

Medical Memo

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

A report on Board activities prepared as an information service for licensees

1020 N STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1974

Dr. Wilkins Elected New Board President

New Board of Medical Examiners officers were installed January 15, 1974. They include Dr. Harold E. Wilkins, President; Dr. R. Theodore Nussdorf, Vice President and Dr. Gary Nye, Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. Harold E. Wilkins was formerly Vice President of the Board. He succeeds Dr. Paul J. Dugan, of Roseville.

Dr. Wilkins was first appointed to the Board by Governor Ronald Reagan in 1969. He has been an internist in Downey since 1954. He is a 1947 graduate of the Medical College of Virginia and served his internship and residency at Boston City Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts from 1947-51. He has served as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Southern California since 1955.

Dr. Wilkins was an officer in the U.S. Air Force. He holds membership in Phi Beta Kappa and several other honorary societies.

Speech/Audiology Licensing Ready

Speech pathologist and audiologist license applications are now being accepted by the Speech Pathology and Audiology Examining Committee of the State Board of Medical Examiners. License of speech pathologists and audiologists is required by July 1, 1974.

Licensure is a legal requirement of all practitioners except licensed physicians, personnel conducting hearing tests under the direct supervision of a physician, or personnel in a school setting.

Licensure requirements include the following: possession of a master's degree in the license discipline, 275 hours of supervised clinical practice, a year of supervised professional experience, and passage of the Educational Testing Service/National Teacher Examination in the licensure area.

Licensing is available on a retroactive basis for certain practitioners who submit applications before March, 1974.

For further information concerning licensure of speech pathologists and audiologists, contact: Robert H. Powell, Executive Officer, Speech Pathology and Audiology Examining Committee, State Board of Medical Examiners, 1020 N Street, Sacramento, California 95814. Or phone (916) 322-2670.

Dr. Nussdorf was appointed to the Board in 1972. He is an Orthopedic Surgeon and Instructor of Orthopedic Surgery at the University of California at Irvine. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia Medical School. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Western Orthopedic Association. He practices in Whittier.

Dr. Nye is an Orinda psychiatrist. He was appointed to the Board by Governor Reagan in 1971. He received a medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He served in Vietnam as a battalion flight surgeon with the U.S. Army.

Report to Legislature on Nurse Practitioners

The Advisory Committee on Physician's Assistant and Nurse Practitioner Programs of the Board of Medical Examiners has submitted a report to the California Legislature containing suggestions and recommendations for legislation relating to the nurse practitioner program.

The report outlines general definition and supervision requirements for nurse practitioners. It also is concerned with the following aspects of the program: functional description of various nurse practitioner classifications, settings, utilization, education and training requirements.

The advisory committee report defines a nurse practitioner as a licensed nurse with educational knowledge and skills, who will provide direct patient care in consultation with a licensed physician or surgeon.

Five classifications of nurse practitioner are recommended in the document. Classification will depend on the educational training and experience of the applicant. All classifications require that the nurse practitioner be under the direction and supervision of a physician. Such direction requires that the physician be immediately available for consultation either personally or by telephone.

The legislature may recommend a permanent certification program for nurse practitioners in California during this session.




Message from the President

This past year was a productive one for medicine and for the Board of Medical Examiners. Highlights of Board activities during 1973 include emergence of the physicians assistant program and the report to the State Legislature on the role of nurse practitioners.

During 1974, we'll continue to look for solutions to problems of informed consent and the practice of acupuncture. We hope to investigate continuing education as a requirement for re-licensure in California, and study the possibility of licensing by medical specialty.

The increasing number of complaints against physicians and surgeons by the public merits extensive investigation.

As the President of your Board, I look forward to serving you, as well as the public, by maintaining the high standards that have prevailed throughout the past in our application, licensing, examination and disciplinary procedures.



H. E. Wilkins, M.D.
President

Address Changes

The Board reminds all licensees that the law requires physicians and surgeons to notify the Board of Medical Examiners of any change in address. Approximately 12 per cent of the physicians addresses on file at the Board office are incorrect.

You should notify the Board of any change in address by putting your name and new address on a postcard or piece of paper and send it to: State Board of Medical Examiners, 1020 N Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

BOARD BUSINESS

MEETING AND EXAMINATION DATES

March and April

Board Meeting and Exams, April 26-29	Los Angeles	Physical Therapy Meeting, March 22	San Francisco
DRC I, April 2-4	San Francisco	Physical Therapy Exam, March 8	Los Angeles
DRC II, April 24	Los Angeles	Podiatry Meeting, March 14, 15	Los Angeles
DRC IV, March 5-7	Los Angeles	Psychology Meeting, March 23, 24	San Diego
DRC V, March 19-21	Los Angeles	Psychology Meeting and Exams, April 27 and 28	Los Angeles
Hearing Aid Dispensers Meeting, April 4	Los Angeles	Speech Path. and Audiology Meeting, March 8	Los Angeles

Eligible applicants will be notified several weeks before every examination about the date, days, time and place where each test will be held.

MARCH AND APRIL HEARINGS

Wesley Kraude, M.D.	Mar. 4-7, 1974	Los Angeles	Harold Klem, M.D.	Mar. 26, 1974	Los Angeles
Richard L. Rubottom, M.D.	Mar. 5, 1974	Sacramento	James Nelson, M.D.	Mar. 26-29, 1974	Sacramento
James Dohm, M.D.	Mar. 14-15, 1974	Los Angeles	Ralph Korljan, M.D.	Mar. 29, 1974	Los Angeles
James Laughrean	Mar. 15, 1974	Sacramento	Seymour Matanky, M.D.	April 1-2, 1974	Los Angeles
Clifford Kamen	Mar. 19, 1974	San Diego	Charles Nordlinger, M.D.	April 2, 1974	San Francisco
William E. Gray	Mar. 20, 1974	Sacramento	Walter C. Reilly, M.D.	April 4-6, 1974	Los Angeles
William Catherwood, M.D.	Mar. 19-20, 1974	Los Angeles	London Optical Co., Inc.	April 6, 1974	Los Angeles
James J. Badal	Mar. 21, 1974	Los Angeles	Robert Browning, M.D.	April 19, 1974	Sacramento
Dwight Rawson, M.D.	Mar. 21, 1974	Los Angeles	Norman Lloyd, M.D.	April 24, 1974	Los Angeles

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

November 22, 1973 to February 15, 1974

Charles E. Baker, M.D., Long Beach CA	December 5, 1973	Revoked, stayed, probation 10 years, terms and conditions.
Nicholas G. Boosalis, M.D., Porterville, CA	January 14, 1974	Petition to revoke probation in D-1080 granted. Revoked, stayed, suspended 30 days, terms and conditions in D-1081 and D-1037 reimposed.

For additional information about accusations, decisions and other aspects of disciplinary actions, consult official records of the Board at the Department of Consumer Affairs, 1020 N Street, Sacramento.

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