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## **TWO PHYSICIAN SEATS OPEN ON BPQA**

Dr. Ronald J. Orleans and Dr. Zorayda M. Lee-Llacer will complete their terms of Board service this year. Each has served one full term and is eligible for reappointment. Governor Glendening may reappoint each to serve a second term or may appoint two new Board members.

The procedure for identifying new members for BPQA is established by statute. MedChi is charged with conducting an election and transmitting the results to the Governor who then makes his selections. In order to be on the ballot, a Maryland licensed physician must be placed in nomination by a physician organization of at least 25 members who support the candidacy. Alternatively, a physician may also be nominated by petition by obtaining the signatures of 25 Maryland licensed physician's who support the candidacy.

Board service is an honor and a unique opportunity to serve the citizens of Maryland. However, it is not compensated beyond a per diem, and involves a time commitment. Most Board members are assigned to two committees in addition to the monthly meeting of the full Board. Additionally, Board members are often asked to review malpractice claims and to attend, in rotation, the Weekly Review Panel which screens all new complaints. Candidates should be aware that they will need to dedicate at least 25 hours a month to Board activities.

To be included in the election process, nominations should be submitted to MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, 1211 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 before March 15, 2001. The nominees will be listed in the next issue of the BPQA Newsletter and a ballot will be provided.

## **BOARD WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

C. Irving Pinder, Jr. became the Executive Director of the BPQA on January 24, 2001. Mr. Pinder is a lifelong resident of Maryland and has been a manager in the human services field for over 25 years. Most recently, he served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, with responsibility for the development, implementation and coordination of the Maryland Dual Eligible Outreach and Enrollment Initiative.

Mr. Pinder served as Deputy Director of the Maryland Office on Aging from 1995-1997. He lives in Centreville, Maryland with his wife, Sandy, and their two children, Matthew, 15, and Megan, 13.

## BOARD ORDERS November 2000 - January 2001

**Frederick M. Johnson, M.D.**

**License #: D06704, Specialty: General Practice. (Laplata, MD) Suspension** for 6 months, effective 20 days from date of final order; suspension to continue for 6 months and until specific conditions are met; after the suspension is lifted, probation for 3 years subject to terms and conditions. The Board found that physician did not meet standards of care with respect to the care he rendered to 14 of 16 patients, especially his prevalent practice of prescribing CDS without documenting the medical necessity for using them versus non-narcotic drugs. Date of Action: November 1, 2000.

**Simone Gifford-Allen, RT**

**Certification #: R04583. (Silver Spring, MD) Suspension of certificate.** The health provider practiced outside the scope of authorized practice and continued to work as a medical radiation technologist with a non-renewed certificate. Date of Action: November 15, 2000.

**Farshad Yazdani, M.D.**

**License #: D37046, Specialty: Internal Medicine. (Hagerstown, MD) Suspension; pre-conditions to any petition for reinstatement.** The Board concluded as a matter of law that the physician is mentally incompetent. Date of Action: November 15, 2000.

**Ida Marie Carideo, M.D. License #: D43694, Specialty: Internal Medicine. (Wayside, NJ) Revocation.** The physician was found guilty of Mail Fraud Conspiracy and pled guilty to Receipt of a Medicare Kickback in Federal District Court for the Eastern District of New York and was thereby subject to Maryland statute which requires revocation of license. Date of Action: December 6, 2000.

**Chutiporn Malayaman, M.D.**

**License #: D17713, Specialty: OB/GYN (Ellicott City, MD) Reprimand;** terms and conditions for two (2) years. The physician violated conditions of an agreement with the Board, in that he did not enroll in and successfully complete a medical record keeping course and a surgical gynecology course in the required time frames. Date of Action: November 15, 2000.

**Michael F. Miller, M.D.**

**License #: D36056, Specialty: Emergency Medicine. (Annapolis, MD) Surrender.** The physician surrendered his license based upon his intent not to practice medicine in Maryland for at least a year from his surrender and also based upon the matter contained in the Consent Order of May 24, 2000, that is, the New York Board's action for practicing medicine with gross negligence. Date of Action: November 15, 2000.

**Helmy A.F. Qurtom, M.D.**

**License #: D44724, Specialty: Pediatrics. (Beltsville, MD) Revocation.** The physician pled guilty to theft of U.S. Government property, that is, student assistance benefits. Date of Action: November 15, 2000.

**David Noah Weitzman, M.D.**

**License #: D44180, Specialty: Psychiatry (Rochester, IN) Surrender.** The physician's surrender is prompted by a current investigation in which the Board found five patients to whom the physician prescribed excessive amounts of CDS over a period of several years and for whom he maintained no medical records or documentation. Date of Action: November 15, 2000.

**David C. Allen, M.D. License #: D25230, Specialty: Internal Medicine. (California, MD) Summary Suspension.** The Board based its action on the physician's violation of his disposition agreement with the Board by ingesting alcohol, self-prescribing medication contrary to the provisions of the agreement, on a November 27, 2000 psychiatric evaluation, and on his actions on November 26, 2000, as reported to the Board by a law enforcement officer. Date of Action: December 11, 2000.

**Barry Ray Byram, M.D.**  
**License #: D50059, Specialty: Unspecified.**  
**(Laguana Beach, CA) June 28, 2000 Final Order of Revocation is vacated** by the Order of the Circuit for Baltimore City. The Circuit Court determined that the physician did not receive prior notice of the final order that the Board issued on June 28, 2000.

**Hasan Babaturk, M.D.**  
**License #: D37592, Specialty: General/Family Practice. (Belair, MD)**  
**Reprimand.** A drug screen for employment revealed the use of marijuana. Date of Action: December 20, 2000.

**Leon R. Levitsky, M.D. License #: D09187, Specialty: General /Family Practice. (Lanham, MD) Reinstatement of license;** peer review of practice on or about six months from date of the order. The physician has not practiced medicine since on or about March 5, 1999. Date of Action: December 21, 2000.

**Garret H. Smith, M.D. License #: No License, Specialty: Unspecified. (Detroit, MI)**  
**Application for initial licensure denied.** The Board concluded that the physician fraudulently attempted to obtain a license, is guilty of unprofessional conduct, failed to cooperate with a Board investigation, and made false representation in applying for licensure. Date of Action: December 20, 2000.

**Thomas E. Finucan, Jr., M.D., License # D32395, Specialty: Internal Medicine. (North East, MD) Revocation.** The physician shall not apply for reinstatement for three (3) years. The Board found the physician guilty of immoral and unprofessional conduct because he engaged in a series of unethical and unprofessional sexual and personal relationships with his women patients. Date of Action: January 24, 2001.

**Alexander L. Matas, M.D.**  
**License #: D14529, Specialty: General/Family Practice. (Washington, DC) Suspension.** The Board took reciprocal action on based the physician's surrender of his New York license for practicing with gross negligence, gross incompetence, and inadequate records. Date of Action: December 20, 2000.

**Clement I. Momah, M.D. License #: D46933, Specialty: Internal Medicine. (Laurel, MD) Summary Suspension.** The Board concluded that it has cause to believe that the physician is professionally incompetent to practice medicine. Date of Action: December 20, 2000.

**Bruce Rind, M.D.**  
**License # D37186, Specialty: Anesthesiology. (Rockville, MD) Reprimand;** probation for 18 months subject to terms and conditions. The Board found that in the care of 13 patients the physician failed to deliver quality medical care, kept inadequate medical records, and made false statements to collect a fee. The Board also found that the physician was guilty of immoral and unprofessional conduct by performing acupuncture without registration in regard to one of the patients. Date of Action: December 20, 2000.

**Stuart K. Wilson, M.D. License #: D35598, Specialty: Psychiatry. (Grasonville, MD) Summary Suspension.** Based on a peer review in regard to four patients and the physician's practice of prescribing lithium without blood level monitoring, the Board concluded that the public health, safety or welfare required emergency action. Date of Action: December 20, 2000.

**Bannister Raines, M.D. License #: D17735, Specialty: Internal Medicine. (Baltimore, MD) Revocation.** The physician failed a chemical screen and thereby was subject to automatic revocation of licensure in accord with the Board's reinstatement order of November 24, 1999. Date of Action: January 16, 2001.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE FINES November 2000 - January 2001**

**Ray Brodie, Jr., M.D.**  
**License #: D22100, Specialty: Urology. (Baltimore, MD) Administrative fine of \$1,000.** The physician failed to demonstrate completion of continuing medical education credits required by statute and regulation. Date of Action: November 15, 2000.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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