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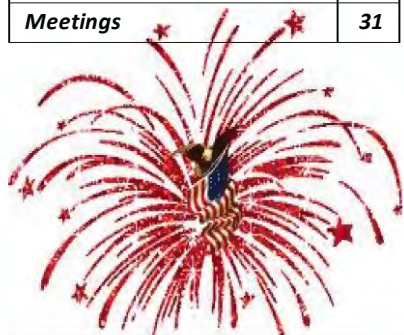
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MBC Board Member Sharon Levine, M.D. 2012 Woman of the Year

Sharon Levine, M.D. was recently named by the Women Health Care Executives as the 2012 Woman of the Year.

Dr. Levine was selected from a very competitive pool of accomplished women leaders working in the health care field. She was formally recognized at a May 3 celebration dinner in San Francisco.

Dr. Levine has been a member of The Permanente Medical Group since 1977, and for the last 21 years has served as Associate Executive Director with multiple leadership accountabilities. She serves on the Boards of Directors of the Public Health Institute of California, the California Association of Physician Groups, the Reagan Udall Foundation, the Insure the Uninsured Project, and the Medical Board of California.

Dr. Levine also is a member of the Committee on Evidence-based Benefit Design of the National Business Group on Health. She was appointed to a six-year term on the Board of Governors of the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute in 2010.



Sharon Levine, M.D.
MBC Board Member

Note: The purpose of Women Health Care Executives (WHCE) of Northern California is to: 1) promote the career advancement and satisfaction of women professionals in health care, 2) increase the technical and professional knowledge of its membership through education, 3) provide a forum for communication, networking and support, and 4) promote members and the accomplishments of women executives in health care.

The mission of the Medical Board of California

The mission of the Medical Board of California is to protect health care consumers through proper licensing and regulation of physicians and surgeons and certain allied health care professions and through the vigorous, objective enforcement of the Medical Practice Act, and, to promote access to quality medical care through the Board's licensing and regulatory functions.

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Editor's spotlight

Summer has arrived and for Californians, and visitors to the Golden State, that equates to a plethora of activities in the sun – and often for extended periods of time. Accordingly, this is the opportune time to provide some tips and reminders that you can share with your patients. Jessica Wu, M.D., Professor of Dermatology at USC Keck School of Medicine, graciously agreed to write an article for this issue about the dangers of UV rays. On the same subject, we've shared information and valuable links to websites of the American Cancer Society, WebMD, and the National Cancer Institute. These are timely reminders about enjoying the outdoors, but also using good sense and high SPF sunscreen when it comes to sun exposure.

The Medical Board routinely partners with the Board of Pharmacy to educate our respective licensees on legislation that may affect both boards. Included is an alert from the Pharmacy Board about new legislation, effective July 1, 2012, regarding the required elements for security forms for controlled substances; and, new prescription label requirements that affect pharmacists, physicians and others who dispense prescription medications. Find out if they affect you.

This is the first issue utilizing the condensed version of the administrative actions. Although there is less information provided up-front, by simply clicking on the link following each name, the entire disciplinary document is available for your review, providing a more informative and clear description of the circumstances. We hope you find this change to be beneficial. Please let us know what you think about this change – write me at webmaster@mbc.ca.gov.

Lastly, as I prepare to retire this summer, I want to thank the readers for your many kind emails throughout the years, your suggestions for improvement, and your continued interest in staying informed. The research, collaboration, and writing involved in producing this newsletter have been a pleasure for me. I leave this publication in very capable hands – and wish you all continued successes.

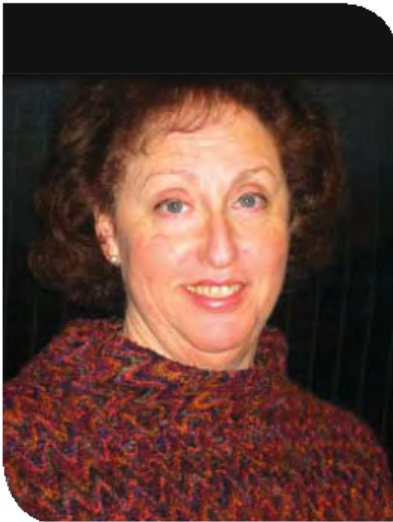
Debbie Nelson, Editor

President's Message

As I write this, my final article for the newsletter as President, I realize that so many are worried about the state of health care, the unknown, and of what is to come. People are frustrated. With the financial strains on state government, concern is growing as to whether our society can care for its most vulnerable persons. I write you to assure that regardless of what is going on around us, the Medical Board of California, our dedicated staff, and our constituents will never be compromised or taken for granted.

It is not easy to synthesize thoughts and memories of the past three years, but I know we will all remember the trials and tribulations. These times have been a challenge, but thanks to my colleagues and staff many of the challenges we have faced during my term have been confronted and overcome. We have changed the culture at the Medical Board. We are more focused on our clients than ever before. The inordinate amount of time it took to license physicians has been significantly reduced. A process that used to take months, now can take less than six weeks. The application process is working much more smoothly and efficiently than it has in some time. Our outreach efforts have improved and have made a huge difference in the way we do business. Now we need to take a renewed look at our enforcement program and how we can reduce the timelines by being smarter, more efficient, and more protective of the consumers in California.

Protecting healthcare consumers, physicians, and promoting consumer education, in novel and innovative ways, remains the focus of the Medical Board and defines my tenure. At a time of inherent uncertainty and change in national healthcare policy we continue to champion the belief that regulatory vigilance and education are the cornerstones of a healthcare system that must remain above suspicion, innuendo, or reproach. The public deserves to have confidence that California is a leader in first-rate and qualified physician care across the healthcare spectrum. We have devoted much time and energy in developing best practices and a variety of educational opportunities that can best serve our providers to ensure that the rules and regulations are better understood and respected.



*Barbara Yaroslavsky
President, Medical Board
of California*

Regulation can ensure physician quality, but an educated population advanced via the Board's professional interaction and proactive engagement with the medical profession reinforces that California leads the way in preventative oversight with negligence, malpractice and malfeasance being greatly reduced. We also can further physician quality by continuing to standardize our recognition of international medical schools; and, we are taking first steps and working with the Federation of State Medical Boards on the topic of maintenance of licensure. During my tenure, this Board has made significant progress in accelerating investigation time frames with efficient, maximized utilization of MBC resources

and inter-agency cooperation. There has been a significant increase in deploying digital-Internet technology to assist investigations including recordkeeping and access to public proceedings; zero tolerance for mismanaged care and ethical mishaps by physicians; improved relationships with private and public sectors impacted by the Board's pronouncements; and improved regulatory initiatives that reinforce to consumers and citizens that this Board is proactive, professional and user-friendly. Now that we are committed to speaking with each other, we have to get our technology up to speed as well so that our collaboration can continue to promote efficiencies.

The debate lingers whether healthcare is a "right" or "privilege". My privilege has been to serve the broader community, the consumers of California along with our Governor, Legislature, medical community, and Medical Board staff to advance a shared commitment to promote quality health care and wellness for all California residents. Indeed this is the RIGHT thing to do, and I send this farewell message cognizant of how the true heroes of our society remain the people who do what has to be done day after day to achieve outcomes that are beneficial to all. As I leave the position of President, I want to take this opportunity to wish the new Chair *carpe diem*. I also want to thank the staff that each day proves that they care and want to do their best regardless of the circumstances. I look forward to working with all concerned as I continue to fulfill my term as a member of this Board. With every good wish for a wonderful summer.

Barbara

Senator Bob Huff



*Senator Bob Huff - R
Diamond Bar*

Senator Huff serves as the Senate Republican Leader in the California State Senate and represents the 29th Senate District covering portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties. He has been a member of the Senate since 2008. Prior, Senator Huff was a member of the Assembly from 2004-2008.

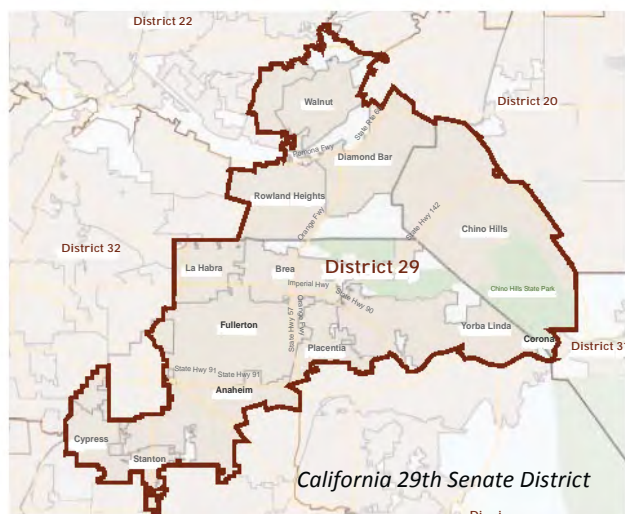
The Senate Republican Leader has served in a number of key leadership positions within the Senate Republican Caucus, including Republican Caucus Chair

and Vice-Chair of the Senate Budget Committee.

Senator Huff's legislative bills that affect Medical Board of California licensees and health care consumers includes SB 161, which authorizes non-medical school employees to provide emergency medical assistance to pupils experiencing epileptic seizures; and, SCR 7, which proclaimed the month of May as Celiac Disease Awareness Month.

Senator Huff was recognized as Legislator of the Year in 2011 by the League of California Cities, Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, the California Business Properties Associations, the American Council of Engineering Companies, California and the Inland Empire Caucus.

The Senator earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with honors from Westmont College in Santa Barbara.



DMV announces new CDL Medical Examination Guide

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) recently updated "A Physician Guide for Commercial Driver License Medical Exams." There are numerous changes that commercial driver medical examiners need to be aware of including changes to physical qualifications for drivers.

This booklet will be especially helpful if you:

- Conduct these exams infrequently.
- Encounter conditions that may be disqualifying and further explanation of the medical standard is needed.
- Have medical reports returned to your office by DMV because of errors or omissions.

In January 2012, a new version of the California Medical Examination Report (DL 51) was printed. Items were added that are mandated by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR). Items added during the last revision were the driving type certification, medical examination effective dates, medical examiner license issue and expiration dates. An electronic version of the DL 51 Medical Examination Report may be downloaded from the department's website at: <http://apps.dmv.ca.gov/forms/dl/dl51.pdf>

Information concerning the new Federal National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners is also in the new guide. **Beginning May 21, 2014**, all Medical Examiners who wish to conduct medical examinations for interstate commercial drivers must complete training about the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) physical qualifications regulations and advisory criteria and pass a certification test to be listed on the National Registry.

Medical Examiners who would like an electronic PDF version of the new Physician Guide for Commercial Driver License Medical Exams may email the DMV from a medical business email account. Email your requests to dmvlodmedicalpublications@dmv.ca.gov, or for those who would prefer a paper version mailed, please call (916) 657-6550.

YOU ASKED FOR IT

Questions received from the Web

Q. How long should a medical doctor keep a record of continuing medical education credits?

A physician should keep proof of CME credits for four years in case he or she is audited by the Medical Board.



Q. As a physician in solo practice, am I required to be certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) in order to renew my license?

There is no statutory requirement for a physician to be certified in CPR for the renewal of the license with the Medical Board.

Q. What is a physician's obligation regarding a death certificate?

A death certificate is a legal document, and disposition of the remains cannot occur until the death certificate is filed with the Office of Vital Records and Statistics. The attending physician is required to complete and sign a death certificate within 15 hours of the natural death of his or her patient (unless the case is subject to coroner's inquiry). The physician is responsible for either providing the certificate to the hospital, delivering it to the funeral director, or arranging with the funeral director to pick it up at his or her office. If the attending physician is unavailable, a physician may designate another physician who has access to the physician's records and who is in consultation with the physician.

Q. I recently renewed my license online, but I need a copy of my receipt. Please advise how I can get this.

To view or print a receipt:

- 1) Log into the On-Line Professional Licensing System with the user id and password that you created at the time you initially went online to renew your license;
- 2) Select the "User Profile" link, located to the left side of the screen (gray navigation area).;
- 3) Select the "View Receipts" link. (IF YOUR COMPUTER HAS A POP-UP BLOCKER, PLEASE DISABLE BEFORE VIEWING.)
- 4) Select the "View Receipt" link if you wish to view a summary of the recent online transaction.
- 5) Select print on the computer to print the receipt.

Chris Valine, Webmaster

Have a question?

If you have a question, write to me at **Webmaster@MBC.CA.GOV**. Some of your questions will be featured here in "YOU ASKED FOR IT", but all questions will receive an email answer from me, so let me hear from you.

Coming up Next Issue

- **The Annual Report** will be featured in the Fall Edition of the *MBC Newsletter*. New statistics on what has happened at the Medical Board in fiscal year 2011-2012.
- **Affordable Care Act is Constitutional**. Expanded details will be forthcoming.
- **Electronic Health Records** incentive program. Are you signed up? Do you know what to do and when? The *MBC Newsletter* will tell you.
- **The New California State Budget**. What does it mean for California health care consumers?

***Responsible Opioid Prescribing: A Clinician's Guide* – Second Edition now available**

The author of *Responsible Opioid Prescribing*, Scott M. Fishman, M.D., has recently published a second edition to his book – *Responsible Opioid Prescribing: A Clinician's Guide*. Dr. Fishman is a leading pain medicine clinician, researcher, teacher, lecturer, and writer. He is Chief of the Division of Pain Medicine and Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of California, Davis.

The revised and expanded *Clinician's Guide* translates best practice guidelines from leading pain medicine societies and the Federation of State Medical Boards into pragmatic steps for risk reduction and improved patient care, including:

- Patient evaluation, including risk assessment
- Treatment plans that incorporate functional goals
- Informed consent and prescribing agreements
- Periodic review and monitoring of patients
- Referral and patient management
- Documentation
- Compliance with state and federal law
- Patient education on safe use, storage and disposal of opioid medication
- Termination strategies for chronic opioid therapy



Since publication of the first edition in 2007, *Responsible Opioid Prescribing* has been widely used and supported in the medical and regulatory communities as the leading continuing medical education (CME) activity for prescribers of opioid medications.

Dr. Fishman has been board certified in Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, and Pain Medicine. He is the author of *The War on Pain and Listening to Pain*, coauthor of *Spinal Cord Stimulation*, and coeditor of *Bonica's Management of Pain and Essentials of Pain Medicine and Regional Anesthesia*.

The *Second Edition of Responsible Opioid Prescribing* is available online through the Federation of State Medical Boards' website at <http://www.fsmb.org/cme/index.html>.

FASCINATING FUN FACTS CORNER

The Board's current licensing data system indicates there are 180,609 (81% of issued licenses) United States medical school graduates and 42,426 (19% of issued licenses) international medical school graduates that have been issued physician's and surgeon's certificates since data has been collected.

Did your medical school make the list as one of the highest in producing California physicians?

1. What California medical school produced the highest number of physicians to receive a California license?
 2. What United States medical school (excluding California) produced the highest number of licensed physicians?
 3. What country has produced the highest number of international medical school graduates (IMGs) that were issued a California physician's and surgeon's certificate? Within this country, which international medical school produced the highest number of licensed physicians?
- (For answers, see page 9)*

Medical Board bids farewell to longtime legal counsel

On June 30, 2012, Anita Scuri, Legal Counsel to the Board, retired from state service after a long and impressive career. She served as legal counsel to the Medical Board for 18 years and was appropriately honored at the Medical Board's May 2012 quarterly meeting. At that meeting, MBC President Barbara Yaroslavsky presented Anita with a beautiful proclamation denoting just a few of her many notable accomplishments during her tenure with this Board; such as, implementing the Midwifery Licensing Act, drafting the first set of regulations for outpatient surgery settings, co-authoring many articles and opinions for the Board's Corporate Practice of Medicine work group – including the "Perspective to Provider Guidance on the Prohibition Against the Corporate Practice of Medicine," and she participated in four international medical school site visits providing her legal expertise to the site team and the Board.

Asked what her plans are for retirement, Anita replied, "I plan to expand my horizons and satisfy my curiosity through classes, community service, and travel –

beginning with trips to New Mexico and Iceland this summer."

The Medical Board and staff, who all have been touched by Anita's unfailing and dedicated work ethic, bid her a fond, heartfelt farewell and wish her happiness wherever her new horizons take her. She will be missed!



Note: Changes to the Patient Transfer Reporting form

Please note that the Patient Transfer Reporting form was revised in May 2011, and is now a "fill-in" form located on the Medical Board's website at <http://www.mbc.ca.gov/forms/enf-2240b.pdf>. Recently, the Board was advised that the majority of Patient Transfer Reporting forms being received are an older version. Can you please take a moment and make sure your office is using the most current form? Thank you!

California State Board of Pharmacy Alert – New law takes effect

This is a reminder about a new law effective July 1, 2012 regarding the required elements for security forms for controlled substances.

Effective January 1, 2012, security prescription forms for controlled substances must include the preprinted address of the prescriber (Health & Safety Code § 11162.1). Security prescription forms that do not have the preprinted address of the prescriber can be filled and dispensed by the pharmacist until July 1, 2012. Prescription forms not in compliance are invalid and cannot be accepted on or after July 1, 2012.

Additionally, licensed health care facilities or clinics exempt under Section 1206 (those having 25 or more licensed physicians or surgeons preprinted on the form) are not required to preprint the category of licensure and license number of their facility or clinic (Health & Safety Code § 11162.1[c][2]).

View all changes in Pharmacy Law that took effect in 2012 by using this link: http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/laws_regs/new_laws.pdf

Since its inception, the Medical Board's Wellness Committee, now known as the Education & Wellness Committee, has focused on the goal of promoting the importance of well-being to physicians through a series of articles in this newsletter. We have heard and shared stories from Kaiser Permanente Director of Fitness-Andy Gallardo, from former Board Member and current subcommittee member Laurie Gregg, M.D., we've heard from experts on mentoring and its many benefits, and we will continue to share these inspiring stories with you. Read on:

Finding Balance

by Robert Bonakdar, M.D., F.A.A.F.P.

Director of Pain Management, Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine

On September 20, 2011 we lost Lee Lipsenthal, M.D., a California physician and passionate advocate for physician wellness. This article and the series are dedicated to his work and vision.

There is not a physician that more exemplified balance than Lee Lipsenthal. I first had the pleasure of meeting Lee at a Scripps Clinic conference about a decade ago. Lee was giving a lecture on stress management and he surely knew the topic based on his work with heart patients. Prior to coming to California he had been the Director of Cardiovascular Services for the Benjamin Franklin Clinic in Philadelphia. Once in California, he became the Medical Director of the Preventive Medicine Research Institute. The institute coordinated the Ornish Program for Reversing Heart Disease for which our clinic was one of the early clinical sites. Through his passion for a balanced approach to cardiac care, he tirelessly worked with the most Type A of patients, knowing that a comprehensive approach, which included stress management, had the best chance of preventing heart attacks and reducing costs.

Unfortunately, in his work with the many clinicians who were in the front lines of care, he realized that they were in as much need for balance as the patients in the program. He also realized that in helping these clinicians find balance, the care they provide would improve as well as bring them increased life and work satisfaction. He made the difficult choice to work upstream, and over time, Lee dedicated his career to the cause of clinician balance.

As he began this particular lecture, instead of a typical gloomy review of the state of physician stress and burnout, he helped the audience remember why they got into medicine and the little pleasures (for him it included music and baseball) that made life a joy. He was able to take a topic that sounded bleak and transition it into a picture of hope. Since that point, I have been an admirer and friend of Lee's. In a topic area with no blockbuster drugs or lucrative advisory boards, I saw him spend his time selflessly lecturing to med students, insurers, medical

groups and organizations (including the AAFP, AMA and Kaiser among many). Over time they became convinced of the crisis of physician burnout and the merits of clinician stress management and resiliency.

In most cases, like with me, he found converts in the audiences he spoke to. As he often did, he would provide encouragement (as well as slides if needed) to support those who would help him take the message to those most in need. With increased demand, he was able to collect his advice in a book called *Finding Balance in a Medical Life* which I would recommend to all readers as a key guide for finding balance.



He then went on to develop courses, included a Kaiser CME program on the topic as one of the nation's first on-line courses for clinician balance. As he said in the book, *"I ... think of balance as the stability to ride the winds of change. To be successful and happy, one must be ready to catch the wind when it arises"*.

In July of 2009 at the age of 52, he was caught in a storm of change as he was diagnosed with metastatic esophageal cancer. After the diagnosis, instead of retreating, in typical Lee fashion, he decided there was no better time to find balance. So he put his soul into his last book and his greatest collection of wisdom, *Enjoy Every Sandwich; Living Each Day as if it Were Your Last*.² He asked himself, and his readers, important questions including *who and what are most important?* If you had just a few months to live what would you spend your time doing? He lived his answers by going on an international trip with his family and continued to speak to audiences. One of the last times I saw him was at the AAFP National Assembly in the fall of 2010. There during his keynote address, he remarked: *"Balance is knowing that today is a good day to die; that you have lived fully, lovingly, and without remorse."*

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Finding Balance *(continued from page 8)*

During the subsequent year, Lee continued to press on, inspiring everyone he knew that balance and gratitude can come at any time including during the last chapters of one's life. I was continually inspired by his composure and grace and have been able to tell his wife Kathy, also a physician, how lucky the world was to have Lee.

Lee provided many gifts to medicine and humanity including his instrumental work with the Ornish program, which in August of 2010 gained Medicare approval.³ More importantly, he proved with his actions and intentions that balance and its key components, gratitude and acceptance, are possible at any moment, even the most difficult. So in the spirit of Lee's work, the MBC Newsletter is launching *Finding Balance*, an ongoing series on this topic. We will be exploring the causes and innovative solutions clinicians and clinics are using to find solutions for stress and burnout.

We encourage you to write us at **Webmaster@mbc.ca.gov** to share your struggles and stories. Let us know what has worked for you so we can continue the support of our colleagues at every stage of training and practice – as Lee would have endorsed. I also invite you to check out some of Lee's other

work as referenced below⁴ and consider attending the Osler Symposium ***"Doctoring in the 21st Century — Embracing the Challenge"*** taking place October, 2012 in San Diego.⁵ This conference is dedicated to Lee Lipsenthal and will feature the inaugural Lee Lipsenthal Lecture by Dean Ornish MD. In the meanwhile I hope that as Lee would have encouraged, you do your best to *enjoy every sandwich*.

¹ *Finding Balance in a Medical Life*, Lee Lipsenthal MD, 2007 ISBN-10: 0978532112.

² *Enjoy Every Sandwich; Living Each Day as if it Were Your Last*. Published 2012 by Crown Books. <http://www.enjoyeverysandwich.net>

³ National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Ornish Program for Reversing Heart Disease (20.31.2) accessed at <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database> on May 19, 2012.

⁴ Further resources:

- AAFP keynote presentation: www.aafp.org search under "Lipsenthal"

- Essay by Lee Lipsenthal: Dying Awake: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lee-lipsenthal-md/coping-with-cancer_b_915067.html

⁵ Physician balance conference: The Osler symposium: www.oslersymposia.org

Fascinating Fun Facts Answers

1. There are 44,161 California medical school graduates (24% of U.S. graduates) of which 7,612 (17% of California medical school graduates) graduated from the **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**.
2. Excluding California, the United States medical school that has produced the highest number of California licensed physicians is the **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**. This school has graduated 4,120 of the Board's licensed physicians.
3. **India** (8,242 graduates were issued California licenses; 18% of all IMGs licensed in California) has produced the highest number of international medical school graduates that were issued a California physician's license. The medical school in India that has produced the highest number of licensed physicians is **PUNJAB UNIVERSITY, GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE**. This school has graduated 499 of the Medical Board of California's licensed physicians.

News 2 Use

Video



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HHS HealthBeat (U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services); Calories and memory loss
Researchers look at the association between eating and memory (May 2, 2012)

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/healthbeat/2012/05/20120502a.html>



CDC – Emerging Infectious Diseases; Flu-related Hospitalizations by Industry
Dr. Sara Luckhaupt discusses which industries are most impacted by flu (April 4, 2012)
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/rss/upcoming.xml>

American Medical News (amednews.com)
Doctors can risk lawsuits when writing about patients (April 30, 2012)
<http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2012/04/30/prca0430.htm>

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality
Navigating the Health Care System – where medical errors occur and how to avoid them
<http://www.ahrq.gov/consumer/ccvideo.htm>



American Medical News (amednews.com)
Prices for doctor services lag behind inflation – economists cite downward pressure on pay rates from Medicare and commercial payers (April 30, 2012)
<http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2012/04/30/bil20430.htm>

HHS HealthBeat (U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services); Quality care, quality schooling (April 27, 2012) <http://www.hhs.gov/news/healthbeat/2012/04/20120427a.html>



U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, HHS
announces new Affordable Care Act options for community based care (April 26, 2012) www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/04/20120426a.html

[gov/news/press/2012pres/04/20120426a.html](http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/04/20120426a.html)

American Medical News (amednews.com);
Doctors pressured to write prescriptions for OTC drugs (May 7, 2012) <http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2012/05/07/gvl10507.htm>

FDA – U.S. Food and Drug Administration; FDA approves Votrient for advanced soft tissue sarcoma (April 26, 2012) www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm302065.htm - 10k - 2012-04-26

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services; AHRQ
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Navigating the Health Care System, video advice columns from Dr. Carolyn Clancy
<http://www.ahrq.gov/consumer/ccvideo.htm>



U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services; HHS finalizes new rules to cut regulations for hospitals and health care providers, saving more than \$5 billion (May 20, 2012)
www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/05/20120510a.html

iHealthBeat, Physician Practices, AHRQ Publishes E-Prescribing Guides for Doctors, Pharmacies (June 12, 2012)
<http://www.ihealthbeat.org/articles/2012/6/12/ahrq-publishes-eprescribing-guides-for-doctors-pharmacies.aspx>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Innovative CDC Effort Expands HIV Testing into Pharmacies (June 26, 2012)
<http://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/newsroom/NHTDPRESSRelease2012.html>

Summer sun – warn your patients about the dangers of UV rays

Jessica Wu, M.D., Assistant Clinical Professor of Dermatology
USC Keck School of Medicine; Author of *Feed Your Face*

Summer is upon us, which means that many of our patients will be spending more time outdoors. Even if they're not sunbathing, warmer weather means that they'll be wearing less clothing and more of their skin will be exposed to UV rays. This is the ideal time to educate your patients about safer sun habits and to remind them that sun exposure not only leads to painful sunburns, but also skin cancer. For those patients who tell me that they're not afraid of getting skin cancer, I appeal to their vanity and explain that sun damage is also the cause of sun spots, dark splotches, rough skin, and wrinkles.

One group that deserves extra attention is young adults. My young adult patients tend to be the least concerned about the effects of sun exposure; but, I tell them that they should be the most worried. A recent study from the Mayo clinic showed a dramatic rise in melanoma, the deadliest type of skin cancer, among young Americans in their 20s and 30s over the past few decades. This rise is particularly alarming in young women, in whom the incidence of melanoma has increased eight-fold. In young men, the number of melanoma cases has increased four-fold. The researchers think this increase is due to the rise in tanning bed use. Hopefully, recent legislation against tanning beds will help slow this epidemic. In January of this year, California became the first state in the U.S. to ban all minors under the age of 18 from using tanning beds. (Texas previously banned those under 16.)

Tanning beds can be a hard habit to break. Studies have shown that the sun's rays stimulate reward centers in the brain, similar to the effect of other addictive substances. This is why it's important to reach tanning bed users as soon as possible. I also encourage them to switch to spray tanning and to use sun protection when they're outside.

Here are some simple guidelines for sun protection that I give my patients of all ages:

- Use a sunscreen with SPF 30-50. The FDA has found that sunscreens with SPF greater than 50 do not provide additional protection from sun damage or skin cancer. And, those with higher SPF are more likely to cause irritation and allergic reactions.
- Choose one that provides "broad spectrum" protection. This means that it protects against both UVA and UVB rays.
- Reapply every 3-4 hours, or sooner if you go in the water, sweat profusely, or are in a very humid climate.
- If you're in the water, or if you sweat profusely, try using a sunscreen stick, which is more water resistant and less likely to run into your eyes. Many children also prefer using a stick sunscreen, and those who won't sit still for a sunscreen cream will often find it fun to apply themselves
- Sun protecting clothing and swim shirts or "rash guards" are a good idea for water sports.
- Talk to your doctor about checking your vitamin D level, especially if you're diligent about sunscreen.
- Show your doctor if you see a new or changing spot or growth. If you see something new on someone's back or the back of their legs, point it out to them. You may be saving their life.

As I tell my patients, enjoy the outdoors this summer; just be sure to take care of your skin while you're out!

Section 805 reporting – Not submitting is Costly

Physicians are among the “most trusted” group of people in this country, but they are human and humans as we know are fallible. Life and the pressure of running a practice can take a toll, something happens and suddenly a physician gets called in for a peer review and staff privileges are restricted or revoked. Now, the physician begins the process of repairing the wrong and working to satisfy the demands of his peers in hopes of getting his or her staff privileges restored. This, however is not the end of the story for a peer review body, there is the matter of filing an 805 report with the Medical Board of California (MBC). If you are not sure when an 805 report is required to be reported, you will want to read this article and study Business and Professions Code (B&P) §805 – Peer review; Reports.

B&P Code §805 describes the information that is required to be filed with the MBC and by whom, when a peer review body denies or terminates staff privileges, membership or employment, restricts privileges, or fails to renew or reestablish any staff privileges based on a medical disciplinary cause or reason. Once those staff privileges are restricted, denied or terminated, the clock starts ticking to report the action to the Board.

So, now you ask how soon and who has to file the 805 report? Fifteen (15) days is all the time there is to file the 805 report. B&P Code §805(7)(b) states: “The chief of staff of a medical or professional staff or other chief executive officer, medical director, or administrator of any peer review body and the chief executive officer or administrator of any licensed health care facility or clinic shall file an 805 report with the relevant agency within 15 days after the effective date...”.

Sometimes people mistakenly think an 805 report does not have to be filed if a physician is simply placed on restriction. This is not true. To clear up this misconception, the bulleted items that follow describe the situations when an 805 report must be filed, within 15 days from the date of action, as taken directly from the 805 fact sheet on the Medical

Board’s website at: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/forms/805_factsheet.pdf.

- A peer review body denies or rejects a licensee’s applications for staff privileges or membership for a medical disciplinary cause or reason
- A licensee’s staff privileges, membership, or employment are revoked for a medical disciplinary cause or reason
- Restrictions are imposed, or voluntarily accepted, on staff privileges, membership, or employment for a total of 30 days or more within any 12 month period for medical disciplinary cause or reason
- An 805 report must be filed if the resignation, leave of absence, withdrawal or abandonment of application for or renewal of privileges occurs after receiving notice of a pending investigation initiated for a medical disciplinary cause or reason
- A summary suspension of staff privileges, membership, or employment is imposed for a period in excess of 14 days

So, what happens if the 805 report is not filed with the MBC? B&P Code §805 states that anyone who is designated or required by law to file the 805 report willfully fails to do so, that person can be fined up to \$100,000 per violation. But, what if it was a clerical snafu, an oversight, or it was lost in the mail? Things do happen. However, that is no excuse, and the fine in those cases can be up to \$50,000 per violation. Either way, this is serious money, and the 805 report is a serious matter.

The 805 report is not just about disciplinary matters; it applies to other situations too. For example:

- a) If a physician resigns or takes a leave of absence from membership, staff privileges or employment.
- b) The physician withdraws or abandons his or her application for staff privileges or membership.
- c) The physician withdraws or abandons his or her application for renewal of staff privileges or membership.

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Revisiting Informed Consent for Telehealth Services

Recently, the Medical Board received an inquiry regarding informed consent and whose obligation it was to obtain the necessary consent from the patient who would be undergoing the medical procedure. Specifically, the question was whether physicians could delegate this task to another licensed health care provider or other personnel under their supervision. While the Board could find no statutory or regulatory bar to this proposed process, the Board suggests that public policy is best served when the physician performing the procedure secures the consent from the patient. In this manner, if the patient has questions or concerns, the physician is in the best position to address those matters. The following is provided as a reminder of the legal requirements when practicing medicine via telehealth:

Telehealth (previously called telemedicine) is seen as a tool in medical practice, not a separate form of medicine. There are no legal prohibitions to using technology in the practice of medicine, as long as the practice is done by a California licensed physician. Telehealth is not a telephone conversation, e-mail/instant messaging conversation, or fax; it typically involves the application of videoconferencing or store-and-forward technology to provide or support health care delivery.

Business and Professions Code §2290.5 (b) states: “Prior to the delivery of health care via telehealth, the health care provider at the originating site shall verbally inform the patient that telehealth may be used and obtain verbal consent from the patient for this use. The verbal consent shall be documented in the patient’s medical record.”

This is important: Please note that the **standard of care** is the same whether the patient is seen in-person, through telehealth, or other methods of electronically enabled health care. The Medical Practice Act, including informed consent laws, applies in every area of medicine and in every practice setting and circumstance.

California laws pertaining to the use of telehealth should not be construed to alter the scope of practice of any health care provider or authorize the delivery of health care services in a setting, or in a manner, not otherwise authorized by law. Physicians need not reside in California, as long as they have a valid, current California license.



Section 805 reporting *(continued from page 12)*

Then, an 805 report also must be filed and the same 15-day time limit applies as well.

So, if you restrict (for a total of 30 days within any 12-month period), deny or take away staff privileges, remember you have 15 days to submit the 805 report to the MBC, or be ready to get out the checkbook.

If you would like more information about filing an 805 report, visit the Board’s website at:

http://www.mbc.ca.gov/forms/805_factsheet.pdf.

You also can download the 805 reporting form and instructions by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.mbc.ca.gov/forms/enf-805.pdf>.

FDA warns consumers about counterfeit version of Teva's Adderall

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers and health care professionals about a counterfeit version of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries' Adderall 30 milligram tablets that is being purchased on the Internet. Adderall, which is approved to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorders (ADHD) and narcolepsy, is a prescription drug classified as a controlled substance – a class of drugs for which special controls are required for dispensing by pharmacists.

FDA's preliminary laboratory tests revealed that the counterfeit version of Teva's Adderall 30 mg tablets contained the wrong active ingredients. Adderall contains four active ingredients – dextroamphetamine saccharate, amphetamine aspartate, dextroamphetamine sulfate, and amphetamine sulfate. Instead of these active ingredients, the counterfeit product contained tramadol and acetaminophen, which are ingredients in medicines used to treat acute pain.

Currently on the FDA's drug shortage list, Adderall is in short supply due to active pharmaceutical ingredient supply issues. Teva continues to release product as it becomes available. Consumers should be extra cautious when buying their medicines from online sources. Rogue

websites and distributors may especially target medicines in short supply for counterfeiting.

The counterfeit Adderall tablets are white, round, and do not have any type of markings, such as letters or numbers. Any product that resembles the tablets or the packaging, in the photos found in the link provided below, and claims to be Teva's Adderall 30 mg tablets should be considered counterfeit. The counterfeit versions of Adderall should be considered as unsafe, ineffective and potentially harmful.

Authentic Adderall 30 mg tablets produced by Teva are round, orange/peach, and scored tablets with "dp" embossed on one side and "30" on the other side of the tablet. Teva's Adderall 30 mg tablets are packaged only in a 100-count bottle with the National Drug Code (NDC) 0555-0768-02 listed.

Pictures of the counterfeit version of Teva's Adderall 30 mg tablets and packaging are available on the FDA's News Release can be viewed at [http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm305932.htm?utm_campaign=Google2&utm_source=fdaSearch&utm_medium=website&utm_term=counterfeit version of Teva's Adderall&utm_content=1](http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm305932.htm?utm_campaign=Google2&utm_source=fdaSearch&utm_medium=website&utm_term=counterfeit%20version%20of%20Teva's%20Adderall&utm_content=1)

Counterfeit version of Avastin in U.S. distribution

FDA sends letters to over 40 medical practices about counterfeit product and other unapproved cancer medicines

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is warning health care professionals and patients about a counterfeit version of Avastin 400mg/16mL, which may have been purchased and used by some medical practices in the United States. Avastin is an injectable medicine used to treat cancer and is administered to patients in clinics, hospitals, and other doctors' offices. The counterfeit version of Avastin does not contain the medicine's active ingredient, bevacizumab, which may have resulted in patients not receiving needed therapy.

In a related action, the FDA has issued letters to more than 40 medical practices in California that purchased unapproved cancer medicines that may include the counterfeit Avastin. The counterfeit version is labeled as Avastin, manufactured by Roche. Roche is the company that manufactures Avastin approved for marketing outside of the United States. Click here to read more: <http://www.fda.gov/drugs/drugsafety/ucm291960.htm>.



“Patient-Centered” Prescription Labels Now Required – Bigger is better

California’s new prescription label requirements (Business and Professions Code §4076.5) stipulate that all pharmacists, physicians and others who dispense prescription medications must modify their prescription container labels to make them easier for patients to read and understand.

The new format was designed to help reduce the incidence of medical errors, which represent a significant public health problem. Medication errors are reported to affect more than 150,000 California residents each year and cost the state an estimated \$17.7 billion annually.

To address the issue, a state panel of elected officials, health professionals, and community members convened in 2006 to study the problem and recommend solutions, as called for by SB 472 (Corbett, 2006), also known as the California Patient Medication Safety Act. Prescription drug labels were identified as an area where improvements were needed — it is estimated that almost half of American adults cannot understand the label on their prescription drug containers.

In response, the California State Board of Pharmacy gathered extensive research, solicited feedback from experts in the field of health literacy and conducted

a comprehensive consumer survey to develop guidelines for new, patient-centered labels. The guidelines stipulate that the label must prominently display information of greatest importance to patients, including:

1. patient name
2. name of the drug and strength
3. directions for use
4. purpose or condition, if included on the prescription document by the prescriber.

Fifty percent of the label must be dedicated solely to these elements and must be printed in at least a 10-point sans serif font. The patient may also request a 12-point sans serif font for easier readability. For added emphasis, the label must also highlight in bold typeface or color, or use blank space to set off the items listed above. All other information required on the label is to be placed in the remaining portion of the label.

The specific requirements for the new labels are provided in Title 16, section 1707.5 of the California Code of Regulations. For samples of patient-centered drug container labels, see the Pharmacy Board’s website: <http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/licensing/labels.shtml>.

World Pulse – A look at news from around the world

HHS Secretary Salutes LGBT Pride Month

June was LGBT Pride month and on the first day of the month, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius reaffirmed her commitment to accessible, affordable, quality health care for all lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender people. Read her statement here:

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/06/20120601a.html>

New FSMB Policy Addresses Appropriate Use of Social Media by Physicians

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) House of Delegates adopted new policy guidelines on the appropriate use of social media and social networking sites by physicians during the FSMB’s 2012 Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, on April 28, 2012.

<http://www.fsmb.org/pdf/nr-social.pdf>

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Dark Chocolate May Be Cost Effective in Lowering Cardiovascular Risk

Who says medicine has to taste bad to be good?

Dark chocolate may be a cost effective — and palatable — option to reduce cardiovascular risk in high-risk patients, according to a BMJ study. To construct their model, Australian researchers used data from meta-analyses that showed dark chocolate consumption reduced systolic blood pressure by 3.2 mm Hg and LDL cholesterol by 0.15 mmol/L (roughly 6 mg/dL). The model included 2000 people with hypertension and metabolic syndrome who were free of cardiovascular disease.

They calculated that over a decade, regular dark chocolate consumption could prevent 70 nonfatal cardiovascular events and 15 cardiovascular-related deaths per 10,000 population treated. The strategy would be cost effective if \$42 was spent per person per year on a dark chocolate prevention strategy (e.g., advertising educational, campaigns, or chocolate subsidies). The strategy would still be cost effective with only 80% compliance.

The authors conclude: “Chocolate benefits from being by and large a pleasant, and hence sustainable, treatment option. Evidence to date suggests that the chocolate would need to be dark and of at least 60-70% cocoa, or formulated to be enriched with polyphenols.”

British Medical Journal (BMJ) 2012; published May 31, 2012. To see the entire study click on this link: <http://www.bmj.com/content/344/bmj.e3657>

Amazing story of Real Life “Doogie Howser”

Most parents would be mortified if their child was a college student for 12 years, but that is not the case for the parents of Sho Yano. Sho entered college at the age of 9 and, now at 21 years old, has become the youngest student ever to receive an M.D. at the University of Chicago. The amazing journey of Sho Yano is chronicled in this article from the Chicago Tribune. Follow this link to read about this true life “Doogie Howser”. (Bonnie Miller Rubin, Chicago Tribune reporter, June 3, 2012)

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/ct-met-boy-wonder-20120603,0,6960752,full.story>

Smart Bomb Drug hits Breast Cancer Hard

What is being called a “smart bomb drug” has yielded promising results in the treatment of women suffering with advanced breast cancer. The experimental drug, called T-DM1, attacks tumor cells while leaving surrounding healthy cells alone. At a cancer conference in Chicago, doctors reported 65% of the nearly 1,000 patients with advanced breast cancer were still alive two years after receiving the drug.

To read more about this experimental treatment in an AP article by Marilyn Marchione, June 3, 2012, from WFAA.Com follow this link:

<http://www.wfaa.com/home/Study-Smart-bomb-drug-attacks-breast-cancer-156893855.html>

ECFMG introduces a new E-newsletter for International Medical Schools

Philadelphia, PA – the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) has launched *Focus*, a new e-newsletter specifically for the Deans, faculty, and staff of international medical schools. More than 3,000 international medical school representatives received the inaugural issue. Use the following link to read the April 30, 2012 release by Liz Ingraham:

<http://www.ecfmg.org/annc/ECFMG-release-Apr-30-2012.pdf>

International medical school representatives can visit the ECFMG website at <http://www.ecfmg.org/focus/index.html> to learn more about *Focus*, view previous issues, and subscribe to this convenient new source of information.

Meet our Medical Board Members, Staff and Guests



Bd. Mmbr. Hedy Chang (left), and President Barbara Yaroslavsky present FSMB CEO Humayun Chaudhry with congratulatory plaque honoring 100 years of service and leadership.



Executive Director Linda Whitney welcomes Dr. Chaudhry to the May Board Meeting



MBC Members enjoy photo-op with Dr. Chaudhry and Executive Director Linda Whitney (right).



Natalie Lowe is all smiles after her recent promotion to Licensing Manager.



Rick Delgadillo, CEO, Los Angeles County Medical Association welcomes the MBC to the Los Angeles area during its May meeting.



Beautiful smiles from MBC Business Services staff Regina Rao (left), and Manager Teri Hunley

The American Cancer Society offers a one-stop website on cancer topics

Summer is here and the warm, sunny weather beckons a reminder to physicians and patients to limit exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays AND to cover up.

The American Cancer Society offers a one-stop website in several languages and a toll-free number – (800) 227-2345 – to find information and resources for specific cancer topics, tips on healthy living and staying well, reliable cancer treatment information, the latest research, and the opportunity to get involved and make a difference in the fight against cancer. Get acquainted with the site at <http://www.cancer.org/index> and be sure to share it with your patients.

WebMD ran an interesting informational article in April 2012, *Melanoma Rates Skyrocketing in Young Adults* that states, “The risk of developing the most dangerous type of skin cancer (melanoma) is now

more than six times higher among young adults than it was 40 years ago.” Read more on these alarming findings at <http://www.webmd.com/melanoma-skin-cancer/news/20120402/melanoma-rates-skyrocketing-young-adults>.

Another worthy, cancer-related website with valuable information, clinical trials, and more is The National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health at <http://www.cancer.gov/>. We found an article on the site by Victoria A. Fisher, M.P.H. and Wendy Schneider-Levinson titled, “Unraveling Genetic Susceptibility to Melanoma.” The authors discuss Kevin Brown, Ph.D., Laboratory of Translational Genomics, and the work of Dr. Brown and his colleagues with genetic factors that contribute to the risk of melanoma. We think you will find it fascinating – http://dceg.cancer.gov/newsletter/Linkage/0312_melanoma.shtml.

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Tech Med Corner - Malware Infection Warning

The Medical Board has received a warning about a malware computer infection that can take control of your computer domain name system (DNS) and redirect Internet requests away from your computer system to rogue servers. A group of seven eastern European computer criminals was arrested in November, 2011 and charged with engaging in wire fraud in connection with this infection. The malware is so sophisticated that millions of computers and systems have been infected and the owners have no idea. If left unchecked, you could lose connectivity to the Internet, however there is a way to determine if you have been infected. Users should follow these easy steps to clean their computers infected with the DNSChanger:

1. **Home Users:** Check to see if you are affected by visiting the following DNSChanger Test Site: www.dns-ok.us
2. If you are not affected by DNSChanger, no further action is required.
3. If the site indicates that you are affected, visit www.dcwg.org for information on how to address this problem. After following the clean-up advice, check back with one of the test sites above.
4. **Internet Service Providers (ISPs), Businesses and other Large Organizations:** To determine if your organization and user-base are relying on the DNSChanger Clean DNS Servers, check for traffic leaving your network destined for any of the following IP addresses: **85.255.112.0** through **85.255.127.255**; **67.210.0.0** through **67.210.15.255**; **93.188.160.0** through **93.188.167.255**; **77.67.83.0** through **77.67.83.255**; **213.109.64.0** through **213.109.79.255**; **64.28.176.0** through **64.28.191.255**

Traffic destined for these IP addresses may indicate DNSChanger or other malware infections.

The aforementioned methods are the best way to determine if computers on your network are relying on the DNSChanger Clean DNS Servers.

If you are not able to accomplish egress filtering or otherwise monitor traffic leaving your network, then please visit: <http://dcwg.org/cleanup.html> for a list of organizations that may be able to provide data on affected IP addresses within your network.

Legal Counsel Kurt Heppler honored

At the May 7, 2012 Physician Assistant Committee (PAC) meeting in Sacramento, MBC Legal Counsel Kurt Heppler was honored with a plaque for his many years of dedicated service to the consumers of California. PAC Executive Officer Elberta Portman shared that Kurt has consistently provided valuable and informative responses, whether answering questions from the Committee, staff or consumers.



Legal Counsel Kurt Heppler accepts plaque from Robert Sachs, P.A., Chairman

Medical Board's Subscriber's List

Are you interested in the Medical Board's latest actions?

If yes, please join the Board's Subscribers' List to obtain e-mail updates of the MBC Newsletter; meeting agendas, notices, and minutes; regulations; license suspensions, restrictions, accusations, revocations, and surrenders for physicians.

If you wish to subscribe to this list, please go to www.mbc.ca.gov/subscribers.html and follow the instructions.

Alert!



Alert!

Is your home address posted on the Board's Web site?

The Board continues to hear from physicians that are not aware their address of record, which may be a home address, is posted on their online physician profile on the Board's Web site. We have long informed physicians of this, both in our license applications and renewal forms, and quarterly in the Board's newsletter.

We continue to caution physicians about listing their home address as an address of record. We encourage you to routinely visit your profile at www.mbc.ca.gov, click on the Licensees tab and "Check My Profile," to insure that your address (and all other information provided) is correct, and it is the address you want the public to see. Please note that clicking on the address listed on your profile brings up a Google map of your address of record.

The mandatory physician survey that is now completed by physicians at the time of initial licensure, and with each renewal, provides the data we use to update your online physician profile.

If you want to change your address of record, or if you have relocated and need to change your address, the change of address form is available on the Board's Web site at www.mbc.ca.gov/forms/07a-08.pdf. The Board must be notified in writing within 30 days of the change. Please fax to (916) 263-2944, or mail to:

**Medical Board of California
Licensing Program
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95815**

Administrative Actions: February 1, 2012 – April 30, 2012

Physicians and Surgeons

ABADSANTOS, CRISELDA CALAYAN, M.D. (A 105195)

Canyon Country, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions
March 30, 2012.

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=105195>

ABDULLA, ALNOOR HASSANALI (A 35882)

Vancouver BC Canada
Surrender of License
April 3, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=35882>

ALTFELD, DONALD JAY (G 18262)

Los Angeles, CA
Surrender of License
April 6, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=18262>

AL-SHAIKH, RAAD A., M.D. (A 63005)

Fremont, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions
March 14, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=63005>

BELLARS, RICHARD H., M.D. (A 70606)

San Diego, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233.
February 9, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=70606>

BITAR, DAVID ETHAN, M.D. (G 23259)

Berkeley, CA
Public Reprimand
April 13, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=23259>

Explanation of disciplinary language and actions

“Effective date of decision” — Example: “March 14, 2012” at the bottom of the summary means the date the disciplinary decision goes into operation.

“Gross negligence” — An extreme deviation from the standard of practice.

“Incompetence” — Lack of knowledge or skills in discharging professional obligations.

“Judicial review pending” — The disciplinary decision is being challenged through the court system, i.e., Superior Court, Court of Appeal, or State Supreme Court. The discipline is currently in effect.

“Probationary License” — A conditional license issued to an applicant on

probationary terms and conditions.

This is done when good cause exists for denial of the license application.

“Public Letter of Reprimand” — A lesser form of discipline that can be negotiated for minor violations, usually before the filing of formal charges (Accusations). The licensee is disciplined in the form of a public letter.

“Revoked” — The license is canceled, voided, annulled, rescinded. The right to practice is ended.

“Revoked, stayed, five years probation on terms and conditions, including 60 days suspension” — “Stayed” means the revocation is postponed. Professional practice may continue so long as the

licensee complies with specified probationary terms and conditions, which, in this example, includes 60 days of actual suspension from practice. Violation of probation may result in the revocation that was postponed.

“Stipulated Decision” — A form of plea bargaining. The case is formally negotiated and settled prior to trial.

“Surrender” — To resolve a disciplinary action, the licensee has given up his or her license — subject to acceptance by the Board.

“Suspension from practice” — The licensee is prohibited from practicing for a specific period of time.

BLAWIE, CECELIA RUTH (G 70136)

Stockton, CA

Surrender of License

February 21, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=70136>

BLUTH, LYNDEN LOTHAIRE, M.D. (G 41473)

Mesa, AZ

Public Reprimand with conditions

February 10, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=41473>

BODEPUDI, ARUDRA, M.D. (A 73676)

Stockton, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with terms and conditions

February 16, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=73676>

BOYD, RALPH OTTO, M.D. (G 10073)

Glendale, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 1 year probation with terms and conditions

April 4, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=10073>

BROTMAN, PATRICIA, M.D. (G 69097)

Chino Hills, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 February 9, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=69097>

CAMPBELL, ELIZABETH TRUPIN (A 40036)

Walnut Creek, CA

Revoked

March 14, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=40036>

CARRIER, EWA, M.D. (A 47844)

La Jolla, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

April 24, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=47844>

CESARETTI, LUKE ST. JOHN, M.D. (G 66795)

Las Vegas, NV

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233

April 23, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=66795>

CHIU, JOHN C., M.D. (C 31784)

Newbury Park, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 months probation with terms and conditions

April 27, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=31784>

COHN, DANIEL J., M.D. (G 29375)

Ocala, FL

Public Reprimand with conditions

April 23, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=29375>

COBLE, TERRI CHARISSE, M.D. (G 77555)
Creve Coeur, MO
Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with
terms and conditions
February 10, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&lice
nseNumber=77555](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=77555)

CULVER, STEPHANIE, M.D. (A 66279)
Rolling Hills, CA
Public Reprimand and Civil Penalty
March 22, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&lice
nseNumber=66279](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=66279)

DAKWAR, JUBRAN SAGIA, M.D. (A 120417)
San Jose, CA
Probationary License issued with 3 years probation
March 2, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&lice
nseNumber=120417](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=120417)

DEFRANCO, JEREMY JOSEPH, M.D. (A 120232)
Glendale, CA
Probationary License issued placed on 35 months
probation with terms and conditions
February 17, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&lice
nseNumber=120232](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=120232)

DHILLON, MANPRIT KAUR, M.D. (A 75869)
Lancaster, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months probation with
terms and conditions
February 16, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&lice
nseNumber=75869](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=75869)

DUKE, HENRY HUMBERT, M.D. (A 97274)
Calexico, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with
terms and conditions
April 9, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&lice
nseNumber=97274](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=97274)

ENMON, CLEVELAND, M.D. (A 93821)
Decatur, GA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with
terms and conditions
February 17, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&lice
nseNumber=93821](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=93821)

EROSHEVICH, KHRISTINE, M.D. (C 37980)
Beverly Hills, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with
terms and conditions
March 30, 2012.
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&lice
nseNumber=37980](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=37980)

ESCALERA, JAVIER PONCE (A 95344)
Los Angeles, CA
Surrender of License
February 17, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&lice
nseNumber=95344](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=95344)

EVANS, JAMES, M.D. (G 69416)
Colton, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to
Business and Professions Code section 2233
February 13, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&lice
nseNumber=69416](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=69416)

FISCHL, PETER, M.D. (A 33580)

Apple Valley, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with terms and conditions

February 9, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=33580>

FOONG, NICOLAI Y., M.D. (G 58690)

Monterey Park, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with terms and conditions

April 11, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=58690>

FOULADI, ALI, M.D. (A 38712)

Newport Beach, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months probation with terms and conditions

February 10, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=38712>

GARRISON, THOMAS EDWIN (C 50929)

Scottsdale, AZ

Revoked

Judicial Review Pending

February 24, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=50929>

GEORGIU, STEPHEN JOHN, M.D. (G 81674)

Los Banos, CA

Revoked, stayed, 35 months probation with terms and conditions

March 30, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=81674>

GLAZER, ROBERT AARON, M.D. (A 35818)

Los Angeles, CA

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March 8, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=35818>

GREENHOLZ, STEPHEN KOHL, M.D. (G 65955)

Sacramento, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233

March 8, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=65955>

HALLMAN, CHRISTIAAN PAUL, M.D. (A 54658)

Pasadena, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions

April 25, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=54658>

HAN, JOHN S., M.D. (C 42909)

Buena Park, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions, including a 60 day actual suspension

March 23, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=42909>

HERTZKA, ROBERT ERNEST, M.D. (G 52030)

San Diego, CA

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February 22, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=52030>

HEALY, DANIEL JAMES (G 45341)

Duarte, CA

Revoked

April 19, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=45341>

HO, RALPH T., M.D. (C 53547)

Reno, NV

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions

April 19, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=53547>

JACKSON, TERESA LEOLA (A 71589)

Tucson, AZ

Surrender of License

February 17, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=71589>

JACOBS, ELIZABETH WADE (G 76249)

San Francisco, CA

Surrender of License

February 17, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=76249>

JONES, ROGER L., M.D. (G 28310)

Beverly Hills, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 2 years probation with terms and conditions

April 6, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=28310>

JUAREZ-URIBE, JOEL, M.D. (C 40571)

Chula Vista, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years probation with terms and conditions

April 24, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=40571>

JUSTICE, GLEN ROBERT, M.D. (G 23862)

Corona Del Mar, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 10 years probation with terms and conditions, including 1 year actual suspension

March 16, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=23862>

KARNS, ROBERT M., M.D. (G 7277)

Los Angeles, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions

March 21, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=7277>

KHAN, SHAGUFTA PARVIN (A 29867)

San Diego, CA

Revoked

April 20, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=29867>

KOOSHIAN, GEORGE (GFE 41247)

La Quinta, CA

Surrender of License

March 29, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=41247>

KURTH, DONALD JAMES, JR., M.D. (G43963)
Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with
terms and conditions
March 30, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&lice
nseNumber=43963](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=43963)

LALUZ, LUIS, M.D. (G 43238)
San Diego, CA
Public Reprimand with conditions
February 10, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&lice
nseNumber=43238](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=43238)

LEON, SAMUEL O., M.D. (A 73337)
Hanford, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with
terms and conditions
March 30, 2012.
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&lice
nseNumber=73337](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=73337)

LENZ, HEINZ JUERGEN, M.D. (A 45401)
La Jolla, CA
Public Reprimand with conditions
March 1, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&lice
nseNumber=45401](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=45401)

LIVINGSTON, LAWRENCE H. (G 27982)
Santa Cruz, CA
Surrender of License
April 13, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&lice
nseNumber=27982](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=27982)

MARTIN, DONALD P., M.D. (A 63596)
South Lake Tahoe, CA
Public Reprimand with conditions
March 2, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&lice
nseNumber=63596](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=63596)

MCCARTER, TIMOTHY LEE, M.D. (G 66411)
Fontana, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with
terms and conditions
April 13, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&lice
nseNumber=66411](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=66411)

MELAMED, DAVID MICHAEL (G 56161)
Springfield, IL
Surrender of License
February 8, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&lice
nseNumber=56161](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=56161)

MENDELSON, PETER, M.D. (G 65308)
Hermosa Beach, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with
terms and conditions
March 30, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&lice
nseNumber=65308](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=65308)

MILAM, MALLORY S., M.D. (A 78479)
Los Angeles, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with
terms and conditions
March 23, 2012
[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/
PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&lice
nseNumber=78479](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=78479)

MIR, JEHAN ZEB, M.D. (A 24647)

Redondo Beach, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions

March 16, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=24647>

MIRBEGIAN, ROUBEN (A 38350)

Hidden Valley Lake, CA

Surrender of License

March 14, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=38350>

MORKOC, FIKIR, M.D. (G 79846)

Sacramento, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with terms and conditions

April 13, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=79846>

O'MALLEY, DAVID GERARD (G 55924)

Brighton, MA

Surrender of License

March 9, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=55924>

PATEL, NISHANT DHIRENDRA, M.D. (A 120483)

San Diego, CA

Probationary License issued with 7 years probation and terms and conditions

March 12, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=120483>

POWELL, DIANE HENNACY, M.D. (A 46071)

Medford, OR

Public Reprimand

February 3, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=46071>

POWERS, JAMES, M.D. (G 56299)

Coronado, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions

February 3, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=56299>

PROLER, MEYER LEON, M.D. (C 53031)

Houston, TX

Public Reprimand

April 20, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=53031>

PULAKANTI, VENKAT (A 51071)

Upland, CA

Revoked

February 8, 2012

Judicial Review Pending

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=51071>

PUGACH, ROBERT, M.D. (A 41822)

Los Alamitos, CA

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February 9, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=41822>

QUIMBO, GENEROSO PANTUAN (A 33594)

Orange, CA

Surrender of License

February 17, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=33594>

RAFAELIAN, OLGA A., M.D. (A 120724)

Baltimore, MD

Probationary License issued placed on 24 months probation with terms and conditions

March 27, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=120724>

REDMOND, STEPHEN R. (G 21448)

Morgan Hill, CA

Surrender of License

April 17, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=21448>

REULAND, RALF V., M.D. (G 72259)

San Clemente, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with terms and conditions

April 26, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=72259>

RIVERA, JOHN RAMON, JR., M.D. (A 65911)

National City, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months probation with terms and conditions

March 23, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=65911>

ROQUE, ANDREW A., M.D. (A 19578)

Monterey Park, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on one additional year probation with 30 days actual suspension and terms and conditions

April 4, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=19578>

ROY, WILLIAM JOSEPH, JR., M.D. (G 85889)

Mobile, AL

Public Reprimand with conditions

February 29, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=85889>

RUETSCHI, MAJA S., M.D. (C 42450)

Rancho Mirage, CA

Revoked, stayed, 35 months probation with terms and conditions

March 16, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=42450>

RUSS, KENNETH, M.D. (A 48224)

Palm Springs, CA

Public Reprimand

March 16, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=48224>

SABARATNAM, SEKILAR (A 29353)

Granada Hills, CA

Revoked

April 13, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=29353>

SALAS, JOSE RAUL, M.D. (A 38943)

Porterville, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

February 2, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=38943>

SALAZAR, ROBERT GONZALES, M.D. (G 42244)

Fresno, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions

February 3, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=42244>

SAMUELS, TODD LOUIS, M.D. (G 88508)

Westlake Village, CA

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April 23, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=88508>

SCHATZ, ROBERT EDWARD (G 47010)

San Diego, CA

Surrender of License

April 26, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=47010>

SEKHON, SWARNPAL, M.D. (A 79525)

Fresno, CA

Public Reprimand

March 29, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=79525>

SHAREGHI, GHOLAMREZA (G 85071)

Marshall, MI

Revoked

February 3, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=85071>

SIRAJULLAH, MOHAMMAD, M.D. (C 51163)

Lancaster, CA

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February 29, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=51163>

SMITH, STEVEN C., M.D. (G 22987)

Watsonville, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions

April 4, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=22987>

SOSIN, DAVID E., M.D. (G 13099)

Tustin, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233

February 24, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=13099>

STAHL, ALLAN JEFFREY, M.D. (G 50159)

Las Vegas, NV

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233

February 23, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=50159>

STEELE, SEAN SHAMSABADI (A 80011)

Las Vegas, NV

License Revoked

April 17, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=80011>

SUGARMAN, DAVID JOHN, M.D. (A 22822)

Burlingame, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

March 16, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=22822>

TEE, GRACE, M.D. (A 94181)

San Jose, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions.

April 26, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=94181>

THOMPSON, CHRISTOPHER (G 31475)

Bonsall, CA

Revoked

February 24, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=31475>

TRAN, DAVID N., M.D. (A 94474)

San Marino, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with terms and conditions

February 9, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=94474>

VAN DYKE, GREGORY JOHN, M.D. (A 51101)

Mission Viejo, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months probation with terms and conditions

March 23, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=51101>

VERMA, PREETI, M.D. (A 81494)

Reedley, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years probation with terms and conditions

April 19, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=81494>

VU, STEVE T., M.D. (A 64785)

Huntington Beach, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233

April 6, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=64785>

WHEELER, NICOLE MARIE, M.D. (A 120446)

Portland, OR

Probationary License issued with 24 months probation

March 5, 2012

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=120446>

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Sacramento, CA

July 19-20, 2012

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Physician Assistants

CEBALLOS, MARTIN RIOS, P.A. (PA 22222)

Sacramento, CA

Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions

April 13, 2012

[http://www2.dca.ca.gov/pls/wllpub/WLLQRYNA\\$LCEV2.QueryView?P_LICENSE_NUMBER=22222&P_LTE_ID=884](http://www2.dca.ca.gov/pls/wllpub/WLLQRYNA$LCEV2.QueryView?P_LICENSE_NUMBER=22222&P_LTE_ID=884)

DAVIS, BRETT LYNSEY, P.A. (PA 13662)

Mammoth Lakes, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 year probation with terms and conditions

April 9, 2012

[http://www2.dca.ca.gov/pls/wllpub/WLLQRYNA\\$LCEV2.QueryView?P_LICENSE_NUMBER=13662&P_LTE_ID=884](http://www2.dca.ca.gov/pls/wllpub/WLLQRYNA$LCEV2.QueryView?P_LICENSE_NUMBER=13662&P_LTE_ID=884)

LUONG, VANGIE TRAN KIM, P.A. (PA 22122)

Rosemead, CA

Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions

February 17, 2012

[http://www2.dca.ca.gov/pls/wllpub/WLLQRYNA\\$LCEV2.QueryView?P_LICENSE_NUMBER=22122&P_LTE_ID=884](http://www2.dca.ca.gov/pls/wllpub/WLLQRYNA$LCEV2.QueryView?P_LICENSE_NUMBER=22122&P_LTE_ID=884)

MALLAS, CHEYANNE, P.A. (PA 19450)

Los Angeles, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 42 months probation with terms and conditions

March 30, 2012

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