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2001 BPQA ELECTION BEGINS HERE

Two Physicians To Be Appointed By Governor To BPQA; Ballot Enclosed

This issue of the BPQA Newsletter contains a ballot listing those physicians who have been nominated to fill the two incumbent vacancies on the Board of Physician Quality Assurance. Drs. Zorayda Lee Llacer and Ronald J. Orleans whose current terms expire this year, are eligible for reappointment to another full four-year terms. The names of sitting Board members eligible for reappointment are submitted to the Governor by MedChi in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations §14-202 (d).

MedChi modified the nomination process requiring that nominations come from physician organizations of at least 25 members. Nominations are also accepted for candidates submitting a petition signed by 25 Maryland licensed physicians. The Governor will be given the tally of votes. He will appoint new Board members from the list of nominees, including the names of the two sitting Board members who are eligible for reappointment. Historically, the Governor has been sensitive to issues such as geographic representation, specialty, gender, and diversity among the Board appointees.

Service on the Board is a time consuming commitment, requiring on average about six hours per week. Please vote for physicians who will honor this commitment and serve with energy, enthusiasm, and integrity. Candidates should be well versed in the peer review process and have sufficient practice experience to bring seasoned judgment to the problems the Board addresses. Physicians who perceive Board appointment as a vehicle to promote or protect their special interests will not serve the Board as well as those who embrace the true charge of the Board which is to protect the public.

The ballot for this election process was prepared by MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society. Nominees were asked why they wanted to serve on the BPQA and their responses have been captured and are listed on page 2. Please complete your ballot, on page 5 of this newsletter, and return it to MedChi before June 1, 2001, in order to have your vote counted. This is your opportunity to have input into the Governor's selection of our members.



D.W. Chen, M.D., M.P.H. is board-certified in Preventive Medicine and is an active duty medical officer with the U.S. Public Health Service. He resides in Montgomery County. Dr. Chen received his M.D. from Tufts University School of Medicine and his M.P.H. from the Harvard School of Public Health. The Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine nominated Dr. Chen.

“Assuring the integrity of medical practice is of singular importance, especially given the rapid changes in health care. I wish to serve on the BPQA in order to represent the interests of fellow physicians and public health in Maryland. I would also like to bring my specific experience working with certification, accreditation and credentialing issues at the national level to the Board.”



J. Ramsay Farah, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP, FACPM received his graduate and post-doctoral training at the American University, University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins. Elected two terms to MedChi’s Board of Trustees, he serves as Secretary. Dr. Farah is a Medical Director, Quality Improvement at Sierra Military Health. He resides in Western Maryland.

“Health care delivery is challenged in balancing access to care, medical necessity and benefits determination conflicts, and quality. I bring the expertise of 25 years of private practice, hospital and institutional care, managed care, cultural sensitivity, organizational experience and commitment with a comprehensive track of leadership and accountability. I ask for your vote.”



Gerald A. Glowacki, M.D., M.B.A. is a board certified ob/gyn and served as Chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Franklin Square Hospital for 30 years. He received his M.D. from Upstate Medical Center and his M.B.A. from Loyola College in Baltimore. The Baltimore County Medical Association nominated Dr. Glowacki.

“Since July 1, 2001, I have retired from seeing patients; I currently consult several companies in a variety of business matters related to medicine. I have the desire and the time to devote to the BPQA.”



Julius S. Piver, M.D., J.D. is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and also holds a law degree. Dr. Piver received his M.D. from George Washington University School of Medicine and his law degree from American University Washington College of Law. He currently maintains an office-based gynecology practice in Montgomery County.

“I am still in the active practice of Gynecology, having given up Obstetrics in 1980 after over 4,000 deliveries. I also have a law degree and have reviewed records for attorneys, plaintiff and defendant, for the past fifteen years. I feel that this experience will enable me to lend a unique perspective to the BPQA.”



Marjorie Voith, M.D., FACP is an internist who practices in Chevy Chase. She received her M.D. at the University of Maryland and served as a Major in the U.S. Air Force from 1978-1983. Dr. Voith was nominated by the Medical Society of the District of Columbia.

“I have served on the Board of Directors of the Society of Air Force Physicians and the American Cancer Society, as Chairman of the Physician Health Committee of the Medical Society of D.C. and as a member of the NCRIC Malpractice Claims Review Committee.”

BOARD ORDERS January 22, 2001 - March 28, 2001

Dora M. Mamodesene, M.D.
License #: D29649, Specialty: Family Practice
Silver Spring, MD

Date of Action: January 31, 2001

Reprimand; terms and conditions. The physician failed to meet the standards of care in regard to eleven patients in her practice in the area of family practice.

Michael J. Horan, M.D.
License #: D14662, Specialty: Internal Medicine
Rockville, MD

Date of Action: March 14, 2001

Revocation of License. The physician pled guilty to obtaining Percocet by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, and subterfuge in the District Court of Maryland for Montgomery County and was thereby subject to Maryland statute which requires revocation of the license.

Clarence J. Coombs, M.D.
License #: D04111, Specialty: Psychiatry
Sykesville, MD

Date of Action: March 28, 2001

The physician shall not engage in the clinical practice of medicine; **the physician shall surrender his license on October 1, 2001, or on the date of his termination or resignation from his current employment in the state, whichever is sooner.** The Board's action is based on a peer review of the physician's practice of psychiatry at a state hospital.

Mahmoud Nemazee, M.D.
License #: D38784, Specialty: Internal Medicine
Santa Monica, CA

Date of Action: March 28, 2001

Suspension. The Board to consider reinstatement only after completion of terms and conditions. The Board took action based on disciplinary action by the Medical Board of California for dishonest statements on the physician's application for licensure in California and false statements on his application for initial medical licensure in Maryland.

Jewel L. Scott, Radiation Therapy Technology
Certification #: R05448
Washington, DC

Date of Action: February 23, 2001

Revocation of license. The Board concluded that the health care provider practiced medical radiation technology before obtaining proper certification from the Board to do so, and that the health provider's inaction during the investigation, specifically, failing to respond to the Board's inquiries, constitutes a lack of good moral character.

Stuart K. Wilson, M.D.
License #: D35598, Specialty: Psychiatry
Grasonville, MD

Date of Action: February 28, 2001

Suspension until satisfactory completion of requirements; if suspension is lifted, probation for three years subject to terms and conditions. The Board found the physician failed to meet appropriate standards of care in his practice of psychiatry, focused on psychopharmacology, based on a peer review of his treatment of 4 patients.

Daniel H. Oblitas, M.D.
License #: D34381, Specialty: Internal Medicine & Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Duarte, CA

Date of Action: March 28, 2001

Revocation. The Board's action is based on disciplinary action by the Medical Board of California for gross negligence, repeated acts of negligence, and incompetence in his treatment of patients.

BOARD ORDERS

Peter H. Marshall, Nuclear Medical Technologist
Certification #: N00068
Easton, MD

Date of Action: January 24, 2001

Reinstatement of Certification; probation for one year subject to terms and conditions. The licensee was granted probation before judgement in a Medicaid fraud matter involving the purchasing of cleaning supplies for a hospital.

ADMINISTRATIVE FINES January 22, 2001 - March 28, 2001

Fortune Odend'Hal, IV, M.D.
License #: D07871, Specialty: Unspecified
Culpeper County, VA

Date of Action: January 31, 2001

Fine of \$1,000; terms and conditions. The physician failed to comply with statute and regulations with respect to completion of continuing education credits.

PHYSICIAN'S PALLIATIVE CARE PAIN HOTLINE UPDATE 1-800-492-3805

The Physician Palliative Care Hotline has been established as a toll-free number: 1-800-492-3805. It is available to physicians who wish to obtain immediate free consultation on pain management in palliative care. The initial call will be handled through the Emergency Medical Resource Center answering services.

The physician calling the hotline should request the "pain hotline." The dispatcher will take the calling physician's name and phone number and will indicate that a pain management physician will call back within 15 minutes. The on-call physician will be paged immediately. All on-call physicians are board-certified in hospice and palliative care medicine.

**NOTE: AS WITH ANY CONSULTATION, ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS
WITH THE TREATING
PHYSICIAN.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING

Licensed physicians and osteopathic physicians are eligible to cast a ballot. You may make up to two selections for candidates to fill the vacancies on the Board. Ballots which designate only one candidate will be valid, but if more than two selections are made, the ballot will be voided. Only this original ballot may be used, not a copy. Failure to sign your ballot or failure to accurately record your Maryland license number will also result in a voided ballot.

The ballot should be mailed with 34 cent postage. Only original ballots will be accepted; therefore, **do not fax your ballot**. Detach your ballot from the newsletter, fold it into thirds, and tape or staple the free edge before mailing.

The ballot must be received by June 1, 2001

2001 BALLOT

Name: _____

(PRINT)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Maryland license number: _____

(REQUIRED OR BALLOT IS INVALID)

Signature: _____

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN TWO

_____ D.W. Chen, M.D., North Potomac, Maryland

_____ J. Ramsay Farah, M.D., Hagerstown, Maryland

_____ Gerald A. Glowacki, M.D., Glen Arm, Maryland

_____ Julius S. Piver, M.D., Bethesda, Maryland

_____ Majorie A. Voith, M.D., Riva, Maryland

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New Physician Orientation Schedule

On April 5, 1999, new regulations went into effect requiring physicians who are applying for the first renewal of a Maryland Medical License to attend the Board of Physician Quality Assurance New Physician Orientation Program. This means if you received your initial medical license within the last two years and have not yet renewed your license you must attend this orientation program as a requirement for the renewal of your license. **ALL CLASSES ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION. THESE ORIENTATIONS ARE SCHEDULED**

May 10, 2001	MedChi Offices 1211 Cathedral St. Baltimore, MD 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	July 11, 2001	Suburban Hospital Bethesda, MD 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
May 16, 2001	Suburban Hospital Bethesda, MD 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	July 12, 2001	MedChi Offices 1211 Cathedral St. Baltimore, MD 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
June 13, 2001	Suburban Hospital Bethesda, MD 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	August 18, 2001	BPQA Office 4201 Patterson Avenue Baltimore, MD 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
June 14, 2001	MedChi Offices 1211 Cathedral St. Baltimore, MD 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	August 19, 2001	MedChi Offices 1211 Cathedral St. Baltimore, MD 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

This program may also be approved for Category I CME (3-Hours).
These programs are free. However, everyone must register to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Education and Training Unit, at 410-764-5972, or 1-800 492-6836.
You may also contact us by E-Mail at: KMELVILLE@DHMH.STATE.MD.US

Please note all classes are subject to change. For your benefit fill out this form completely. You must choose a first and second preference and fax or mail the completed form to: **FAX: 410-358-2252**

Mail To:
BPQA
New Physician Orientation Program
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Name: _____ License #: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone :_(_____)_____ - _____ Office Telephone: __ (_____) _____ - _____

Fax :_(_____)_____ - _____ Pager # :_(_____)_____ - _____

Please indicate your first and second program preference. You will receive a confirmation via fax or mail. To receive directions log onto the web site www.docboard.org.

1st Preference: _____ 2nd Preference: _____

RENEWAL NOTICE

Physicians whose last names begin with the letters M-Z must renew their medical licenses before September 30, 2001. The renewal applications are mailed in early July to the last address the physician supplied to the Board. Please notify the Board if you have not received your renewal application by the end of July. The total fee for the renewal this year is \$520.00.

Earning 50 Category I CME credits is a requirement for renewal. If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes Category I CME credit, contact the Board and request a copy of the CME regulations, or check our website at www.docboard.org or www.dsd.state.md.us to find this information. The dates your CME credits were earned must fall within the 2 years since your last renewal, and you must keep documentation for 6 years.

Physicians whose renewal applications are not postmarked by September 30, 2001, are no longer licensed to practice in Maryland. In the two-month period following expiration of licensure, the Board will accept the renewal form with the renewal application fees and a \$100 late fee. Until their licenses are renewed, physicians who file late applications are not authorized to practice medicine. Any physician who does not renew his/her license by the end of the two-month period will have to go through the full reinstatement process to reactivate the license. Physicians practicing without a valid license are subject to fines up to \$50,000.

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