7715-0056

Date of Action: May 14, 2015

Termination of Suspension and Imposition of Probation. Reciprocal action taken by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

Case Name: [Michael Freedman, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7713-0060

Date of Action: May 14, 2015

Termination of condition. The Board has terminated the ban of prescribing Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS); however, the ban of dispensing of CDS remains in effect.

Case Name: [Sarkis G. Aghazarian, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7713-0092

Date of Action: May 15, 2015

Termination of Probation. The Board found that the physician has successfully complied with the probationary terms and conditions of the imposed Consent Order dated April 17, 2013. Reprimand remains in effect.

Case Name: [Susan D. Rich, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7715-0079

Date of Action: May 18, 2015

Fine of \$3,500.00 satisfied. The Board found that the physician has paid the fine imposed by the Consent Order dated May 13, 2015.

Case Name: [Allan L. Levy, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7713-0064

Date of Action: May 28, 2015

Termination of Probation. The Board found that the physician has complied with the probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated December 19, 2012.

Sanctions (continued)

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May - June 2015:

Case Name: [Kwasi A. Debra, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2007-0639

Date of Action: May 29, 2015

Termination of Probation. The Board found that the physician has complied with the probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Order dated May 24, 2012.

Case Name: [Robert Chou, M.D.](#)

Case Numbers: 2013-0184 and 2013-0131

Date of Action: May 29, 2015

Termination of conditions. Prohibition on prescribing, administering, or dispensing CDS lifted; workplace vocational monitor's quarterly reports required.

Case Name: [Kamal G. Bangoria, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2013-0359

Date of Action: June 1, 2015

Termination of Summary Suspension; probation with terms and conditions for a minimum of one (1) year.

Case Name: [Roger B. Olade, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0331

Date of Action: June 1, 2015

Reprimand. Fine of \$10,000.00.

Case Name: [Edward A. Erinle, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0686

Date of Action: June 1, 2015

Reinstatement of Medical License is denied.

Case Name: [David R. Leaverton, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0782

Date of Action: June 9, 2015

Surrender of License to Practice Medicine, effective August 20, 2015.

Case Name: [Mahmood Jahromi, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7714-0038

Date of Action: June 9, 2015

Termination of Probation. Reprimand remains in effect.

Case Name: [Joseph Kern Weidner, Jr., M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0124

Date of Action: June 10, 2015

Reprimand. Two (2) years probation with terms and conditions.

Case Name: [Deborah Anne Winter \(unlicensed\)](#)

Case Number: 7715-0060

Date of Action: June 11, 2015

Fine satisfied.

Case Name: [Soheal M. Raschid, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2015-0726

Date of Action: June 11, 2015

Suspension of license to practice medicine.

Case Name: [Jennifer S. Cecil, PA-C](#)

Case Number: 2015-0253

Date of Action: June 11, 2015

Summarily Suspended.

Case Name: [Kuchak K. Jalali, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7713-0021

Date of Action: June 18, 2015

Termination of Probation. Reprimand remains.

Case Name: [William E. Keefe, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0582

Date of Action: June 18, 2015

Termination of conditions.

Case Name: [Tracy Austin \(unlicensed\)](#)

Case Number: 2014-0773

Date of Action: June 19, 2015

Misrepresentation as Practitioner of Medicine.

Case Name: [Craig R. Wilder, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0968

Date of Action: June 23, 2015

Application for Reinstatement is granted. Probation with terms and conditions.

Case Name: [Jennifer S. Cecil, PA-C](#)

Case Number: 2015-0253

Date of Action: June 25, 2015

Summary Suspension continued.

Sanctions (continued)

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July 2015:

Case Name: [Christiana M. Lietzke, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2015-0685

Date of Action: July 2, 2015

Probation with terms and conditions. A reciprocal action based on the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Case Name: [Anna Binder, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2015-0842

Date of Action: July 8, 2015

Probation with terms and conditions. Reciprocal action taken by the Connecticut Medical Examining Board.

Case Name: [Daniel A. Jaller, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0184

Date of Action: July 8, 2015

Reprimand; Probation for one (1) year with terms and conditions. The Board determined that the physician failed to meet the standard of quality care.

Case Name: [Joseph Angelo, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7713-0017

Date of Action: July 8, 2015

Termination of Probation. Reprimand remains in effect. The Board determined that the physician successfully complied with terms and conditions.

Case Name: [Donna Lee, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2015-0871

Date of Action: July 9, 2015

Reprimand with terms and conditions. A reciprocal action taken by the Virginia Board of Medicine.

Case Name: [Mark Christian, Sr., RCP](#)

Case Number: 2014-0938

Date of Action: July 13, 2015

Reprimand. The Board has found the practitioner is guilty of unprofessional or immoral conduct in the practice of respiratory care.

Case Name: [Joseph R. Epstein, AT](#)

Case Number: 7715-0033

Date of Action: July 15, 2015

Reprimand with terms and conditions. The Board charged the athletic trainer with violation of the Disposition Agreement dated September 23, 2014.

Case Name: [Yasmin Panahy, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0363

Date of Action: July 15, 2015

Termination of Consent Order. The physician successfully complied with the conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated February 4, 2014.

Case Name: [Ronald S. Fishman, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0693

Date of Action: July 20, 2015

Termination of Consent Order. The physician successfully complied with the conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated October 7, 2014.

Case Name: [Cimenga M. Tshibaka, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0127

Date of Action: July 23, 2015

Revocation effective August 6, 2015. The Board found that the physician is guilty of immoral and unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine and may not apply for reinstatement of license until one (1) year after revocation.

Case Name: [Roger B. Olade, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7715-0080

Date of Action: July 23, 2015

Fine satisfied. Reprimand remains in effect. The physician has successfully complied with the Final Decision and Order dated June 1, 2015.

Case Name: [Brent R. Fox, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7715-0027

Date of Action: July 28, 2015

Termination of Probation. Reprimand remains in effect. The physician has successfully complied with the probationary terms and conditions of the Order dated September 2, 2014.

Case Name: [Patricia A. Newton, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0308

Date of Action: July 29, 2015

Termination of Summary Suspension of August 27, 2014; Probation for three (3) years with terms and conditions. The physician is prohibited from practicing pain management.

Sanctions (continued)

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July - August 2015:

Case Name: [Andrea N. Bailey, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7715-0070

Date of Action: July 30, 2015

Termination of Suspension. A reciprocal action based on the Virginia Board of Medicine.

Case Name: [Aster Berhane, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2015-0921

Date of Action: August 3, 2015

Reprimand. A reciprocal action based on the Michigan Board of Medicine.

Case Name: [Purcell Bailey, Jr., M.D.](#)

Case Numbers: 2014-0758, 2014-0993, and 7715-0071

Date of Action: August 3, 2015

Surrender of Medical License. The physician has voluntarily surrendered license to avoid further prosecution.

Case Name: [Michael S. Diamond, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2015-0576

Date of Action: August 6, 2015

Monetary Fine of \$2,000.00, payable within 30 days. The physician practiced medicine without a valid license.

Case Name: [Angela L. Gucwa, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7715-0031

Date of Action: August 7, 2015

Suspended with terms and conditions. The physician is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine.

Case Name: [Susan Rich, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0823

Date of Action: August 10, 2015

Termination of Consent Order. The physician has complied with the conditions of the imposed Consent Order dated May 6, 2014.

Case Name: [Neil Meade, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0648

Date of Action: August 10, 2015

Termination of Consent Agreement. The physician has complied with the conditions of the imposed Consent Agreement dated April 17, 2014.

Case Name: [John H. Wilson, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0557

Date of Action: August 10, 2015

Termination of Consent Order. The physician has complied with the conditions of the imposed Consent Order dated May 22, 2014.

Case Name: [Tasha M. Anderson, PA-C](#)

Case Number: 2015-0771

Date of Action: August 11, 2015

Summary Suspension. The P.A. poses a substantial likelihood of risk of serious harm to the public, which requires immediate action.

Case Name: [Steven S. Brooks, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2006-0801

Date of Action: August 17, 2015

Termination of Probation. Reprimand remains in effect. The physician complied successfully with the terms and conditions of the imposed Consent Order dated November 19, 2008.

Case Name: [Michael S. Diamond, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7716-0008

Date of Action: August 18, 2015

Fine Satisfied. The physician has successfully complied with the condition of the imposed Consent Order dated August 6, 2015.

Case Name: [Kevin M. Meadowcroft, P.A.](#)

Case Number: 7715-0037

Date of Action: August 18, 2015

Termination of Probation. Consent Order and reprimand remain in effect. The P.A. complied successfully with the probationary terms and conditions of the imposed Consent Order dated October 23, 2014.

Case Name: [Aliya Chaudhry, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2013-0271

Date of Action: August 21, 2015

Reprimand. The physician failed to keep adequate medical records and meet the standard of quality medical care.

Sanctions (continued)

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August - September 2015:

Case Name: [Ryan Greytak, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2013-0562

Date of Action: August 21, 2015

Application Denied for a license to practice medicine.

The Board determined that the physician is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine.

Case Name: [S. Martin Keithline](#)

Case Number: 7713-0114

Date of Action: August 21, 2015

Satisfying the terms and conditions of Consent

Order. The Board determined that this individual has satisfied the terms and conditions of the Consent Order dated June 26, 2013.

Case Name: [Daniel D. Lahr, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7713-0023

Date of Action: August 24, 2015

Termination of Probation. Reprimand remains in

effect. The physician complied successfully with the probationary terms and conditions of the imposed Consent Order dated August 22, 2012.

Case Name: [Lawrence Swink, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0645

Date of Action: August 24, 2015

Termination Order. The physician has successfully complied with the conditions of the imposed Consent Order dated April 3, 2014.

Case Name: [Mahin Shamszad, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0647

Date of Action: August 25, 2015

Termination of Consent Order. The physician has successfully complied with the conditions of the imposed Consent Order dated March 31, 2014.

Case Name: [Sonja C. Wyche, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0477

Date of Action: August 25, 2015

Termination of Consent Agreement. The physician has successfully complied with the conditions of the imposed Consent Agreement dated January 7, 2014.

Case Name: [Tasha M. Anderson, PA-C](#)

Case Number: 2015-0771

Date of Action: August 27, 2015

Summary Suspension continued. The Board determined that the P.A. continues to pose a substantial likelihood of risk of serious harm to the public.

Case Name: [Mark N. Mollenhauer, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7713-0088

Date of Action: August 27, 2015

Termination of Probation. The Board determined that the physician has complied with the terms and conditions of probation.

Case Name: [Kinga M. Huzella, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2009-0171

Date of Action: September 2, 2015

Termination of Condition. The Board determined that a condition imposed by the Consent Order, dated June 24, 2010, has been terminated.

Case Name: [Yanjialagere K. Ramaiah, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0873

Date of Action: September 2, 2015

Revocation. Summary Suspension of September 9, 2014 is terminated. The Board determined that the physician is guilty of unprofessional conduct and immoral conduct in the practice of medicine and failure to cooperate with a lawful Board investigation. The physician violated the Board's sexual misconduct regulations.

Case Name: [Robert F. Stephens, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0479

Date of Action: September 3, 2015

Termination of Consent Order. The physician has successfully complied with the conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated January 15, 2014.

Case Name: [Sriram H. Balasubramanian, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0573

Date of Action: September 4, 2015

Reprimand. Probation with terms and conditions.

The physician shall cease the practice of chronic pain management and shall not prescribe any opioids or benzodiazepines for patient for more than three (3) days.

Case Name: [Stanley G. Crossland, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2016-0006

Date of Action: September 9, 2015

Reprimand. A reciprocal action taken by the Virginia Board of Medicine on April 29, 2015.

Sanctions (continued)

All Board orders are public documents. To view a document, click on the individual's name.
September 2015:

Case Name: [Jennifer Cecil, PA-C](#)

Case Numbers: 2015-0253 and 2015-0825

Date of Action: September 10, 2015

Summary Suspension terminated. Suspension for eighteen (18) months, beginning June 11, 2015, with terms and conditions. The Board determined that the practitioner is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine.

Case Name: [Richmond P. Allan, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7715-0030

Date of Action: September 10, 2015

Termination of Suspension. Medical license is Inactive. Reciprocal action taken by the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners.

Case Name: [Nagbhushan S. Rao, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0632

Date of Action: September 11, 2015

Reprimand. Probation for one (1) year with terms and conditions. The Board determined that the physician failed to meet the standard of care for delivery of quality medical services.

Case Name: [Joseph A. Jurand, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0307

Date of Action: September 11, 2015

Revocation. The Board determined that the physician was convicted of crimes involving moral turpitude.

Case Name: [Boris M. Cruz, RCP](#)

Case Number: 2014-0893

Date of Action: September 17, 2015

Revocation. The Board determined that the individual was convicted of a crime of moral turpitude.

Case Name: [Vitalis O. Ojiegbe, M.D.](#)

Case Numbers: 2013-0195 and 2013-0404 (7715-0065)

Date of Action: September 17, 2015

Termination of a condition of Consent Order. The remainder of conditions still in effect. The Board determined that the physician satisfied Condition A.

Case Name: [Branden Hogan, Polysom Tech.](#)

Case Number: 2016-0076

Date of Action: September 18, 2015

Fine of \$500.00, payable within 90 days. The Board determined that the practitioner continued practicing polysomnography after his license expired.

Case Name: [Thomas B. Lank, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2009-0574

Date of Action: September 18, 2015

Termination of Probation and Stayed Suspension. The Board determined that the physician has complied with the terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated July 28, 2010.

Case Name: [Anna Binder, M.D.](#)

Case Numbers: 2015-0842 and 7716-0001

Date of Action: September 18, 2015

Termination of Probation. Probation imposed by the Consent Order of July 8, 2015 is terminated based upon the reciprocal order of the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Case Name: [Ganesh S. Venkataraman, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2014-0646

Date of Action: September 21, 2015

Termination of Consent Order. The physician has successfully complied with the conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated April 3, 2014.

Case Name: [James P. Matthews, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2008-0742

Date of Action: September 23, 2015

Termination of Consent Order. The physician has successfully complied with the probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated September 22, 2010.

Case Name: [Andrew W. Loftus, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2015-0836

Date of Action: September 24, 2015

Suspension of medical license. Reciprocal action based on an order by the Virginia Board of Medicine.

Case Name: [Paul M. Apostolo, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 7715-0051

Date of Action: September 25, 2015

Termination of Consent Order. Reprimand remains. The physician has successfully complied with terms and conditions of the Consent Order dated January 14, 2015.

Case Name: [Francine A. Higgs-Shipman, M.D.](#)

Case Number: 2016-0138

Date of Action: September 29, 2015

Administrative Fine of \$1,500.00. The physician failed to obtain required continuing medical education credits.

Boutique Medicine

Some physicians are converting their medical practices to “boutique” practices or “retainer” practices, in which patients pay additional fees (beyond the cost of medical care) to receive special services. For example, a physician with a retainer practice may offer same-day appointments, guaranteed phone access, or other amenities.

The American Medical Association (AMA) issued a policy on retainer practices in 2003.* This policy states that the terms of contracts between physicians and patients must be clear and that concern for the quality of care of the patient should be the first consideration. According to the policy, “Physicians are ethically required to be honest in billing for reimbursement, and must observe relevant laws, rules, and contracts. It is desirable that retainer contracts separate clearly special services and amenities from reimbursable medical services.”

The AMA policy also states that physicians who are converting practices must provide time and assistance to patients who will not be remaining so those patients can transfer to new sources of medical care.

Physicians have an obligation to provide their patients with quality medical care. If a physician decides to limit a practice to a boutique practice, the physician should help their patients understand the changes, their options, and the impact the changes could have on their health insurance.

Physicians with provider contracts with health insurers, Medicare, or Medicaid need to examine these contracts to determine whether billing patients beyond their copayment violates the contract. It also may be helpful to visit the Website of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), which offers compliance education materials for physicians and issues alerts, bulletins, and other guidance. For example, OIG’s “A Roadmap for New Physicians: Avoiding Medicare and Medicaid Fraud and Abuse” is available at: http://oig.hhs.gov/compliance/physician-education/roadmap_web_version.pdf.

Any physician considering converting his or her practice should investigate all of these issues to ensure that there is no violation of law.

* *AMA Opinion 8.055 can be found on the AMA’s Website at www.ama-assn.org*

Information Available on the DHMH Website

ICD-10

As of October 1, 2015, the State of Maryland began its transition to use of the new Medicaid ICD-10 codes. The International Classification of Disease Tenth Edition (ICD-10) is a clinical cataloging system of diagnostic and procedure coding. The ICD-10 allows for more than 14,400 different codes and permits the tracking of many new diagnoses.

For more information and Frequently Asked Questions about the ICD-10 codes, visit the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) Website at <https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/ICD-10%20Conversion.aspx>.

Lead Exposure: New Targeting Plan

Maryland is changing the testing strategy and the clinical guidance for health care providers regarding lead exposure and poisoning prevention.

The 2015 “Maryland Targeting Plan for Areas at Risk for Childhood Lead Poisoning” is available on the DHMH Website at <http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/OEHFP/EH/SitePages/Lead.aspx>. This Webpage also contains Frequently Asked Questions about Point of Care Testing for lead.

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***Note: As of
December 2015,
there was
one vacancy
on the Board.***

Inclement Weather Policy

Sometimes inclement weather may force the delay, cancellation, or early dismissal of a meeting scheduled at the office of the Board. The Board's inclement weather policy, which typically follows the decision of the Baltimore City School System, is posted on the Board's Website at <http://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/inclement.pdf>.

Practitioner Profiles

All licensed practitioners can edit their demographic information through the online practitioner profile on the Board's Website. Licensees can update their nonpublic, primary practice, and public addresses, and they can add postgraduate training programs or specialty board certifications. Self-designated practice areas also can be added or removed.

The Board requests that practitioners **update their e-mail addresses via the Website**. This will assist the Board in communicating more efficiently through electronic means.

Please note that the Board no longer processes paper or e-mail requests for address changes. Changes submitted through the profile are updated on the Board's internal database within 24 hours. To edit your 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.

Death Certificates

Current law mandates physicians and physician assistants to give or transmit completed death certificates to morticians within 24 hours after the death occurred.

Section 4-212 (e)(1) of the Health-General Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, states: "*A physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner who fills out a certificate of death shall give it or transmit it by approved electronic media, including facsimile, to the mortician within 24 hours after the death occurred.*" Physicians and physician assistants are reminded to comply with this law.