

# Maryland Board of Physicians

Board Chairman: Paul T. Elder, M.D. • Executive Director: Carole J. Catalfo

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## New Executive Director

The Maryland Board of Physicians is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Executive Director. Ms. Carole J. Catalfo became Executive Director of the MBP on February 22, 2012. Carole is a member of the Kentucky and District of Columbia Bar Associations, and earned her B.S. degree in Animal Science (Bioscience & Technology) from the University of New Hampshire, and her J.D. from the University of Louisville School of Law. A former prosecutor and government trial attorney, Ms. Catalfo has a long history of public service in compliance and regulation, including leadership positions with Daymar College in Louisville, Ky., and the Commonwealth of Kentucky on behalf of the Educational Professional Standards Board and Cabinet for Families and Children. She most recently served as an Education Program Specialist in teacher licensure with the Maryland State Department of Education. Ms. Catalfo has participated in all phases of the institutional licensure and regulatory process, and has extensive experience in program administration, complex litigation management, quality assurance initiatives, and strategic operations planning.

The Board is excited to be working with Ms. Catalfo.

## A Message From Our New Director

It is an honor and privilege to have been selected to serve the Board of Physicians as its Executive Director. I appreciate the warm welcome and support I have received from the Board, our staff, medical community, and the general public, as well as the valuable time several of you have spent with me exploring ways in which we can better achieve the Board's mission. I hope to continue these beneficial conversations well into the future – I firmly believe that open communication leads to innovation, and that we can expect better results for the effort.

Since I began working for the Board in February, all of us have been working diligently to meet the many challenges the Board currently faces, and instituting changes that we believe will make our agency more efficient and accessible to medical health professionals and consumers alike. We are currently expanding collaborative efforts with our sister agencies, developing a more comprehensive approach to outreach and education, and making internal changes to improve our business operations.

Please pay special attention to our Reminders section in this, and future, newsletters, and take the time to update your online profile (including your certifications and specialties) at our improved website, which I hope you will find even more navigable in the weeks to come. I am very grateful for this opportunity to serve the Board and the citizens of Maryland, and I look forward to meeting and working with you in the future.

Best regards,

Carole J. Catalfo, Esq.,  
Executive Director

## Completing Death Certificates

Dr. Hari P. Close, president of the Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors spoke at our December Board meeting regarding the issue of completion and timeliness of death certificates. Dr. Close reminded the Board that the law requires death certificates to be filed within 72 hours of death. He requests that the Board reinforce to physicians the importance of following through to ensure the death certificates are completed properly and in a timely manner.

Please be aware when you are completing a death certificate that the cause of death information should be the physician's best medical opinion. Report each disease, abnormality, injury, or poisoning that you believe adversely affected the decedent. A condition can be listed as "probable" if it has not been definitively diagnosed.

The Postmortem Examiners' Commission, pursuant to the Statute §5-309 Health General Article, has developed guidelines for deaths to be reported to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner. The following categories of death are reportable to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner regardless of where or when the initial injury event occurred.

1. Any death that occurs suddenly and unexpectedly, that is when - the person has not been under medical care for significant heart, lung or other disease.
2. Any death suspected to be due to violence; that is suicidal, accidental or homicidal regardless of the time interval between incident and death.
3. Any death suspected to be due to alcohol or drug intoxication or the result of exposure to other toxic agents.
4. Any death of a resident housed in county or state institution. This refers to any ward or individual placed in such a facility by legal authorization.
5. Any death of a person in the custody of law enforcement officers.
6. Any death occurring in a nursing home or other private institution without recent medical attendance.
7. Any death that occurs unexpectedly during, in association with, or as a result of, diagnostic, therapeutic, surgical, or anesthetic procedures.
8. Any death suspected to be involved with the decedent's occupation.
9. Any death which is possibly directly or indirectly attributable to environmental exposure not other specified.
10. Any death due to neglect.
11. Any stillbirth of 20 or more weeks gestation unattended by a physician.
12. Any death of a pregnant woman regardless of the gestation period. Any death of a woman who has been pregnant within the last year.
13. Any death of an infant or child where the medical history has not established some pre-existing fatal medical condition.
14. Any death which is suspected to be due to infectious or contagious disease wherein the diagnosis and extent of disease at the time are undetermined.
15. Any death occurring under suspicious circumstances.

Your cooperation in expediting the signing of death certificates would be very much appreciated by both Boards.

## PHYSICIANS

**Mehdad Aalai, M.D., License #: D26712**

**Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Potomac, MD)**

Suspension for six months with the final three months stayed; Probation for a minimum of two (2) years, beginning three (3) months from the date of suspension with terms and conditions. The Board found the physician guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, failure to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of quality medical care and failure to keep adequate medical records. Date of Action: December 28, 2011

**Mehrdad Aalai, M.D., License #: D26712**

**Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Potomac, MD)**

Suspension Stayed; Probation for a minimum of 2 years with terms and conditions. The Board determined that the physician complied with the conditions of the suspension. The Board reinstated the physician's license subject to a probationary period of 2 years with terms and conditions. Date of Action: March 29, 2012

**Ali A. Al-Attar, M.D., License No.: D50098**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (McLean, VA)**

Revocation and a fine of \$50,000. The Board found that the physician is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine and that he failed to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board. Date of Action: March 19, 2012

**David C. Allen, M.D., License #: D25230**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Hollywood, MD)**

Suspension; Suspension Stayed on March 1, 2012 if compliant. Probation for seven (7) years with terms and conditions. Summary Suspension of March 14, 2011 is terminated. The Board determined that the physician's substance abuse issues will be appropriately treated and monitored through the Maryland Physician Rehabilitation Program. Date of Action: January 27, 2012

**David C. Allen, M.D., License No.: D25230**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Hollywood, MD)**

Summary Suspension of January 27, 2012 is Stayed effective March 1, 2012; Probation for a minimum of 7 years with terms and conditions. The Board determined that the physician complied with the conditions of the suspension. The Board reinstated the physician's license subject to a probationary period of 7 years with terms and conditions. Date of Action: March 19, 2012

**John B.K. Allotey, M.D., License #: D25232**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Rockville, MD)**

Reprimand; Fine of \$20,000.; Probation for eighteen (18) months with terms and conditions. The Board found the physician guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, willfully making or filing a false report or record in the practice of medicine and practicing medicine with an unauthorized person or aiding an unauthorized person in the practice of medicine. Date of Action: April 30, 2012

**Mark J. Baskerville, M.D., License #: D54897**

**Area of Practice: Emergency Medicine (Springfield, OR)**

Termination of Suspension; Probation for a minimum of five years with terms and conditions. The Board terminated the Suspension by Consent Order of June 12, 2009 and imposed a probationary period of a minimum of

5 years with terms and conditions. Date of Action: December 9, 2011

**Michael L. Beavers, D.O., License #: H57008**

**Area of Practice: Anesthesiology (Berlin, MD)**

Reprimand; Probation of five years (ordered in the October 24, 2008 Consent Order), is extended for one additional year. The Board extended the physician's probation for an additional year for violating the Consent Order of October 24, 2008, for admitting to consuming a mood altering medication and a CDS without a prescription and for not providing notification of his practice setting. Date of Action: April 6, 2012

**Robert J. Branton, D.O., License #: H50743**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Salisbury, MD)**

Suspension for an additional period of a minimum of one year. The Board suspended the physician for an additional year for violating the Consent Order of February 2, 2011, and for admitting to using CDS and self-prescribing CDS. Date of Action: April 2, 2012

**Deborah Taylor Bushrod, M.D., License #: D33021**

**Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Clinton, MD)**

Termination of Probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated October 3, 2011. The physician has complied with the terms and conditions precedent. Date of Action: January 13, 2012

**Charles T. Canady, Jr., M.D., License #: D33678**

**Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Beltsville, MD)**

Reprimand. The Board found that the physician failed to keep adequate medical records in one patient reviewed. Date of Action: December 21, 2011

**Robert D. Cendo, M.D., License #: D37970**

**Area of Practice: Orthopaedic Surgery (Cumberland, MD)**

Suspension for a minimum of ninety (90) days beginning ten (10) days from the date of the order with terms and conditions. The Board found the physician guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. The Board dismissed the charge related to providing professional services while using a CDS. Date of Action: January 24, 2012

**Charles P. Ciolino, M.D., License #: D67570**

**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Rockville, MD)**

Termination of conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated November 21, 2011. The physician has complied with the conditions precedent. Date of Action: January 17, 2012

**Max H. Cohen, M.D., License #: D17567**

**Area of Practice: General Surgery (Potomac, MD)**

Suspension is terminated; if Respondent becomes clinically active, Probation for five (5) years with terms and conditions. The Board determined that the physician complied with the conditions of the suspension. Date of Action: November 3, 2011

**William J. Crittenden, M.D., License No.: D54547**

**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Kensington, MD)**

Summary Suspension. The Board determined that the physician's conduct constituted a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare based on the physician's prescribing of high-doses of narcotic medications. Date of Action: March 29, 2012

**William J. Crittenden, M.D., License #: D54547**

**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Kensington, MD)**

Summary Suspension of March 29, 2012 is affirmed.

The Board determined that there exists a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare in the physician's continued practice. Date of Action: April 13, 2012

**Erik A. Dahl, M.D., License #: D65698**

**Area of Practice: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (Chevy Chase, MD)**

Probation for a minimum of one year with terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician failed to meet the standards of quality medical care and failed to keep adequate medical records. Date of Action: March 1, 2012

**Khosrow Davachi, M.D., License #: D25640**

**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Clinton, MD)**

Termination of conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated December 1, 2011. The physician has complied with the conditions precedent. Date of Action: February 10, 2012

**Kwasi A. Debra, M.D., License #: D40683**

**Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Glen Dale, MD)**

Suspension for thirty (30) days; Fine of \$25,000.; Probation for three (3) years with terms and conditions. The Board found the physician guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, willfully making or filing a false report or record in the practice of medicine and failed to keep adequate medical records as determined by appropriate peer review. Date of Action: April 25, 2012

**Michael Q. Durry, M.D., License No.: D63673**

**Area of Practice: General Surgery (Randallstown, MD)**

Summary Suspension. The Board determined that the physician's conduct constituted a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare based on the physician's prescribing of high-doses of narcotic medications. Date of Action: March 29, 2012

**Michael Q. Durry, M.D., License #: D63673**

**Area of Practice: Surgery (Randallstown, MD)**

Summary Suspension of March 29, 2012 is Affirmed. The Board determined that there exists a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare in the physician's continued practice. Date of Action: April 12, 2012

**James Egan, M.D., License #: D33780**

**Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Washington, DC)**

Termination of probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated July 28, 2010. The physician has complied with the terms and conditions precedent. Date of Action: March 8, 2012

**Francis B. Fernandes, M.D., License #: D16862**

**Area of Practice: Primary Care and Pain Management (Rockville, MD)**

Permanent Letter of Surrender. The physician decided to surrender his license for health reasons and to avoid further discipline. Date of Action: February 23, 2012

**Norene S. Fleming, M.D., License #: D35998**

**Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Forestville, MD)**

Revocation. The Board found that the physician failed to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board and was guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. Date of Action: December 14, 2011

**Brent R. Fox, M.D., License #: D35246**

**Area of Practice: Anesthesiology (Salisbury, MD)**

Summary Suspension. The Board determined that the physician's conduct constituted a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare based on the physician's prescribing of opioid medications while failing to use reasonable safeguards or to exercise due diligence. Date of Action: December 13, 2011

**Brent R. Fox, M.D., License #: D35246**

**Area of Practice: Anesthesiology (Salisbury, MD)**

Summary Suspension stayed with conditions. Following a hearing, the Board stayed the Order for Summary Suspension with conditions: 1) Dr. Fox shall not prescribe any Controlled Dangerous Substances as defined in Maryland statute and regulations; 2) Dr. Fox may continue to practice interventional pain management related only to the performance of percutaneous procedures but excluding oral or intravenous medical pain management; and 3) The stay is further conditioned on Dr. Fox's cooperation with any reasonable efforts of the Board to determine if the conditions are being met. Date of Action: December 22, 2011

**Brent R. Fox, M.D., License #: D35246**

**Area of Practice: Anesthesiology (Salisbury, MD)**

Order Staying Summary Suspension is terminated. Probation for thirty months with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, a prohibition on prescribing and dispensing CDS. The Board found that the physician's guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, failed to meet standards of quality medical care and failed to maintain adequate medical records in the prescribing of Controlled Dangerous Substances. Date of Action: February 23, 2012

**Tamer M. Gaber, M.D., License #: D71138**

**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Morgantown, WV)**

Summary Suspension. The Board determined that the physician's conduct constituted a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare based on the physician's mental health issues. Date of Action: April 20, 2012

**Tamer M. Gaber, M.D., License #: D71138**

**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Morgantown, WV)**

Summary Suspension of April 20, 2012 is Affirmed. The Board determined that there exists a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare in the physician's continued practice. Date of Action: April 27, 2012

**Martin W. Gallagher, Jr., M.D., License #: D31880**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Hagerstown, MD)**

Summary Suspension. The Board determined that the physician's conduct constituted a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare based on the physician's prescribing of high-doses of narcotic medications. Date of Action: April 17, 2012

**Martin W. Gallagher, Jr., M.D., License #: D31880**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Hagerstown, MD)**

Summary Suspension of April 17, 2012 is Vacated. The Board determined that there is no imminent danger to public health, safety and welfare. Date of Action: April 26, 2012

**Jesus A. Gamez, M.D., License #: D28840**

**Area of Practice: Family Practice**

**(Silver Spring, MD)**

Revocation. The Board found that the physician sold, prescribed, gave away or administered drugs for illegal or illegitimate medical purposes, is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine and that he failed to meet the standard of quality care. Date of Action: November 21, 2011

**Joel S. Ganz, M.D., License #: D01544**

**Area of Practice: Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (Washington, DC)**

License Reinstated; Probation for one year with terms and conditions. The Board determined that the physician demonstrated that he should be allowed to practice medicine with certain conditions. Date of Action: April 30, 2012

**Fred C. Gebhardt, M.D., License #: D19529**

**Area of Practice: Anatomic/Clinical Pathology (Fallston, MD)**

Reprimand; Probation for two years with terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine based upon self-prescribing and prescribing to family and friends. Date of Action: April 11, 2012

**Mark R. Geier, M.D., License #: D24250**

**Area of Practice: Genetic Counseling (Silver Spring, MD)**

Cease and Desist Order. The Board ordered that the Respondent immediately cease and desist from practicing medicine in Maryland while his license is Summarily Suspended. The Board determined that the Respondent's conduct constitutes not only the practice of medicine which violates the Summary Suspension previously imposed by the Board, but also constitutes the unauthorized practice of medicine. Date of Action: January 25, 2012

**Mark R. Geier, M.D., License #: D24250**

**Area of Practice: Genetic Counseling (Silver Spring, MD)**

Amended Cease and Desist Order. The Board ordered that the Respondent immediately cease and desist from practicing medicine in Maryland while his license is suspended. The Board determined that the Respondent's conduct constitutes not only the practice of medicine which violates the Suspension previously imposed by the Board, but also constitutes the unauthorized practice of medicine. Date of Action: February 22, 2012

**Mark R. Geier, M.D., License No. D24250**

**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Silver Spring, MD)**

Final Decision and Order that Summary Suspension of April 27, 2011 is Upheld and the Summary Suspension continues. The Board determined that there exists a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare in the physician's continued practice. Date of Action: March 22, 2012

**Timothy B. Gilbert, M.D., License #: D42981**

**Area of Practice: Anesthesiology (Baltimore, MD)**

Summary Suspension. The Board determined that the physician's conduct constituted a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare based upon the physician's chronic and active alcohol abuse/dependency problem that affect the physician's professional judgment and ability to provide safe and competent medical care. Date of Action: November 3, 2011

**Timothy B. Gilbert, M.D., License #: D42981**

**Area of Practice: Anesthesiology**

**(Severna Park, MD)**

Summary Suspension affirmed. The Board determined that there exists a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare in the physician's continued practice. Date of Action: January 27, 2012

**Jeremy A. Herschler, M.D., License #: D52458**

**Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Rawlings, MD)**

Termination of probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order, dated September 27, 2006. The physician has complied with the terms and conditions precedent. Date of Action: December 7, 2011

**Smith S. Ho, M.D., License #: D21900**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Takoma Park, MD)**

Reprimand and Probation with terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician failed to meet the standards of quality medical care and failed to keep adequate medical records. Date of Action: February 23, 2012

**Jerry B. Hunt, M.D., License #: D25373**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine**

**(Baltimore, MD)**

Suspension of February 23, 2011 is extended; Suspension for a minimum of one year from December 12, 2011 with terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician violated the Consent Order of February 23, 2011. Date of Action: December 12, 2011

**Saied Jamshidi, M.D., License #: D29224**

**Area of Practice: Neurological Surgery (Oxon Hill, MD)**

Termination of probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated October 28, 2009. The physician has complied with the probationary terms and conditions precedent. Date of Action: January 4, 2012

**David R. Jenkins, M.D., License #: D17025**

**Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Suffolk, VA)**

Reprimand with terms and conditions (effective until the termination of the Virginia Order). The Board took reciprocal action based upon a disciplinary action by the Virginia Board of Medicine in which the physician was reprimanded with terms and conditions based upon his substance abuse. Date of Action: December 28, 2011

**Harold R. Katz, M.D., License #: D30934**

**Area of Practice: Ophthalmology (Baltimore, MD)**

Termination of probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated February 27, 2008. The physician has complied with the probationary terms and conditions precedent. Date of Action: January 4, 2012

**Robert E. Korman, M.D., License #: D43797**

**Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Pikesville, MD)**

Suspension of October 27, 2011 is terminated. Probation for 5 years with terms and conditions. The Board determined that the physician complied with the conditions of the suspension. The Board reinstated the physician's license subject to a probationary period of 5 years with terms and conditions. Date of Action: January 27, 2012

**Rakesh K. Mathur, M.D., License #: D39170**

**Area of Practice: Anesthesiology (Fallston, MD)**

Summary Suspension. The Board determined that the physician's conduct constituted a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare based on the physician's prescribing of opioid

medications while failing to use reasonable safeguards or to exercise due diligence. Date of Action: February 7, 2012

**Rakesh K. Mathur, M.D., License #: D39170**

**Area of Practice: Anesthesiology (Fallston, MD)**

Summary Suspension of February 7, 2012 is Affirmed. The Board determined that there exists a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare in the physician's continued practice. Date of Action: April 27, 2012

**Allan R. McClary, M.D., License #: D06988**

**Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Glen Arm, MD)**

Permanent Letter of Surrender. The physician decided to surrender his license to avoid further discipline. Date of Action: February 23, 2012

**H. Michael Meagher, M.D., License #: D17839**

**Area of Practice: Child Psychiatry (Bethesda, MD)**

Revocation; Physician shall not apply for reinstatement for a period of not less than five years. The Board found that the physician guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine and with violating the sexual misconduct regulations. Date of Action: February 23, 2012

**Spyros J. Monopolis, M.D., License #: D31365**

**Area of Practice: Child Psychiatry (Towson, MD)**

Termination of probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order, dated October 28, 2009; the suspension which was immediately stayed, is terminated. The physician has complied with the terms and conditions precedent. Date of Action: December 7, 2011

**Edward L. Mosley, Jr., M.D., License #: D21954**

**Area of Practice: General Surgery (Sarasota, FL)**

Reprimand by Order of Default. The Board took reciprocal action based upon a disciplinary action by the Virginia Board of Medicine in which the physician was sanctioned based upon failure to meet appropriate standards as determined by appropriate peer review. Date of Action: April 17, 2012

**Rohan Saint-Aubyn Mullings, M.D., License #:**

**D60913 Area of Practice: Anesthesiology**

**(Cumberland, MD)**

Summary Suspension is terminated. Revocation. The Board found the physician guilty of unprofessional conduct and that the physician is professionally, physically or mentally incompetent to practice medicine. Date of Action: November 22, 2011

**Caryl G. Mussenden, M.D., License #: D19555**

**Area of Practice: OB/GYN**

**(Lanham/Seabrook, MD)**

Reprimand; Probation for a minimum of two (2) years with terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician failed to meet the standards of quality medical care and failed to keep adequate medical records. Date of Action: January 26, 2012

**Godswill O. Okoji, M.D., License #: D50545**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine**

**(Takoma Park, MD)**

Reprimand; Probation for eighteen (18) months with terms and conditions. The Board found the physician guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. Date of Action: April 30, 2012

**Ronald L. Passeri, M.D., License #: D60958**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine**

**(Salisbury, MD)**

Reprimand. The Board found that the physician guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine and

willfully made or filed a false report or record in the practice of medicine. Date of Action: December 28, 2011

**William D. Pierce, M.D., License #: D56681**

**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Wilmington, DE)**

Reinstatement of License; Probation for a minimum of 5 years with terms and conditions. The Board reinstated the physician's license and imposed a probationary period of a minimum of 5 years with terms and conditions. Date of Action: December 9, 2011

**Marc S. Posner, M.D., License #: D19640**

**Area of Practice: Family and Geriatric Medicine (Baltimore, MD)**

Suspension stayed; Probation for a minimum of 2 years with an on-going prescribing restriction and additional terms and conditions. The physician complied with the terms of the active suspension, therefore the remainder of the suspension (six months) has been stayed. The Board found that the physician failed to meet the standards of quality medical care in three patients reviewed, failed to keep adequate medical records in two patients reviewed and violated a prior Consent Order by prescribing chronic pain medication in three patients reviewed. Date of Action: December 19, 2011

**Ronald S. Potosky, M.D., License #: D13004**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine**

**(Baltimore, MD)**

Permanent Letter of Surrender. The physician decided to surrender his license to avoid complying with the probationary terms of a prior Board Consent Order. Date of Action: November 21, 2011

**Neena Rao, M.D., License #: D25483**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Towson, MD)**

Termination of probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order, August 26, 2010. The physician has complied with the terms and conditions precedent. Date of Action: November 2, 2011

**W. Anthony Riley, M.D., License #: D25205**

**Area of Practice: Specialty: Internal Medicine**

**(Baltimore, MD)**

Reprimand. The Board found that the physician willfully made or filed a false report or record in the practice of medicine. Date of Action: November 17, 2011

**Addie Robinson-Grim, M.D., License #: D36730**

**Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Ridgecrest, CA)**

Reprimand. The Board took reciprocal action based upon a disciplinary action by the Illinois Board of Medicine in which the physician was fined based upon her admission that she prescribed Ritalin to her spouse without adequate documentation of medical necessity. Date of Action: December 28, 2011

**Lauren R. Rodgers, M.D., License #: D47555**

**Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Oxon Hill, MD)**

Reprimand; Probation for a minimum of one year; terms and conditions to include a medical record keeping course. The Board found that the physician failed to keep adequate medical records in two patients reviewed. Date of Action: December 5, 2011

**Binyamin C. Rothstein, D.O., License #: H30277**

**Area of Practice: General Practice**

**(Baltimore, MD)**

Petition for Reinstatement of Licensure denied. The Board determined that there are sufficient grounds for denial of applicant's application for licensure. Date of Action: December 21, 2011

**Henry A. Saiontz, M.D., License #: D13411**

**Area of Practice: Neurological Surgery**

**(Baltimore, MD)**

Probation is terminated. Licensee has two permanent conditions. The Board determined that the physician complied with the conditions of the probation. The Board limited the physician's practice with two permanent conditions. Date of Action: November 3, 2011

**Allan Z. Schwartzberg, M.D., License #: D10705**

**Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Bethesda, MD)**

Permanent Letter of Surrender. The physician decided to surrender his license for health reasons and to avoid further discipline. Date of Action: November 28, 2011

**Michael S. Sellman, M.D., License #: D22874**

**Area of Practice: Neurology (Baltimore, MD)**

Reprimand; Probation until terms and conditions are met. The Board determined that the physician failed to meet appropriate standards of care in one patient reviewed. Date of Action: December 28, 2011

**Michael S. Sellman, M.D., License #: D22874**

**Area of Practice: Neurology (Baltimore, MD)**

Termination of probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated December 28, 2011. The physician has complied with the terms and conditions precedent. Date of Action: February 3, 2012

**Harry Sernaker, M.D., License #: D43515**

**Area of Practice: Anesthesiology**

**(Washington, DC)**

Termination of probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated March 27, 2008. The physician has complied with the terms and condition precedent. Date of Action: November 3, 2011

**Sheo P. Sharma, M.D., License #: D22638**

**Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Owings Mills, MD)**

Reprimand and Probation with terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician failed to meet the standards of quality medical care. Date of Action: April 30, 2012

**John Shavers, M.D., License #: D27838**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine**

**(Linthicum, MD)**

Reprimand; Probation with terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician failed to meet the standards of quality medical care and failed to keep adequate medical records. Date of Action: December 1, 2011

**Louis A. Shpritz, M.D., License No. D08333**

**Area of Practice: Urology (Owing Mills, MD)**

Permanent Letter of Surrender. The physician decided to surrender his license for health reasons and to avoid further discipline. Date of Action: March 28, 2012

**William M. Smith, M.D., License #: D10809**

**Area of Practice: Family Practice (Baltimore, MD)**

Permanent Letter of Surrender. The physician decided to surrender his license to avoid further discipline. Date of Action: February 23, 2012

**Daniel S. Smithpeter, M.D., License #: D50266**

**Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Salisbury, MD)**

Suspension for three years with terms and conditions. Suspension may be stayed after one year following successful completion of a course in professional ethics. The Board found the physician guilty of immoral and unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine based upon inappropriate sexual acts with a patient. Date of Action: December 15, 2011

**Truman F. Soudah, M.D., License #: D18966**

**Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Ammon, Jordan)**

Revocation; Fine of \$50,000 stayed for 60 days. Following a Show Cause Hearing, the Board found that the physician violated the Consent Order of June 1, 2010. Date of Action: December 28, 2011

**Minus George Vasiliades, M.D., License #: D64755**

**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine**

**(Baltimore, MD)**

Summary Suspension. The Board determined that the physician's conduct constituted a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare based upon the physician's chronic and active use of cocaine and opiates. Date of Action: November 3, 2011

**Hilary H. Washington, M.D., License #: D32800**

**Area of Practice: Family Practice**

**(Fort Washington, MD)**

Reprimand and Probation for a minimum of two years with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, termination of his pain management practice. The Board found that the physician failed to meet the standards of quality medical care and failed to keep adequate medical records. Date of Action: February 23, 2012

**Joshua P. Werblin, M.D., License #: D67017**

**Area of Practice: Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (Edgewater, MD)**

Reprimand with terms and conditions (effective until the termination of the Maine Order). The Board took reciprocal action based upon a disciplinary action by the Maine Board of Medicine in which the physician was sanctioned based upon unprofessional conduct and failure to maintain adequate medical records as determined by appropriate peer review. Date of Action: April 17, 2012

**Clifford Wheelless, M.D., License #: D11414**

**Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Baltimore, MD)**

Reprimand with a permanent condition prohibiting the physician to perform surgery in the State of Maryland without Board pre-approval. The Board found that the physician failed to meet the standards of quality medical care, failed to keep adequate medical records and abandoned a patient. Date of Action: November 17, 2011

**Craig R. Wilder, M.D., License #: D66430**

**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Bowie, MD)**

Revocation; Revocation Immediately Stayed; Probation with terms and conditions (effective until the termination of the California Order). The Board took reciprocal action based upon a disciplinary action by the California Board of Medicine in which the physician was sanctioned based upon his criminal convictions. Date of Action: April 30, 2012

**Wendy Wong, M.D., License #: D62590**

**Area of Practice: Family Medicine (MD)**

Termination of terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated May 26, 2011. The physician has complied with the terms and conditions precedent. Date of Action: January 13, 2012

**Jennifer C. Zampogna, M.D., Applicant**

**Area of Practice: Dermatology (Camp Hill, PA)**

Application for Initial Medical Licensure denied. The Board determined that there are sufficient grounds for denial of applicant's application for licensure. Date of Action: December 28, 2011

## ALLIED HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

**Bradley R. Belmont, NMT, License #: N01418**

**Area of Practice: Nuclear Medicine Technology (Hagerstown, MD)**

Probation for a minimum of four years with terms and conditions. The Board found that the practitioner violated the terms of his July 22, 2010 Disposition Agreement with the Board and violated the terms and conditions of his Rehabilitation Agreement. Date of Action: December 28, 2011

**Gil-Flobert Bodog Binyet, Radiographer,**

**License #: R04137**

**Area of Practice: Radiography (Derwood, MD)**

Revocation. The Board found that the Radiographer was convicted of a crime of moral turpitude. Date of Action: April 20, 2012

**Anita L. Brock, PA, License #: C04138**

**Area of Practice: Physician Assistant (Aldie, VA)**

Revocation. The Board found that the physician assistant willfully made a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure, is not qualified to be licensed because she is not a graduate of an approved physician assistant training program and is not qualified for licensure because her certification was rescinded by NCCPA and she has not passed a national certifying examination. Date of Action: April 11, 2012

**Michelle D. Fox, PA (Applicant),**

**License #: C03223**

**Area of Practice: Physician Assistant**

**(Baltimore, MD)**

Application for Reinstatement of Physician Assistant License is denied. The Board determined that there are sufficient grounds for denial of applicant's application for licensure. Date of Action: April 17, 2012

**Rheinard Bryan Garcia, CNMT, License #: N01089**

**Area of Practice: Nuclear Medicine Technology (Bowie, MD)**

Suspension for six (6) months with terms and condi-

tions; Probation for a minimum of four (4) years with terms and conditions. The Board determined that the licensee is guilty of unprofessional or immoral conduct, willfully made or filed a false report or record, willfully failed to file or record any record as required under law, breached patient confidentiality, knowingly made a misrepresentation while practicing and failed to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of quality care. Date of Action: January 25, 2012

**Carli Lankford, License #: R07206**

**Area of Practice: Radiation Technology (Hurlock, MD)**

Revocation for at least two (2) years; Summary Suspension of July 12, 2011 is terminated. The Board determined that the licensee is guilty of unprofessional or immoral conduct, is professionally, physically or mentally incompetent, is addicted to, or habitually abuses any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance, provided professional services while using any narcotic or controlled dangerous substances and has pled guilty or nolo contendere to a crime involving moral turpitude. Date of Action: January 25, 2012

**Rossie Madjaroff, PA, License #: C03170**

**Area of Practice: Physician Assistant (Baltimore, MD)**

Termination of terms and conditions of Consent Order dated May 26, 2011. The healthcare practitioner has complied with the terms and conditions precedent. Date of Action: March 26, 2012

**Jennifer Monteleone, PA, License #: C03133**

**Area of Practice: Physician Assistant (Columbia, MD) 21045**

Reprimand and Probation for two years with terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician assistant failed to meet the standards of quality medical care and was guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. Date of Action: April 30, 2012

**Scott A. Pridmore, RCP, License #: L04780**

**Area of Practice: Respiratory Therapy (Crofton, MD)**

Termination of probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated July 13, 2010. The physician has complied with the probationary terms and conditions precedent. Date of Action: January 4, 2012

**Steven S. Rand, PA, License #: C00503**

**Area of Practice: Physician Assistant (Baltimore, MD)**

Termination of terms and conditions imposed by the Consent Order dated May 28, 2009. The practitioner has complied with the terms and conditions precedent. Date of Action: March 8, 2012

**Carlton Romney, PA, License #: C00648**

**Area of Practice: Physician Assistant (Temple Hills, MD)**

Reinstatement of License; Probation for a minimum of 2 years with terms and conditions. The Board reinstated the physician assistant's license and imposed a probationary period of a minimum of 2 years with terms and conditions. The Board had previously denied his reinstatement application on June 19, 2007, for failure to disclose that he had clinical privileges suspended in 1988 and that he had been discharged from the United States Air Force in 1989. Date of Action: January 24, 2012

**Simon Yiare, II, RCP, License #: L04487**

**Area of Practice: Respiratory Therapy (Washington, DC)**

Termination of Suspension; License Reinstated with Probation for a minimum of two years with terms and conditions. The Board terminated the Suspension by Consent Order of April 18, 2011, reinstated the practitioner's license and imposed a probationary period of a minimum of 2 years with terms and conditions. Date of Action: December 8, 2011

## UNLICENSED

**Alfred L. Boulware, M.D., Applicant for Licensure**  
**Area of Practice: Internal Medicine**  
**(Spotsylvania, VA)**  
 Application for Initial Medical Licensure denied.

The Board determined that there are sufficient grounds for denial of applicant's application for licensure. Date of Action: April 17, 2012

## ADMINISTRATIVE FINES

**Henok Araya, M.D., License #: D62722**  
**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Washington, DC)**  
 Administrative fine of \$5,000; terms and conditions. The physician affirmed in his 2010 renewal application that he had obtained the required CME credit hours when he had not. Date of Action: April 17, 2012

**Stuart H. Brager, M.D., License #: D00467**  
**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Pikesville, MD)**  
 Administrative fine of \$3,050; terms and conditions. The physician affirmed in his 2010 renewal application that he had obtained the required CME credit hours when he had not. Date of Action: January 17, 2012

**Joo K. Cha, RT, License #: R00237**  
**Area of Practice: Radiography (Bethesda, MD)**  
 Administrative fine of \$500. The healthcare practitioner practiced radiography in the State of Maryland without a certificate in violation of Md. Code Ann. Health Occ §14-5B-17(c). Date of Action: November 21, 2011

**Charles P. Ciolino, M.D., License #: D67570**  
**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Rockville, MD)**  
 Administrative fine of \$4,000; terms and conditions. The physician affirmed in his 2010 renewal application that he had obtained the required CME credit hours when he had not. Date of Action: November 21, 2011

**Vicky L. Cole, PA, License #: C02325**  
**Area of Practice: Physician Assistant (Odenton, MD)**  
 Administrative fine of \$500. The health care practitioner practiced as a physician assistant without a license, in violation of the Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §15-401. Date of Action: April 12, 2012

**James P. Comer, M.D., License #: D02631**  
**Area of Practice: Unspecified (New Haven, CT)**  
 Administrative fine of \$2,500; terms and conditions. The physician affirmed in his 2010 renewal application that he had obtained the required CME credit hours when he had not. Date of Action: February 28, 2012

**Khosrow Davachi, M.D., License #: D25640**  
**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Clinton, MD)**  
 Administrative fine of \$2,700; terms and conditions. The physician affirmed in his 2010 renewal application that he had obtained the required CME credit hours when he had not. Date of Action: December 1, 2011

**Lev G. Goldfarb, M.D., License #: D46388**  
**Area of Practice: Neurology (Bethesda, MD)**  
 Administrative fine of \$1,350; terms and conditions. The physician affirmed in his 2010 renewal application that he had obtained the required CME credit hours when he had not. Date of Action: March 29, 2012

**Beth Hicks, PA, License #: C02057**  
**Area of Practice: Physician Assistant (Finksburg, MD)**  
 Administrative fine of \$500. The healthcare practitioner practiced as a physician assistant without a license, in violation of the Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §15-401. Date of Action: April 17, 2012

**John G. Lodmell, M.D., License #: D05809**  
**Area of Practice: Unspecified (Olney, MD)**  
 Administrative fine of \$1,950; terms and conditions. The physician affirmed in his 2010 renewal application that he had obtained the required CME credit hours when he had not. Date of Action: January 25, 2012

**Jennifer L. Morris, PA, License #: C03797**  
**Area of Practice: Physician Assistant (Arnold, MD)**  
 Administrative Fine of \$500. The physician assistant practiced after her certificate had lapsed in violation of Md. Code Ann. Health Occ §15-401. Date of Action: February 7, 2012

**Derik L. Ringers, PA, License #: C03928**  
**Area of Practice: Physician Assistant (Harve de Grace, MD)**  
 Administrative fine of \$500. The health care practitioner practiced as a physician assistant without a license, in violation of the Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §15-401. Date of Action: January 11, 2012

**Danielle A. Salley, PA, License #: C03308**  
**Area of Practice: Physician Assistant (Waldorf, MD)**  
 Administrative fine of \$500. The healthcare practitioner practiced as a physician assistant without a license, in violation of the Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §15-401. Date of Action: April 17, 2012

## ALLIED HEALTH CORNER

**Athletic Trainers:**

- All athletic trainers (ATs) must have a license and an evaluation and treatment protocol (ETP) in order to practice athletic training. If the license expires, then the ETP is no longer valid.
- The AT must reinstate the license and submit a new ETP to the Board. The ETP must be approved by the Board before the AT may begin practicing athletic training.
- If an AT or a supervising physician (SP) leaves the practice, the AT or SP should complete a termination of ETP form.  
[http://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/at\\_etprotocol\\_termination.pdf](http://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/at_etprotocol_termination.pdf)
- ATs practicing without a license or a valid ETP may be fined up to \$5,000.

**Physician Assistants:**

- All physician assistants (PAs) must have a license and a delegation agreement (DA) in order to practice as a physician assistant. If the license expires, then the DA is no longer valid.
- The PA must reinstate the license and submit a new DA to the Board for approval.
- If a PA or a primary supervising physician (PSP) leaves the practice, the PA or PSP must complete a termination of DA form.  
[http://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/della\\_term\\_form.pdf](http://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/della_term_form.pdf)
- PAs practicing without a license or a valid DA may be fined up to \$5,000.

## 2012 Legislative Wrap-Up

**HB 283/SB 274 – State Board of Pharmacy – Sunset Extension and Revisions:** This bill extends the termination date of the State Board of Pharmacy by 10 years to July 1, 2023, and requires an evaluation of the board by July 1, 2022. The bill is important to MBP because it removes the requirement that the State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Physicians jointly approve physician-pharmacist agreements and protocols used under the Drug Therapy Management Program and, instead, requires physicians and pharmacists who enter into such agreements to submit a copy of the agreement and any subsequent modifications to their respective licensing board. Effective date 7/1/12.

**HB 584/SB479 – Health Occupations – Physician Assistants – Patient's Access to Supervising Physician:** As originally drafted this bill removed the language that a doctor has to see a patient initially if the patient has a life threatening, chronic, degenerative, or disabling condition, added that a patient can see a doctor upon request, and removed the provision that a patient has to see a doctor within 5 visits or within 180 days, whichever occurs first. The bill as amended by the PA association left all doctor/PA/patient access/interaction under the direction of the physician as stated in the delegation agreement, and added language that the patient can always see the physician upon request. Effective date 10/01/12.

**HB 688 – State Board of Physicians – Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee – Sunset Extension:** This bill adds some clarifying language to the athletic trainer bill passed in 2009 to add an alternate supervising physician, allow for referrals from other healthcare practitioners, and clarify the education requirements as some people were not able to obtain licensure the way the bill was written last year. Effective date 6/1/12.

**HB 824 – State Board of Physicians and Allied Health Advisory Committees – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation:** The bill as originally drafted made a number of changes recommended by the legislative auditors during the sunset review process. As amended this bill requires the governor to appoint the Board chair who will serve for a two year term. Effective date 6/1/12.

**HB 827/SB 776 – Polysomnographic Technologists – Education and Examination – Requirements:** This bill adds an alternative educational pathway that an individual may complete in order to meet the requirements for licensure as a polysomnographic technologist. Thus, an individual may successfully complete a sleep technologist educational program accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) and a clinical component recommended by the Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee and approved by the State Board of Physicians. The bill also specifies that applicants for licensure may pass an examination approved by the board and requires the board to waive the educational requirements for licensure as a polysomnographic technologist if, by September 30, 2013, an individual has passed an examination approved by the board and met other requirements for licensure. Effective date 10/1/12.

**HB 833/SB 350 – Respiratory Care Practitioners – Practicing Polysomnography – Licensing Exceptions:** This bill clarifies that licensed respiratory care practitioners have the right to practice respiratory care within the scope of their license, including practicing respiratory care in a sleep laboratory. The bill exempts respiratory care practitioners whose duties include practicing polysomnography and who are licensed by the State Board of Physicians to practice respiratory care by December 31, 2012, from the requirement to be licensed as a polysomnographic technologist by October 1, 2013. Effective date 10/1/12.

**HB 957/SB 395 – Health Occupations – Public Disclosure of Professional Credentials:** This bill prohibits a physician from representing to the public that the physician is certified by a public or private board, including a multidisciplinary board, or that the physician is board certified, unless (1) the physician discloses the full name of the board and the name of the specialty or subspecialty; and (2) the certifying board meets specified requirements. Uncodified language requires each health occupations board to submit any existing regulations or policies governing advertising by health care practitioners to specified committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2012. Effective date 10/1/12.

**HB 1140/SB 749 – Physicians – Sharing of Information with Maryland Health Care Commission:** This bill adds the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) to the list of entities (1) to which the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) may disclose specified identifying information; (2) to which the State Board of Physicians must disclose, for the purpose of investigating quality of utilization of care in any entity regulated by the Office of Health Care Quality (OHQC) or HSCRC, any information contained in a record; and (3) that must jointly adopt regulations for the efficient and secure transfer of any information in a record that may indicate that an investigation may be appropriate. The bill also changes the date by which such regulations must be adopted from January 1, 2012, to January 1, 2013. Effective date 7/1/12.

**SB 603 – Health Care Practitioners – Licensed Dentists, Physicians, and Podiatrists – Personally Preparing and Dispensing Prescription Drugs and Devices:** This bill requires dentists, physicians, and podiatrists to comply – as a condition of being allowed to personally prepare and dispense prescription drugs or devices – with specified requirements related to dispensing, labeling, inspection, packaging, recall procedure, recordkeeping, purchase, verification, reporting, and continuing education. The bill also requires the boards of Pharmacy, Dental Examiners, Physicians, and Podiatric Medical Examiners to make specified annual reports to the Division of Drug Control (DDC) in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). In addition, the bill establishes requirements for DDC to (1) inspect the office of a dentist, physician, or podiatrist who holds a dispensing permit; and (2) report the results of the inspections to the respective board of licensure. The bill allows for a fee to be charged by the respective boards payable to the general fund to cover the cost of the DDC inspections. Effective date 7/1/13.

**SB 629 – State Board of Physicians – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation:** This bill extends the termination date of the State Board of Physicians (MBP) by one year to July 1, 2014. The bill requires MBP to include on each public licensee profile a summary of charges filed against the licensee. The current exception to licensure for purposes of consultation is narrowed to include physicians demonstrating or receiving training in specified skills or procedures at Maryland hospitals. The bill codifies current board practices regarding specified exemptions from licensure, specified exemptions from education requirements for licensure, and the requirement that the board provide certain individuals an opportunity to appear before the board during a case resolution conference. The bill authorizes MBP's executive director to apply for a search warrant to enter private premises and seize evidence where the board suspects the unlicensed practice of medicine and specifies how such a search warrant must be issued and executed. As amended the bill allows the governor to appoint the Chair of the Board for a two year term. Effective date 6/1/12.

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