Dr. John V. Pollack Board Consultant

Dr. John V. Pollack was appointed early this year to represent the Southern California region as Medical Consultant to the Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Robert Quillinan was appointed last year to represent Northern California.

Medical consultants serve as liaison to the Board, and direct investigations and evaluations into the professional conduct of licensees. They serve as expert witness in legal actions of the Board, and inspect medical records to assure compliance with the state law.

Dr. Pollack graduated from Stanford University in 1940 and served his internship and residency at San Diego County General Hospital. He has practiced general surgery in Los Angeles since 1946. Before going into private practice, he served three years in the U.S. Air Force.

He has served as a Federal Aviation Authority examiner; was certified in 1957 by the U.S. Coast Guard as a surgeon and has served as a medical consultant for Pacific Telephone Company. He has been an Examination Commissioner to the Board of Medical Examiners, a member of the Applicant Qualification panel of the State Personnel Board and has served as surgeon for the Los Angeles police and fire departments. He was chief medical advisor to Blue Shield of Los Angeles County from 1967 to 1971.

Dr. Pollack has been active throughout his professional career in the Los Angeles County Medical Society, the California Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

New Phone System Set

Effective on or about May 15th, the Board of Medical Examiners will have a new telephone system in operation for your convenience. New telephone numbers for the Board will be as follows:

- complaints, files, records ....... 322-5030
- physician, surgeon and podiatrists applications ....... 322-5040
- hearing aid dispensers, physical therapists, psychologists, speech pathologists, audiologists and medical corporations information ............... 322-5043

Current Health Care Legislation Summarized

Assemblyman Gordon Duffy, of Hanford, has authored several bills relating to health care. A brief summary of three of these bills follows:

AB 3273 - Specialty Practices. Requires certification before a physician is designated as a medical specialist. This bill would require the Board of Medical Examiners to establish minimum standards of training for fields of specialty practice to qualify for certification.

AB 3187 - Nurse Practitioners. Creates a Nurse Practitioner Council within the Department of Consumer Affairs to supervise nurse practitioner activities. The proposed new board would be responsible for setting standards, issuing licenses and supervising nurse practitioners in the State. The board also would be responsible for establishing categories of nurse practitioners, such as pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, primary care, critical care, anesthesiology and mental health.

AB 2971 - Foreign Medical Graduates - Requirements for licensure. Revises requirements for licensure as a physician for foreign medical school graduates. Additionally, the designation “M.D.” would be included in physicians licensure certificates. This would permit persons licensed as physicians to utilize the title “M.D.” following their names, thereby changing the precept that “M.D.” represents an educational degree. Under the bill, the letters “M.D.” would represent only an indication of one’s title.
**BOARD BUSINESS**

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

January 15, 1974 to March 15, 1974

Richard Birk, M.D., Anaheim, Ca. . . . . . . . . . . 2-19-74 Revoked, stayed, probation 5 years, terms & conditions

William H. Davis, M.D., Woodland, Ca. . . . . . . . . . 2-19-74 Revoked, stayed, probation 7 years, terms & conditions

Edmund K. Lui, M.D., Huntington Beach, Ca. . . . . . . . . . . 2-19-74 Revoked, stayed, probation 5 years, terms & conditions

Jack H. Welch, M.D., Encino, Ca. . . . . . . . . . . 2-25-74 Revoked, stayed, probation 5 years, terms & conditions

Merle R. Felezcy, M.D., Shafter, Ca. . . . . . . . . . . 2-26-74 Revoked

Maurice H. Kowen, M.D., Los Angeles, Ca. . . . . . . . . . . . . 3-6-74 Revoked, stayed, probation 5 years, terms & conditions

John G. Nork, M.D., Sacramento, Ca. . . . . . . . . . . 3-11-74 Revoked

There were also two cases of licenses fully restored and one case of a license which had been revoked and was restored with certain terms and conditions.

**MEETING AND EXAMINATION DATES**

May and June

Board Meeting, June 14-17 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . San Francisco
DRC III, May 7-9 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Los Angeles
DRC IV, May 13 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Los Angeles
DRC V, June 11-13 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Los Angeles
Hearing Aid Dispensers Exam, May 15 . . . . . . . . . . . . L.A.—S.F.—Sac.1to
Hearing Aid Dispensers Meeting, June 6 . . . . . . . . . . . . Sacramento
Physical Therapy Meeting, May 17 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . San Diego
Podiatry Meeting, May 23 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . San Francisco
Psychology Meeting, June 8,9 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sacramento
Speech Path. and Audiology Meeting, May 24 . . . . . . . . . . . . Los Angeles

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

**Correction to 1973 Directory**

Matthew W. Buttigliieri, Ph.D., psychologist, Granada Hills, California was listed both as being currently renewed and delinquent. His license (PL 3618) should be listed as currently renewed and not delinquent.

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**Medical Memo**

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