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## Legislative Update 2018

*New laws provide added protection for consumers, physicians*



The state has 32 new laws that will transform everything from the way that consumers access their medical records to how doctors treat pain in California.

The new laws of 2018 address public and allied health, health care coverage, medical education, medical practice and ethics, prescription drugs/controlled substances, and state administration.

### **Allied Health Care Professions**

#### ***Optometry Scope of Practice – AB 443 (Salas, Chapter 549)***

Grants optometrists the ability to provide rehabilitative services, perform additional procedures, administer vaccines, and provides for a more independent practice.

#### ***Podiatry – AB 1153 (Low, Chapter 793)***

Allows doctors of podiatric medicine, who have training or experience in wound care, to treat ulcers, resulting from local and systemic causes, on the leg no further than the top of the shin bone.

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### The Mission of the Medical Board of California

The mission of the Medical Board of California is to protect health care consumers through the proper licensing and regulation of physicians and surgeons and certain allied health care professionals 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

By Susan Wolbarst

Not all prescription forms produced since 2012 are acceptable these days. In fact, some doctors have been running into issues with the forms they are currently using to prescribe medications to their patients. Read all about it in the article headlined "Are Your Prescription Forms Compliant?" beginning on [page 10](#).

Learn about the pros and cons of prescribing buprenorphine, including the special danger it presents to families with small children, by reading "A Primer on the Use of Buprenorphine to Treat Opioid Addiction" beginning on [page 14](#).

How many 5-year-olds who announce their intention to become doctors actually make it? Meet one who did on [page 4](#).

When a planned home birth, attended by a licensed midwife, runs into complications, the licensed midwife is required to transfer the patient to a hospital and hand the patient off to a physician. The process does not always go smoothly or get reported properly by the hospital to the Medical Board of California. Please read our story, beginning on [page 26](#), to make sure you're following the legal protocol.

More than half the physicians in the U.S. are suffering from at least one symptom of burnout. Please see the article beginning on [page 5](#) to see steps you can take to diminish the impacts of burnout.

### Need A Speaker?

If you would like a speaker from the Medical Board of California to address your organization, please contact Public Affairs Manager Carlos Villatoro at [Carlos.Villatoro@mbc.ca.gov](mailto:Carlos.Villatoro@mbc.ca.gov).

# President's Message



Dr. Dev GnanaDev

It's been an incredible year at the Medical Board of California (Board). We have accomplished so much in 2017, yet there is still so much to do this year.

In 2017, the Board's sunset bill became law, extending the regulatory and administrative functions of the Board four years.

The sunset bill, Senate Bill 798 (Hill, Chapter 775), gives the Board the authority to automatically revoke the licenses of physicians who are required to register as sex offenders; use a two-year license registration date from the date the

license is issued; and, beginning in January 2020, to require three years of postgraduate training for all applicants, regardless of where they attended medical school.

The Board cares about the health of consumers, and also cares about the well-being of our licensees. In 2017, we began work on creating a Physician Health and Wellness Program, designed to address the issue of substance abuse in the physician community.

The Board will continue to work on this goal in 2018 and take a careful look at the regulations necessary to facilitate the program.

On the licensing front, the Board processed an all-time high of 7,978 applications for licensure in fiscal year (FY) 16-17 and issued a record 6,802 licenses. These were reviewed and issued more efficiently than in prior years.

On the enforcement side of things, the Board received 9,619 complaints against physicians and surgeons and unlicensed individuals in FY 16-17, a jump of 940 complaints from the year before. This may speak partly to the success of the Board's "Check

Up On Your Doctor" outreach campaign, which has educated the public about filing complaints with the Board.

Our four quarterly newsletters in 2017 educated licensees about the ways to recognize trafficking victims, how to fight the state's rise in STDs, the changing laws involving opioid prescribing, prescribing psychotropic drugs to children in foster care, mandatory reporting of communicable diseases, and other critical information for licensees and consumers.

In 2018, the Board will unveil a newly redesigned newsletter and revamp the type of content it delivers to over 140,000 subscribers. The Board will also be exploring new and innovative ways to do outreach to consumers and physicians alike.

In looking back at 2017, I am most proud of the incredible work that our staff does on a daily basis. I am looking forward to everything that 2018 holds for the Board, our licensees, and more importantly, the consumers of California.

## Did you know...



Physicians with an email address are required to report it to the Medical Board? The email address shall be considered confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

# Strong Work Ethic Paves Way For Loan Repayment Award Recipient

**By Susan Wolbarst**

Adler Salazar's mother remembers him writing "Dr." in front of his name when he was about 5 years old. Despite financial obstacles, he never wavered and what was once a childhood dream turned into reality.

Born and raised in the Philippines, his mother, Corazon Maligaya Salazar, was an elementary school teacher. When Adler was 5 years old, his father, Romy Salazar, went to the United States to support the family by working different jobs. Adler looks back on that eight-year stretch without his father as "a meager but happy life." At age 13, Adler, his mother and sister

immigrated, joining his father in the U.S., where his parents hoped to provide a better future for their children. The reunited family lived with relatives until his parents could find work and then settled in Los Angeles.

His mother worked long hours at two different jobs in a shopping mall and his father worked in the produce department of a market.

"I saw how hard they worked so I sought to help support the family," he said. "I worked in a supermarket by the time I was 16 and continued after graduating from high school. I helped shoppers with their bags, performed janitorial duties, and stocked groceries."

Adler continually wondered how he could pay for a college education and if he could possibly become a doctor. He started by taking classes in a community

college during the day and working at night and on weekends. He eventually transferred and graduated from University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) for undergraduate studies and from University of Southern California (USC) for his medical degree.

Today, Adler is a doctor in the general pediatric ward and pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) at Los Angeles County and USC Medical Center.

"I chose to pursue PICU training because I wanted to have the ability to care for any child whose illness or injuries are at their most critical," he said. "I have had the opportunity to help children recover from many different injuries or illnesses.



**Dr. Adler Salazar**

"The children we care for in the pediatric department are from families who are medically underserved and underrepresented. These families face challenges such as low income, unemployment, lack of insurance, and fear of deportation. These challenges make health care for children with chronic illnesses difficult. My favorite thing about my work is that I am in a hospital where my colleagues and I can care for injured or sick children regardless of what their families have or do not have. I choose to believe that deep in everyone's hearts, regardless of their beliefs or ideologies, no kind-hearted person wants to see a child hurt or sick if there is a way to help alleviate his/her pain or illness. I hope that the medical care we provide can help the parents provide a healthy and safe childhood for their children.

"And while it is a pleasure to see healthy children recover during their hospitalization and return home, my duties also entail caring for patients with extreme

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# What You Can Do About Physician Burnout

*By Sharon McCoy George, M.D., MPS, FAAFP*

Have you ever felt emotionally overextended and exhausted by work? How about feelings of incompetence and lack of personal achievement? Ever responded to a patient or a student in an unfeeling or impersonal way?

If so, you are among the 54 percent of U.S. physicians who experience at least one of the aforementioned symptoms of burnout.

Unfortunately, the trend is increasing. I saw physician burnout firsthand caring for my aging parents.

It wasn't long after meeting the floating hospitalist, who took care of my mother after 24 hours of waiting in the ER, that I saw burnout, which is emotional (and physical) exhaustion.

It was his first day on the job and he had seen 40 patients that day; my mother was patient number 37.

When dad's radiation oncologist ordered a head CAT scan instead of listening to his complaints and explaining to him that radiation therapy involving the GI tract could cause him nausea and could be treated with an antiemetic, she didn't see him as a person. She showed another sign of burnout – depersonalization.

When mom was unexpectedly transferred to a rehabilitation unit, both her longtime family doctor and the rehabilitation doctor felt they had no power to do what was right for her. They showed a different sign of burnout, which is low personal accomplishment.

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## **Health Care Coverage**

### ***Health Care Coverage: Pervasive Developmental Disorder or Autism – AB 1074 (Maienschein, Chapter 385)***

Requires health care service plans and health insurers to employ a qualified autism service provider and a qualified autism service paraprofessional for purpose of behavioral health therapy.

### ***Health Care Coverage: Continuity of Care – SB 133 (Hernandez, Chapter 481)***

Allows consumers to continue seeing their doctor or continue receiving treatment for up to one year if their insurance company has left the individual market. The bill is designed for children under the age of three and people with acute conditions, a terminal illness, a pregnancy, a serious chronic condition, or those who have a pre-scheduled surgery or procedure. It also requires the insurance companies to provide information to a new enrollee, to be provided with any termination of coverage notice sent, on how they can request completion of the covered services.

### ***Health Care Language Assistance Services – SB 223 (Atkins, Chapter 771)***

This bill requires health plans, including Medi-Cal managed care plans and health insurers, to include information about the availability of language assistance services, including oral interpretation services in the top 15 languages as determined by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). It also requires interpreters to meet specified requirements, specified disclosures to the public and Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and applies these and existing Medi-Cal provisions on language assistance to Medi-Cal mental health plans.

### ***Health Insurance: Discriminatory Practices: Mental Health – SB 374 (Newman, Chapter 162)***

Requires large group, small group, and individual health insurance policies to provide all covered mental health and substance use disorder benefits in compliance with the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, including all rules, regulations and guidance issued pursuant to that Act.

## **Medical Education**

### ***Continuing Medical Education: Mental and Physical Health Care Integration – AB 1340 (Maienschein, Chapter 759)***

Allows for an optional continuing medical education course in integrating mental and physical health care in primary care settings, especially as it pertains to early identification of mental health issues and exposure to trauma in children and young adults and their appropriate care and treatment.

## **Medical Practice and Ethics**

### ***Certificates of Death: Veterans – AB 242 (Arambula, Chapter 222)***

Requires a certificate of death to indicate whether the deceased person was ever in the Armed Forces of the United States. This bill requires the California Department of Public Health to compile data from the electronic death registration system in order to annually report information to the Legislature and Department of Veteran Affairs regarding the ages, sexes, nationalities, and methods of suicide of veterans.

### ***Medical Records: Access – SB 241 (Monning, Chapter 513)***

This bill changes state law to specify that patients have the right to receive an electronic copy of their medical record, if the health care provider maintains it electronically, and to receive a copy of their medical record in the form and format of their choice. The bill also eliminates the ability of providers to collect a retrieval fee for medical records in accordance with federal law, and conforms existing Patient Access to Health Records (PAHR) law to the federal Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA).

### ***Workers' Compensation: Change of Physician – SB 489 (Bradford, Chapter 240)***

Extends the timeline for hospitals and emergency physicians to bill for emergency medical treatment for injured workers from 30 days to 180 days.

***Health Care Practitioners: Stem Cell Therapy – SB 512 (Hernandez, Chapter 428)***

Requires a health care practitioner that performs a stem cell therapy not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration to communicate this to his or her patients on a notice displayed in his or her office, as specified. This bill requires the Board to report citations issued and discipline imposed, with regard to licensees who provide stem cell therapies, in its Annual Report, beginning with the 2018-19 Annual Report.

***Patient Access to Health Records – SB 575 (Leyva, Chapter 626)***

Allows low income Californians to receive a copy of their medical records at no charge when applying for public benefits programs. The bill also expands the list of public benefit programs to which the law applies to include In-Home Supportive Services, the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids program, CalFresh, and certain veterans-related benefits.

**Prescription Drugs/Controlled Substances**

***Health Care: Prescription Drug Costs – SB 17 (Hernandez, Chapter 603)***

Requires drug manufacturers to notify purchasers, at least 60 days prior to the planned effective date, if they will be increasing the wholesale acquisition cost of a prescription drug that costs more than \$40 by more than 16 percent in a two-year period. The bill also requires the manufacturers to provide specified information related to price increases to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), such as a description of factors that led to the decision to increase the drug's price, including documentation of increased clinical efficacy of the drug, if any. Under SB 17, health plans and insurers must report rate information to the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) and the California Department of Insurance (CDI) related to the proportion of the premium dollar spent on prescription drugs, the year-over-year increase in net costs and member costs, the 25 most frequently prescribed medications, most costly drugs by total plan spending, and drugs with the highest year-over-year increase in net cost. DMHC and CDI must compile the information provided to them in a consumer-friendly report that demonstrates the overall impact of drug costs on health care premiums.

***CURES Database: Health Information Technology System – AB 40 (Santiago, Chapter 607)***

Requires the California Department of Justice to make electronic prescription drug records contained in its Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) accessible through the department's online portal or through the integration of a health information technology system, beginning no later than October 1, 2018, if the health information technology system meets certain information security and patient privacy requirements.

***Prescription Drugs: Prohibition on Price Discount – AB 265 (Wood, Chapter 611)***

Prohibits prescription drug manufacturers from offering a discount, repayment, product voucher, or other reduction in an individual's out-of-pocket expenses associated with insurance coverage, including, but not limited to, a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible, for a prescription drug if a lower cost generic or an over-the-counter drug is available at a lower cost.

***Substance Use Treatment Providers – AB 395 (Bocanegra, Chapter 223)***

Adds medication-assisted treatment as an authorized service at a licensed narcotic treatment program (NTP) and makes other changes to current NTP law regarding authorized medications – such as adding medications to the list of approved medications for use in office-based treatment programs – patient capacity, and billing timeframes.

***Pharmacy: Remote Dispensing Site Pharmacy: Telepharmacy – AB 401 (Aguiar-Curry, Chapter 548)***

Establishes a remote dispensing site pharmacy license to increase access to pharmaceutical care services, adds reporting requirements for wholesalers regarding suspicious orders, and authorizes licensure of shared clinic office space.

***Health Care: Pain Management and Schedule II Drug Prescriptions – AB 1048 (Arambula, Chapter 615)***

This bill, beginning July 1, 2018, authorizes a pharmacist to dispense opioids as partial fills if requested by the prescriber or patient. This bill also removes the requirement that pain be assessed at the same time as vital signs.

***Opioid Awareness and Dependency Prevention: Patient-Centered Postsurgical Care – AJR 19 (Arambula, Chapter 208)***

This resolution states that the Legislature urges the use of non-opioid alternatives for pain management and supports physician choice of treatment to prevent opioid dependency.

***Nurse Practitioners: Physician Assistants: Buprenorphine – SB 554 (Stone, Chapter 242)***

Allows nurse practitioners and physician assistants to administer or provide buprenorphine to a patient when done in compliance with the provisions of the federal Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act, as enacted on July 22, 2016.

**Public Health**

***Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program – AB 340 (Arambula, Chapter 700)***

Requires DHCS to convene an advisory working group to update, amend or develop tools and protocols for the screening of physical and mental illnesses and conditions in children within the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program benefit, consistent with existing law and this bill.

***Public Health: Childhood Lead Poisoning: Prevention – AB 1316 (Quirk, Chapter 507)***

Requires CDPH's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program regulations to include a risk assessment for determining whether a child is "at risk" that considers the most significant environmental risk factors, including, a child's time spent in a home, school, or building built before 1978; a child's proximity to a former lead or steel smelter, or industrial facility that historically emitted or currently emits lead; a child's proximity to a freeway or heavily traveled roadway; and other potential risk factors for lead exposure.

***Genomic Cancer Testing Information – AB 1386 (Waldron, Chapter 693)***

Requires DHCS to revise the publication, "A Woman's Guide to Breast Cancer Treatment," in the first revision of the standardized written summary made following the effective date of this bill. This bill requires DHCS to incorporate information relating to breast cancer susceptibility

gene (BRCA) mutations, in order to achieve increased genetic counseling and screening rates of individuals for whom BRCA test results can inform treatment decisions, consistent with evidence-based national recommendations.

***Cervical Cancer Screening and Awareness Month – ACR 11 (Baker, Chapter 12)***

This resolution designates the month of January every year as Cervical Cancer Screening and Awareness Month in the State of California.

***Emergency Medical Services – SB 432 (Pan, Chapter 426)***

Revises the required communicable disease exposure notification procedure for emergency medical services (EMS) providers by requiring a health facility to immediately notify an EMS provider's designated officer upon determining that a person who was provided emergency medical services is diagnosed with a reportable disease.

***Donate Life/DMV Partnership Month – SCR 18 (Berryhill, Chapter 39)***

This resolution proclaims the month of April 2017 as Donate Life/DMV Partnership Month in the State of California and encourages all Californians to register with the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

***Prostate Cancer Awareness Month – SCR 27 (Gaines, Chapter 138)***

This resolution proclaims the month of September 2017 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in California.

**State Administration**

***Medi-Cal: Specialty Mental Health Services: Performance Outcome Reports – AB 470 (Arambula, Chapter 550)***

Requires DHCS to create a performance outcome report for specialty mental health services, as specified, and to make it available to specified entities no later than December 31, 2018.

***Health Care Practitioners: Student Loans – AB 508 (Santiago, Chapter 195)***

This bill repeals provisions of law authorizing licensing boards to cite and fine, or deny licensure or licensure renewal, to a health care practitioner if

he or she is in default on a United States Department of Health and Human Services education loan.

***Cannabis: Medicinal and Adult – SB 94 (Comm. on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 27)***

This bill is the cannabis trailer bill for the Budget Act of 2017. This bill establishes a single system of administration for cannabis laws in California. It contains changes that are necessary for state licensing entities to implement a regulatory framework pursuant to the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA). This bill conforms MCRSA and the Adult Use of Marijuana Act of 2016 (Proposition 64) into a single system that prioritizes consumer safety, public safety and tax compliance.

***Uniform Standards, Naturopathic Doctors, Respiratory Care – SB 796 (Hill, Chapter 600)***

Among other provisions, this bill requires the Department of Consumer Affairs' Substance Abuse Coordination Committee (SACC) to review the existing criteria for Uniform Standard #4 regarding substance testing. This bill requires the SACC, by January 1, 2019, to review the criteria and make findings to determine whether the existing criteria for Uniform Standard #4 should be updated to reflect recent developments in testing, research and technology.

***Healing Arts: Boards – SB 798 (Hill, Chapter 775)***

This is the Board's sunset bill, which includes language on a portion of the new issues from the Board's 2016 Sunset Review Report, and will extend the Board's sunset date for four years, until January 1, 2022. Specifically, this bill does the following:

- Allows the Board to issue a two-year license to its licensees beginning July 1, 2018, instead of using a physician's birth date to calculate license expiration dates.
- Changes the postgraduate training requirement from one or two years to three years for all applicants, regardless of where they went to medical school. Creates a postgraduate training license to allow an individual in a postgraduate training program to continue in that program without violating the law. This bill requires that the postgraduate training license must be obtained

within 180 days after enrollment in a postgraduate training program and would be valid until 90 days after the holder has completed 36 months of postgraduate training.

- Deletes the requirement for the Board to approve international medical schools. This bill determines that an international medical school is recognized if they are listed on the World Federation for Medical Education and the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research World Directory of Medical Schools joint directory or the World Directory of Medical Schools.
- Revises the adverse events that are required to be reported to the Board in existing law to include only those that relate to outpatient settings.
- Adds a new section of law to allow the Board to require more information about the Board on the notice to consumers' postings.
- Amends existing law, Business and Professions Code Section 805.01, to allow the Board to fine an entity up to \$50,000 per violation for failing to submit an 805.01 report to the Board, or \$100,000 per violation if it is determined that the failure to report was willful.
- Amends existing law regarding the Health Professions Education Foundation (HPEF) to require two members to be appointed by the Board, as was previously required.
- Effective January 1, 2019, deletes the provision in existing law that requires the Board to approve non-ABMS specialty boards. This allows physicians to advertise as board certified only if they have been certified by ABMS boards and any additional boards previously approved by the Board.
- Includes technical, clarifying changes to make it clear that the Board of Podiatric Medicine is its own board that performs its own licensing functions.

- Deletes the requirement in existing law that the Board president cannot be on a disciplinary panel unless there is a vacancy on the Board.
- Amends existing law regarding the prompt revocation of physicians who are required to register as sex offenders, and changes it to an automatic revocation to allow the revocations to be processed in a more expeditious manner.
- Amends existing law related to expert witness reports, to include additional information that the reports must include and to ensure the Board receives these reports in a timely manner.
- Deletes outdated sections of law related to the Board's Licensing Program.
- Adds petitions to revoke probation to **Government Code section 11529** as a document type that the Board must file within 30 days after an interim suspension order (ISO) is issued.
- Adds doctors of podiatric medicine (DPM) to the definition of "attending physician" in **Health and Safety Code section 11362.7**, which allows DPMs to recommend cannabis for medical purposes.
- Includes licensed midwives (LMs) in the peer review reporting requirements and provisions in existing law and adds LMs to the listing of medical corporations.

## Are Your Prescription Forms Compliant?

The Medical Board of California (Board) has received numerous inquiries from physicians regarding pharmacies that refuse to fill prescriptions written on non-compliant prescription forms. The Board urges physicians to verify their prescription forms are compliant with state law prior to using the form.

Since July 2012, **California Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 11162.1** requires 14 elements to appear on California Security Prescription Forms, the forms which replaced the triplicate prescription form. State law also requires California Security Prescription Forms to be produced by printers licensed by the California Department of Justice (DOJ). The DOJ maintains the California Security Prescription Printers Program, which can be found online at <https://oag.ca.gov/security-printers>.

### What to do if your forms are non-compliant

Prescribers and dispensers need to immediately verify they are using compliant forms that contain all of the 14 required elements. Prescribers with non-compliant forms should re-order compliant forms from a DOJ-licensed security printer and verify that the form contains the required elements before purchasing the forms. The DOJ Approved List of Security Prescription Printers is available online at <https://oag.ca.gov/security-printers/approved-list>.

The Board also recommends prescribers consider using e-prescribing for controlled substances.

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## Everything You Need to Know About Medical Assistants



Medical assistants play an important role in medical offices throughout the state. The Medical Board of California often receives questions about what medical assistants can and can't do. For this reason, we have put together a video presentation that's designed to answer these questions and many more. You can find the video by typing the below url into your web browser and scrolling down:

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According to [HSC section 11200](#), Schedule III through V controlled substances may be filled (and refilled) if the pharmacist treats the prescription as an oral prescription and verifies orally with the prescriber the number of any refills ordered with notations on the security form.

California law provides that Schedule II drugs cannot generally be orally prescribed, nor can they be refilled using a California Security Prescription. However, when there is no alternative except to prescribe a Schedule II controlled medication using a

non-compliant California Security Form to allow patients to receive their pain medications timely, prescribers and dispensers should communicate about why a non-compliant California Security Form is being used on a temporary basis, and the communication should be documented in writing in the patient's record.

There are exceptions in some cases that allow other ways to prescribe for terminally ill patients ([HSC section 11159.2](#)) and for health care facilities with 25 or more physicians ([HSC section 11162.1\(c\)](#)).

## Prescription Forms Must Contain These 14 Points

1. A latent, repetitive "void" pattern across the entire front of the prescription blank; if a prescription is scanned or photocopied, the word "void" shall appear in a pattern across the entire front of the prescription.
2. A watermark on the backside of the prescription blank; the watermark shall consist of the words "California Security Prescription."
3. A chemical void protection that prevents alteration by chemical washing.
4. A feature printed in thermochromic ink.
5. An area of opaque writing so that the writing disappears if the prescription is lightened.
6. A description of the security features included on each prescription form.
7. (A) Six quantity check off boxes on the form so that the prescriber may indicate the quantity by checking the applicable box where the following quantities shall appear:
  - a. 1–24
  - b. 25–49
  - c. 50–74
  - d. 75–100
  - e. 101–150
  - f. 151 and over.
- (B) In conjunction with the quantity boxes, a space shall be provided to designate the units referenced in the quantity boxes when the drug is not in tablet or capsule form.
8. Prescription blanks shall contain a statement printed on the bottom of the prescription blank that the "Prescription is void if the number of drugs prescribed is not noted."
9. The preprinted name, category of licensure, license number, federal controlled substance registration number, and address of the prescribing practitioner.
10. Check boxes on the form so that the prescriber may indicate the number of refills ordered.
11. The date of origin of the prescription.
12. A check box indicating the prescriber's order not to substitute.
13. An identifying number assigned to the approved security printer by the Department of Justice.
14. A check box by the name of each prescriber when a prescription form lists multiple prescribers.

(Source: [California Health & Safety Code Section 11162.1](#).)

# You Asked For It

## Questions Received from the Web

By Letitia Robinson, Research Program Specialist

***Q. Why is it necessary to have guidelines for physicians to recommend cannabis for medical use if cannabis has been legalized?***

A. The newly created **Bureau of Cannabis Control** did not eliminate a physician's ability to recommend cannabis for medical use. Since cannabis is a permissible treatment modality under qualifying circumstances, the **Board's Guidelines for the Recommendation of Cannabis for Medical Purposes** was adopted by the Board to advise physicians who provide recommendations of cannabis for medical use.

***Q. How do I inform patients I am closing my medical practice and how they may access their medical records?***

A. It is your responsibility as the physician to notify your patients you are closing your medical practice. This is best done by a letter to each patient explaining the change and the final date of practice. The California Medical Association (CMA) recommends, if possible, that letters be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and that a copy of the letter with the return receipt be kept. To inform inactive patients or those who have moved away, the CMA also recommends placing an advertisement in a local newspaper. Advise your patients as to where their medical records will be stored including how they may access them. To facilitate the transfer of medical records to the new treating physician, include an authorization form in the letter. If your practice is being taken over by another physician or another physician can be recommended, the patients can be referred to that physician.

***Q. Can I receive Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit for passing a specialty board examination?***

A. Yes. If you take and pass a certifying or recertifying examination administered by a recognized specialty board, you are granted 100 CME hours over four consecutive years. Physicians must complete at least 50 hours of **approved CME** during each biennial renewal cycle.

***Q. I renewed my physician's and surgeon's license two months ago. I have not received a new wallet card. How do I request an updated wallet card?***

A. Your wallet license is mailed to your address of record on file with the Board four to six weeks after your last renewal was processed. Please review your BreEZe online profile and update the address if necessary. If the address of record is outdated, your wallet license may have been returned to the Board. **Contact the Board** if you think your license was returned undeliverable. Otherwise, you may request a **duplicate wallet license**.

### ***Have a question?***

If you have a question, write to [Webmaster@mbc.ca.gov](mailto:Webmaster@mbc.ca.gov). Although only some questions may be featured here in "YOU ASKED FOR IT," all questions will receive an email response, so let us hear from you.

## **All Tobacco Products May Lead Adolescents to Try Cigarettes**

A recent study by researchers at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) found that teenagers experimenting with any kind of tobacco use – chewing, vaping, snuff or water pipes – were more likely to try cigarettes within a year than their tobacco-shunning counterparts. The study looked at the tobacco consumption habits of 10,384 people aged 12-17.

None of the individuals smoked cigarettes at the start of the research. After one year, 4.6 percent of survey participants had smoked cigarettes. Those who had experimented with e-cigarettes and other smokeless tobacco products were more than twice as likely to have tried cigarettes (JAMA Pediatrics, January 2, 2018).

## **FDA Warns Against Narcotic Cold Meds for Patients Under Age 18**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has restricted the use of prescription cough and cold medicines containing the narcotics codeine or hydrocodone to adults age 18 or over. An extensive review by the FDA and a panel of outside experts determined that risks associated with such medications – including slowed or difficult breathing, misuse, abuse, addiction, overdose and death – outweigh their benefits in children younger than 18.

These products will no longer be indicated for use in children. The FDA will require new packaging of such medications to include a boxed warning about safety risks. For patients under age 18 who require cough treatment medication, the FDA recommends over-the-counter products such as those containing dextromethorphan, as well as prescription benzonatate products.

## **CDPH Urges Influenza Vaccination**

As numbers of influenza-related hospitalizations and deaths climb in California, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) urges vaccination against influenza for all state residents aged six months or older, including pregnant women. CDPH strongly encourages physicians to vaccinate and consumers who have not done so to get vaccinated against influenza. For influenza activity data, updated weekly, visit [cdph.ca.gov](http://cdph.ca.gov).

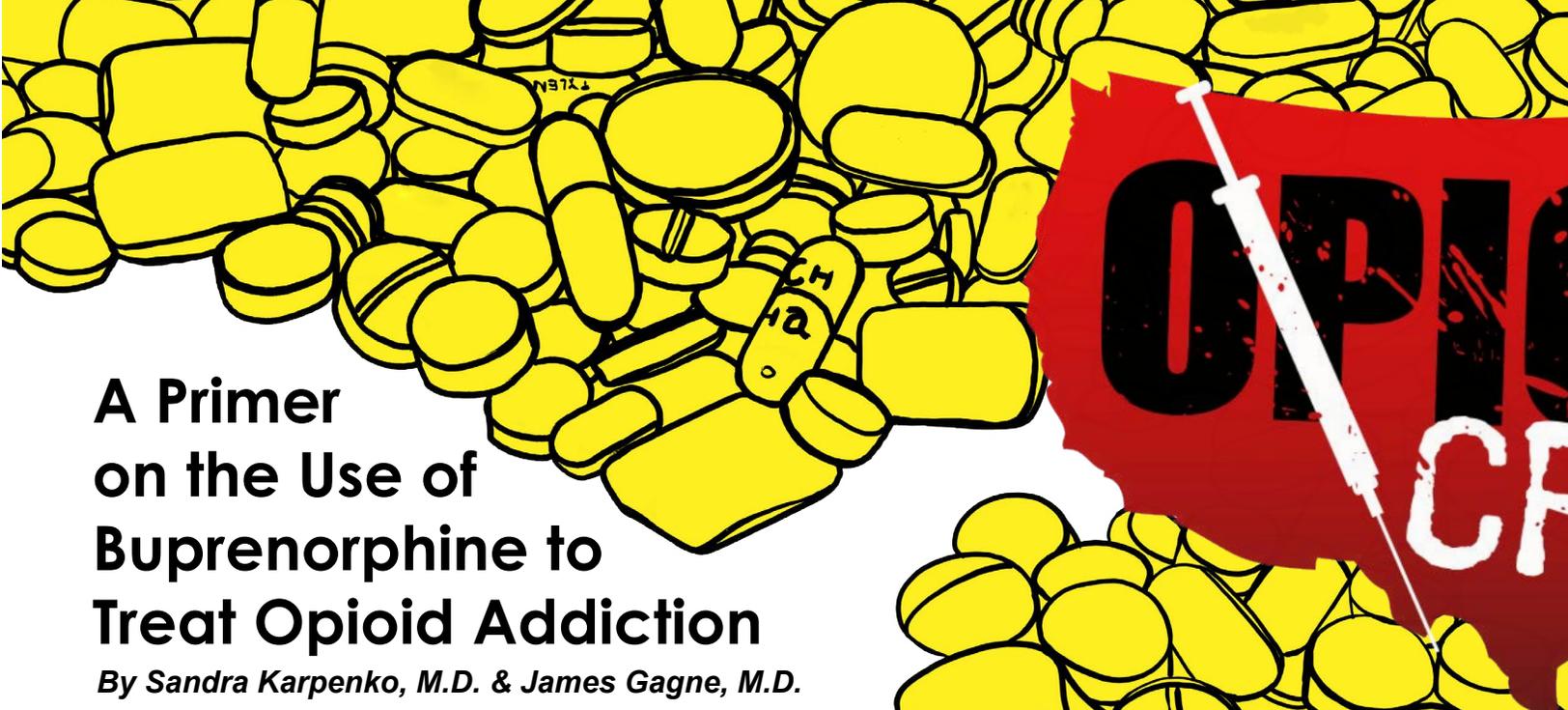
## Tech Med Corner

### **eNose Identifies Various Infections**

A recent study in Finland used a portable device known as an eNose to sniff out skin and soft tissue infections. Researchers at the University of Tampere said the eNose creates “an olfactory profile for each molecular compound in the air. The results are analyzed by a computer and the system is programmed to differentiate between different compounds.” The eNose can reportedly differentiate between methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and methicillin-sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA). It can also distinguish prostate cancer from benign prostatic hyperplasia using a urine sample. The device can also distinguish between different kinds of bacteria that cause urinary tract infections. The goal is to use such a tool to speed up diagnosis and treatment. (Electronic Nose in the Detection of Wound Infection Bacteria from Bacterial Cultures: A Proof-of-Principle Study, European Surgical Research, 2018; 1 DOI: 10.1159/000485461.)

### **Safely Ditch Extra Opioids**

Walmart is giving away a product called DisposeRx at its 4,700 pharmacy locations to help patients dispose of leftover medications. Customers filling any prescription for Schedule II opioids will be given a small packet containing “an FDA-safe chemical blend” which can be emptied into a pill container. When shaken with warm water, the chemicals reportedly turn the former medications into a biodegradable gel described as “non-divertible” which can safely be dropped in the trash. The product works with pills, capsules, liquids or powders (USA Today, January 17, 2018).



# A Primer on the Use of Buprenorphine to Treat Opioid Addiction

*By Sandra Karpenko, M.D. & James Gagne, M.D.*

As California and the rest of the country struggles against opioid overdose deaths, physicians have turned to drugs, such as buprenorphine, as a tool for treatment of addiction. According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data, in 2016 there were 42,249 opioid deaths nationwide, including 4,654 in California. While the death toll continued climbing sharply in many states over the past three years, California has maintained a ratio of 13.5 deaths per 100,000 residents from 2014-2016.

The top three opioids involved in overdose deaths nationwide were methadone, oxycodone and hydrocodone. Overdose from synthetic opioids, like fentanyl, increased by 72 percent nationwide. We have seen a concomitant increase in the prescribing of Suboxone®, a combination of buprenorphine and naloxone, which while well-intended, raises concerns about the appropriateness of some of the prescriptions.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) first approved buprenorphine in 2002 for use in the treatment of opioid dependence. Methadone and naltrexone are also approved for this use. One of the problems with the use of buprenorphine is that doctors may not have adequate pain management and addiction expertise leading to inappropriate prescribing. In fact, all that's needed to obtain a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) waiver to prescribe or dispense buprenorphine is an 8-hour online training course. This waiver allows physicians to

dispense or prescribe in their offices as opposed to requiring specialized care in a federally licensed treatment center, as is necessary with methadone maintenance.

The DEA categorizes buprenorphine as a Schedule III controlled substance. Buprenorphine is available in sublingual products, as a six-month subdermal implant, and now as a once-monthly injectable formulation. The longer duration formulations are intended to provide safer administration with reduced risk of diversion.

Buprenorphine is used for both pain management and addiction treatment. Approved pain management formulations (Butrans® transdermal patches, Belbuca® sublingual film, and Buprenex® injection) are effective at much lower doses than that required to treat opioid dependence. Common pain management doses range from roughly 100 micrograms (mcg) to 500 mcg in 24 hours. This is in comparison with the dose range of 4-24 mg of buprenorphine per 24 hours to treat opioid dependence. At doses of 8 milligrams (mg) per day or more, buprenorphine is an effective opioid antagonist. When properly used, it relieves opioid cravings and often improves mood and energy. The ceiling effect for euphoria and respiratory depression makes it safer than methadone. A target maintenance dose is roughly 8-16 mg per day, rarely up to 24 mg/day.



Patients who demand more may be signaling that they intend to sell all or part of their prescription.

Pure buprenorphine tablets are especially subject to diversion or misuse; when snorted or injected they cause a euphoria similar to heroin. Naloxone, which is designed to block or reverse the effects of opioid medication, added to Suboxone® and other brands of buprenorphine/naloxone will precipitate withdrawal if snorted or injected and hence reduce risk of misuse.

Addicts actively abusing opioids often use illicit buprenorphine/naloxone to bridge between runs of their preferred drug. Thus, patients with opioid dependence should be screened for motivation to remain sober before Suboxone® is prescribed. Those still close to the street drug scene are often poor candidates for buprenorphine maintenance. Moreover, because patients may become tired of remaining sober and switch to active drug use after weeks or months of adhering to treatment, ongoing office visits and urine toxicology testing is required to monitor compliance.

It is critical to use buprenorphine as part of a complete treatment program, which includes counseling and psychosocial support. Moreover, it appears that, as with methadone maintenance, the duration of treatment for buprenorphine/naloxone maintenance is several years, with a high risk of relapse if treatment ceases prematurely. A good test

for when it is time to consider tapering and discontinuing buprenorphine maintenance is when the patient has achieved full adult function with a stable job, family, housing, and social support.

Steps to prescribing buprenorphine/naloxone:

1. Perform a history and physical to assess patient's readiness to become sober and participate in an addiction treatment program, as well as the level of sober support available. Simple screening should be undertaken to rule out diseases associated with addiction, especially hepatitis C and HIV.
2. The patient should be counseled thoroughly about how to use this medication and the risks associated with misuse. Safe storage must be discussed and reviewed periodically. Special consideration is required to safeguard children from exposure.
3. If the patient is still under the influence of an opioid, administering buprenorphine can precipitate acute opiate withdrawal because of its opiate antagonist effect. One must wait until the opioid has worn off. Ideally, the first dose of buprenorphine/naloxone should be administered under medical supervision at least 18-24 hours after the last opioid use. A good test is the Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Score (COWS) test.

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# Announcing the New Chief of Licensing

**By Susan Wolbarst**

April Alameda, a veteran of more than 20 years with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), has been promoted to the Medical Board of California's (Board) chief of licensing position.

Aside from a short stint as a loan officer with Golden1 Credit Union at the beginning of her working life, Ms. Alameda has spent her entire career with the DCA. She brings extensive experience to her new position.

Since March 2016, she has served as the Staff Services Manager II (SSM II) of the Board's licensing program. Before joining the Board, Ms. Alameda established the first non-sworn investigative unit at the Dental Board of California and served as its Investigative Analysis Unit Manager since 2010.

From 2009 to 2010, she served in the DCA executive office as a special advisor to the director. From 1996 to 2009, Ms. Alameda served in various positions at DCA boards and bureaus.

As an SSM II, she was able to accomplish the following:

- Reducing initial application review processing times from 53 to 28 days.
- Revising the quality assurance process so licenses are issued in three to five days.
- Eliminating the backlog of scanning physician and surgeon surveys, which are now processed daily.

"My focus is to ensure the licensing program is prepared to adapt to change," she said, noting that major changes are coming as a result of Senate Bill 798, the Board's recently enacted sunset bill.

Perhaps the biggest among these is the change in postgraduate training



*Photo: Charlotte Clark*

requirements from one or two years to three years for all applicants, beginning in January 2020.

**"My focus is to ensure the licensing program is prepared to adapt to change."  
- April Alameda**

Ms. Alameda applauded the increased education requirements, saying they "definitely meet the mission of consumer protection."

"I'm happy to be part of the Medical Board and look forward to leading the licensing program into the next phase," Ms. Alameda said.

## MBC Board Member Dr. Sharon Levine Honored in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Jackie Speier recognized Dr. Sharon Levine on November 29, 2017, describing Levine, who recently retired after more than 40 years at Kaiser Permanente as, “An exceptional health care leader who has strived every day of her career to move our health care system forward to provide better access, quality and coverage.”

Speier submitted her remarks into the Congressional record.

Levine is former president and the longest serving member of the current Medical Board of California (Board). Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Levine to the Board in 2009 and she has since been re-appointed by Governor Jerry Brown twice.

Speier recapped some highlights of Levine’s career, beginning with graduation from Tufts University



**Dr. Sharon Levine**

School of Medicine and starting her medical career in pediatrics at the Georgetown University Community Health Plan. She joined the Permanente Medical Group (PMG) as a pediatrician in 1977 and held an executive leadership role for the PMG since 1991. In 2015, Levine accepted the role of executive vice president for external affairs for the PMG, a position she held until retirement.

“She has passionately advocated for public policy that ensures physicians are at the center of critical decisions that affect patients, whether in the exam room, in the board room, in the hearing room or in the auditorium, where the next generation of health care leaders learn about what works in American health care and what still needs to be improved,” Speier said. “If we had more leaders like

Dr. Levine in our communities we would no doubt have a better health care system and healthier Americans.”

### Medical Board of California Seeks New Name for its Newsletter

The Medical Board of California’s (Board) Office of Public Affairs has recently begun the redesign of the newsletter and needs your assistance.

As part of the redesign, the Board is seeking to change the name of the publication to something less generic. This is where you come in. Your creative ideas for a new name for the newsletter are needed. The name should encapsulate what the Board is trying to do with the newsletter – provide interesting, useful and relevant content for licensees and consumers alike.

Board staff will gather your suggestions through March, and choose their favorite three names from your suggestions. The three

names will be presented to the Board for a vote during its April meeting.

If your suggestion is chosen for the newsletter, the Board will announce it prominently in the newly redesigned newsletter and award you a \$50 gift card.

To enter, simply email the newsletter editor at [susan.wolbarst@mbc.ca.gov](mailto:susan.wolbarst@mbc.ca.gov) with the subject line “Newsletter Name.” The Board will record names on a first come, first serve basis. Duplicate submissions will be credited by the earliest e-mail timestamp. Employees and Board members are not eligible to enter the contest. The Board reserves the right to reject any entry, for any reason.



## ***Interested in Becoming an Expert Reviewer?***

If you are actively practicing in California and interested in becoming an expert reviewer (expert), applications are accepted continuously.

The Medical Board of California (Board) established its Expert Reviewer Program in July 1994 as an impartial and professional means to support the investigation and enforcement functions of the Board.

Experts assist the Board by providing reviews and opinions on Board cases and conducting professional competency examinations, medical and psychiatric evaluations.

The Board is currently looking for experts in the following specialties: addiction medicine with added certification in family medicine or internal medicine or psychiatry, colon/rectal surgery, dermatology, family medicine, gastroenterology, neurological surgery, neurology, ob/gyn, pathology (anatomic/clinical), forensic pathology, pain medicine; pediatric gastroenterology; pediatric surgery; pediatric cardiac surgery; pediatric pulmonology;

plastic surgery (hair transplant expertise); addiction psychiatry; forensic psychiatry; surgery; urology; and vascular surgery.

The Board is also looking for licensed midwife reviewers.

Actively practicing physicians from all other specialties not listed above are also welcome to apply and participate in the review process. Physicians must be board certified; have been practicing their specialty for a minimum of three years after board certification; have no current complaints; no prior discipline; and must be willing to testify in an administrative hearing.

Midwives must have an active midwifery practice for the past two years, have no current complaints; no prior discipline; and must be willing to testify in administrative hearing. For more information about compensation and how to apply, please visit: [www.mbc.ca.gov/enforcement/expert\\_reviewer/](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/enforcement/expert_reviewer/) or contact the Board's expert program at: [MBCMedicalExpertProgram@mbc.ca.gov](mailto:MBCMedicalExpertProgram@mbc.ca.gov).

### ***Save the Date for Upcoming Expert Reviewer Training***

Save the date to attend Expert Reviewer training on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Los Angeles County + University of Southern California Medical Center.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Grisby at (818) 539-8314 or Susan Goetzing at (818) 551-2129, or email [mbcmedicalexpertprogram@mbc.ca.gov](mailto:mbcmedicalexpertprogram@mbc.ca.gov). The Medical Board of California (Board) offers one-day expert reviewer training seminars periodically in different parts of the state. To attend, physicians must meet the expert reviewer criteria and have been approved by the Board. Other upcoming training sessions will be announced as dates and locations are confirmed.



These doctors were not taking good care of my parents, but it wasn't because they weren't excellent, caring physicians. They were practicing medicine in a system that compromised their autonomy and had them superficially caring for too many patients.

*Dr. George teaches medical residents to recognize and alleviate burnout in themselves and their peers. She is a member of the UC Davis Health Task Force on Resident and Fellow Well-Being and speaks at national meetings on Physician Self Care and Well-Being. She will speak on The Contemplative Physician and Direct Primary Care at the American Academy of Family Physician meeting on Physician Health and Well-being in April.*

*For some possible solutions to physician burnout see page 20*

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## Medical Board of California Welcomes New Public Information Manager

The Medical Board of California (Board) welcomed a new Public Information Manager in November.

Carlos Villatoro came to the Board from the California National Primate Research Center (CNPRC) at UC Davis, where he used his skills in news writing, video editing, graphics design, photography and sound engineering to promote the Center as a worldwide leader in nonhuman primate research.

Prior to joining the CNPRC, Carlos worked at the California Department of Public Health, where he led the state's communication efforts on the Disney measles outbreak, the passing of SB 277, Zika virus and the threat of Ebola.

Carlos has had a long and distinguished career at several news outlets throughout Northern California, most recently as a social media editor at KQED-TV (CBS 13) in West Sacramento.

He was responsible for developing a series of hyperlocal news sites in the Dixon, Davis and Sacramento areas and was named Napa County's Hispanic Citizen of the Year for the work he did as an editor for Napa Valley Hispanos Unidos and a reporter for the Napa Valley Register.

"I look forward to working with the Board and expanding the Board's outreach," Villatoro said.

### **Are you Moving?**

*Remember to notify the Board within 30 days of your new address (per Business and Professions Code section 2021(b)). Please visit [www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Address\\_of\\_Record.aspx](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Address_of_Record.aspx)*

# Some Solutions to Help Deal with Physician Burnout

By Sharon McCoy George, M.D., MPS, FAAFP

Take a look at some personal solutions you can try to combat physician burnout:

- Acknowledge that you are not at fault.
- Plan a fun event in the near future. Then schedule a real vacation. Just having time away booked on the calendar can make a difference.
- Assess your situation. Does your practice need a tune-up or do you need a big change? Activities that might help this assessment include writing in a journal; talking to your spouse, friend, or therapist; or going on a retreat.

If the overall values of the practice align with yours, and you just need more connection with why you chose to become a physician, try some of these:

- Golden minute. In the first minute, look the person in the eye, really connect, and listen. Do not glance at their list of concerns or the computer screen. Your patient will feel heard, and you may connect on a more personal or human level.
- Be the patient. Go to the doctor with a family member or friend, and don't tell anyone you are a doctor. Pay attention to how it feels. See what changes this may prompt in your practice.
- Gratitude journal. Write down three things you are grateful for each night.
- Accomplishment journal. Every day, record something that happened because you were there and experienced it.
- Hire a scribe, if applicable. Physicians reportedly spend about 44 percent of their time in front of an EMR entering patient data or orders. Scribes are not expensive when you look at what they might save you in the long run.
- Exercise or dance. Join a team or a choir.

- Spend more time with patients and less on the computer or in meetings.
- Passion project. Find a way to spend 10% of your work time on a special interest.

If you need a big change, consider these options:

- Sabbatical. See if you can afford a 6-12 month leave to really understand your personal and professional needs.
- Work part-time.
- Consider a new practice model. I enjoyed doing a membership style primary care practice for eight years. Now I teach residents and medical students and work on my passion of physician well-being.

Organizations can also help with the problem.

If you are an administrator, make physician well-being a priority. Physician well-being not only improves patient care and patient satisfaction, it saves money by reducing turnover.

Resources are being developed to help change the culture of our institutions. One is part of the Steps Forward program by the AMA ([www.stepsforward.org/modules/physician-burnout](http://www.stepsforward.org/modules/physician-burnout)).

Shanafelt, T. D., Hasan, O., Dyrbye, L. N., Sinsky, C., Satele, D., Sloan, J., & West, C. P. (2015). Changes in Burnout and Satisfaction with Work-Life Balance in Physicians and the General US Working Population between 2011 and 2014. *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*, 90(12), 1600-1613. DOI: 10.1016/j.mayocp.2015.08.023

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# Mandatory Reporting Requirements for Physicians and Others

## Reporting to the Board

### Physicians

Physicians without malpractice insurance must report a settlement (over \$30,000), judgment (any amount) or arbitration award (any amount) within a specific time frame. The same holds true for attorneys who represent physicians without malpractice insurance.

[www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-801.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-801.pdf)  
(*Business and Professions Code §801.01*)

Physician Reporting - Criminal Actions: An indictment or information charging a felony or any conviction of any felony or misdemeanor must be reported within 30 days.

[www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-802.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-802.pdf)  
(*Business and Professions Code §802.1*)

Transfer to Hospital from, or Death of Patient in Outpatient Surgery Setting: Physicians performing a medical procedure outside of a general acute care hospital resulting in patient death must report within 15 days. Physicians performing a medical procedure outside of a general acute care hospital resulting in a patient transfer to a hospital for treatment of more than 24 hours must be reported within 15 days.

[www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/patient\\_death.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/patient_death.pdf)  
[www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-2240b.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-2240b.pdf)  
(*Business and Professions Code §2240*)

Notification of Name Change : Name changes must be reported within 30 days.

[www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Name\\_Change.aspx](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Name_Change.aspx)  
(*Business and Professions Code §2021(c)*)

Address of Record: A change of address must be reported within 30 days.

[www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Address\\_of\\_Record.aspx](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Address_of_Record.aspx)  
(*Business and Professions Code §2021(b)*)

Email address: Any physician with an email account is required to notify the Board of his or her email address.

<http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Licensees/07a-08.pdf>  
(*Business and Professions Code §2021(d)*)

### Others

Insurers' report of Malpractice Settlement or Arbitration Award within a specific time frame.

[www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-801.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-801.pdf) (*Business and Professions Code §801.01*)

Self-insured employers of physicians report of Settlement, Judgment or Arbitration Award within a specific time frame.

[www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-801.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-801.pdf)  
(*Business and Professions Code §801.01*)

State or local government agencies that self-insure physicians, report of Settlement, Judgment or Arbitration Award within specific time frame:

[www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-801.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-801.pdf)  
(Business and Professions Code §801.01)

Peer Review/Health Facility Reporting:

[www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-805.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-805.pdf)  
(Business and Professions Code §805)  
[www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-805-01.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-805-01.pdf)  
(Business and Professions Code §805.01)

Reporting for coroners:

[www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/coroner\\_report.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/coroner_report.pdf)  
(Business and Professions Code §802.5)

Reporting requirements for court clerks and prosecuting agencies:

[www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-805-01.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-805-01.pdf)  
(Business and Professions Code §§803, 803.5 and 803.6)

Accredited Outpatient Surgery Settings must report adverse events to the Board no later than five days after the adverse event is detected, or, if that event is an ongoing urgent or emergent threat to the health and safety of patients, personnel or visitors, not later than 24 hours after adverse event is detected.

[www.mbc.ca.gov/Consumers/Outpatient\\_Surgery/outpatient\\_adverse\\_event\\_form.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Consumers/Outpatient_Surgery/outpatient_adverse_event_form.pdf)  
(Business and Professions Code §2216.3)

Reporting Transfer of Planned Out-of-Hospital Births:

A hospital shall report each transfer by a licensed midwife of a planned out-of-hospital birth to the Medical Board of California and the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative.

[www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Licensees/midwives\\_out-of-hospital\\_delivery.pdf](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Licensees/midwives_out-of-hospital_delivery.pdf)  
(Business and Professions Code §2510)

#### Reporting to Other Entities

Live births must be registered with the local registrar of births and deaths for the district in which the birth occurred within 10 days following the date of the event.

(Health and Safety Code §102400)

Medical and health section data and the time of death shall be completed and attested to by the physician last in attendance, or, in some cases, by a licensed physician assistant. Physicians, or licensed physician assistants in certain cases, will state conditions contributing to death (except in cases to be investigated by the coroner) and the hour and day the death occurred on a certificate of death and indicate the existence of cancer. (Health and Safety Code §§102795 and 102825)

Certificates of fetal death must be completed by the physician, if any in attendance, within 15 hours after the delivery. (Health and Safety Code §102975)

Diseases reportable by physicians, physician assistants, nurses, midwives and others in California:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/PSB/Pages/CommunicableDiseaseControl.aspx>

Reportable to the local health officer for jurisdiction where patient resides.

(Title 17 California Code of Regulations §2500)

Injuries by deadly weapon or criminal act:  
[leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml)  
(Penal Code §11160)

Reportable to local law enforcement.

Child abuse:  
[leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml)  
(Penal Code §§11165.7(a)(21), 11165.9, 11166(a)(c))

Reportable to local law enforcement, county probation department or county welfare department.

Adult/Elder abuse:  
[leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml)  
(Welfare and Institutions Code §15630)

Reportable to local law enforcement or an adult protective service agency.

Injuries resulting from neglect or abuse:  
[leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml)  
(Penal Code §11161.8)

Reportable to local law enforcement and the county health department.

Lapses of Consciousness:  
[leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml)  
(Health and Safety Code §103900)

Reportable to local health officer.

Pesticide poisoning/illness:  
[leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=105200](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=105200)  
(Health and Safety Code §105200)

Physicians must report pesticide illnesses to the local health officer by telephone within 24 hours.

Miscellaneous Reporting Requirements:  
Reporting requirements for lost or stolen controlled substances or prescription forms, reporting obligations for illegal use of your DEA number:  
[www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/DEA\\_Reporting.aspx](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/DEA_Reporting.aspx)

### Additional Requirements

Required written information physicians must provide to patients: <http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Publications>

A Patient's Guide to Blood Transfusion  
(Health and Safety Code §1645)

A Woman's Guide to Breast Cancer Treatment  
(Health and Safety Code §109275)

Gynecologic Cancers...What Women Need to Know  
(Health and Safety Code §109278)

Professional Therapy Never Includes Sex  
(Business and Professionals Code §728)



Things to Consider Before Your Silicone Implant Surgery  
([Business and Professions Code §2259](#))

What You Need to Know About Prostate Cancer  
([Business and Professions Code §2248](#); [Health and Safety Code §109280](#))

### Mandatory Physician Signage

Notice to consumer:

[http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Notices/Notice\\_to\\_Consumers.aspx](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Notices/Notice_to_Consumers.aspx)  
([Title 16, California Code of Regulations §1355.4](#))

Education disclosure:

<http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Notices/Education.aspx>  
([Business and Professions Code §680.5](#))

Prostate cancer “Be Informed” notice:

[http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Notices/Prostate\\_Cancer.aspx](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Notices/Prostate_Cancer.aspx)  
([Health and Safety Code §109282](#))

Breast cancer “Be Informed” notice:

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>  
([Health and Safety Code §109277](#))

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A score of 10 or more indicates mild withdrawal and it is generally safe to proceed with a test dose (e.g., 2 mg) of buprenorphine/naloxone. With longer-acting opioids like methadone, one must wait longer and strive for a higher COWS score, often 18-20.

4. Once buprenorphine/naloxone induction has started and succeeded, further doses will resolve any remaining withdrawal symptoms, and the patient can be moved to a maintenance dose.
5. If patients need acute pain management with short-acting opioids, buprenorphine should ideally be continued, but a specialist in pain management and addiction should be consulted to determine the ideal treatment schedule and plan based on the patient needs and circumstances.

Exercise caution with the following:

- Concomitant use of benzodiazepines, alcohol or other central nervous system depressants
- Multi-substance abuse
- Liver disease

- Pregnancy concomitant use of medications also using the cytochrome P450 3A4 enzyme system  
[www.thblack.com/links/RSD/8\\_drug\\_interactions\\_table.pdf](http://www.thblack.com/links/RSD/8_drug_interactions_table.pdf)

Regardless of the setting, the goal of addiction treatment is to stop opioid misuse, to improve overall patient health and level of functioning, and promote patient engagement in meaningful and sustained recovery. Close monitoring with office visits, urine drug testing and pill counts is recommended, as well as periodic review of the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES). Alerts may now be set on CURES to alert the physician regarding patient compliance. Shared decision making with the patient and collaboration with other skilled health care providers will help optimize individualized treatment plans. Full recovery from all drug use is still the goal of treatment. Buprenorphine is not a panacea but is certainly a useful tool in the tool box of recovery for the appropriate patient. *Dr. Karpenko is a medical consultant with the Department of Consumer Affairs' Division of Investigation. Dr. Gagne practices pain management and addiction medicine.*

# DWC Updates Workers' Compensation Treatment Guidelines, Adds Formulary

The California Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) recently updated the treatment guidelines in its Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS) and added a formulary in an effort to make the MTUS more reflective of current evidence-based medicine.

The MTUS outlines treatments and medicines that are scientifically proven to best treat work-related injuries and illnesses. Health care providers caring for injured workers in California should be familiar with the new treatment guidelines and the MTUS formulary.

The drug formulary establishes a list of medications to guide appropriate care for injured workers, emphasizing their health outcomes and helping them return to work while reducing administrative burdens and costs.

"The adoption of a drug formulary is a step forward for California's injured workers and should help address the overuse of high-risk medications such as opioids," said DWC Administrative Director George Parisotto. "It is expected to improve patient care and ease approval of appropriate treatment."

By incorporating recent American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicines (ACOEM) Guidelines and formulary recommendations published by the ReedGroup, the MTUS treatment guidelines and formulary provide up-to-date treatment information for most common workplace injuries and



illnesses. Under California workers' compensation law, the adopted ACOEM treatment guidelines are presumed correct on the scope of reasonable and necessary medical treatment for conditions covered in the guidelines.

Additional information on the MTUS, its treatment guidelines and formulary, are available at the following website:

[www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/MTUS/MTUS.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/MTUS/MTUS.html). A free online CME course is available at: [www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/CaliforniaDWCCME.htm](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/CaliforniaDWCCME.htm).

**Access to the ACOEM treatment guidelines is by paid subscription to the ReedGroup's MDGuidelines website. For more information, contact Joe Guerriero at [jguerriero@reedgroup.com](mailto:jguerriero@reedgroup.com) or by phone at (720) 456-4387.**

## CHCS Seeks Primary Care Physicians

California Correctional Health Care Services is seeking 2-3 internal medicine/family practice primary care physicians. Salary is up to \$327,540 annually plus \$50,000 - \$60,000 with on-call. Benefits include: 4-day workweek; 10 patients per day; paid time off; State of California pension that vests in 5 years; 401(K) and 457 retirement options – tax defer up to \$48K; and much more.

Contact Danny Richardson, Hiring Analyst, at (916) 691-3155 or [danny.richardson@cdr.ca.gov](mailto:danny.richardson@cdr.ca.gov).



# Licensed Midwives Report Issues When Transferring Women in Labor to Hospitals

**By Susan Wolbarst**

It's not often that a planned home birth turns into a dangerous situation for a woman in labor, but when it does, licensed midwives are required to transport their patients to the hospital for further care.

Carrie Sparrevohn, a licensed midwife, explained in a phone interview that while nearly all home births begin at home, not all of them finish there.

"Sometimes, people are going to have to go to a hospital with a home birth," she said, citing issues such as significant vaginal bleeding or preterm rupture of membranes.

But recently the transfer process between home and hospital has run into some administrative issues.

Physicians sometimes refuse to accept the prenatal records and records of labor up to the point of transfer as required by [Business and Professions \(B&P\) Code section 2507\(c\)\(1\)](#), midwives reported during the December 7, 2017, meeting of the Midwifery

Advisory Council (MAC) held in Sacramento. Another problem is getting hospitals to take information required for a Midwife Hospital Transfer Form, which hospitals must fill out for every transfer of this kind and submit to the Medical Board of California (Board).

According to [B&P Code section 2507\(c\)\(1\)](#), "If at any point during a pregnancy, or postpartum care a client's condition deviates from normal, the licensed midwife shall immediately refer or transfer the client to a physician and surgeon."

"It can be really challenging because we're mandated by law to give the patient's prenatal records and records of labor up to the point of transfer to the physician," said Sparrevohn, who chairs the MAC.

Another point of friction is the Midwife Hospital Transfer Form that hospitals must fill out for each transfer and submit to the Board. Among other things, the one-page form requires the name and license

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number of the licensed midwife treating the patient prior to the transfer.

It can be difficult to find the correct person at the hospital to take the information, midwives reported at the MAC meeting. Discrepancies in data suggest that hospitals are not always filing the required forms with the Board. Sparrevohn explained that midwives are required to report such transfers annually on the Licensed Midwife Annual Report Form (LMAR). This tally from all midwives is included in the Board's Annual Report.

Taking the example of numbers reported in the 2016 and 2017 Licensed Midwives Annual Report, licensed midwives collectively reported involvement with 3,664 births planned as out-of-hospital births at the onset of labor. They reported 3,018 out-of-hospital births completed in an out-of-hospital setting, a difference of 646 births. While one might deduce that most of those 646 births involved patient transfers to a hospital, the state's hospitals collectively submitted only 208 Midwife Hospital Transfer Forms.

"Hospitals need to be aware that it is their responsibility to obtain the correct information from the patient and the midwife, fill out the hospital reporting form, and submit it to the Board correctly," Sparrevohn said. Hospital reporting forms need to be submitted only for transfers from licensed midwives, not certified nurse midwives.

The Board will work with the California Department of Public Health on educating hospitals about the Midwife Hospital Transfer Form and making sure it is filed as required.

Sparrevohn said, "There really is no way to get exact numbers, especially since some births may complete at home and then mother and/or baby are transferred for care to a hospital and that won't show in the numbers above. We are looking at ways to change the reporting form for licensed midwives to better reflect the number of total transfers, but that won't happen until the 2018 LMAR stats."

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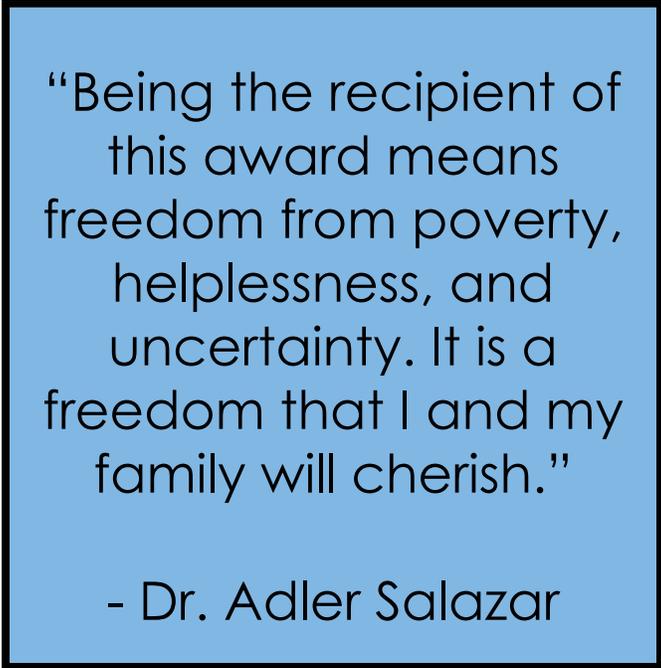
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injuries or end-stage presentation of chronic illnesses. "The hardest part of my job is when there is a child with injuries, infection, or disease so severe that my colleagues and I cannot save him/her despite all of our medical efforts. This is when I am humbled to realize the limits of what physicians can do. These are the times when our ability to provide compassion and comfort to families at their darkest of times becomes paramount.

"These are the times when I am reminded of how beautiful yet fragile human life can be and how love of a parent for their child can transcend all that we know. These are the days when I embrace my wife and children tighter or tell them I love them with greater earnest.

"The Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Program harkens to the inscribed poem on the Statue of Liberty that I read when I first arrived to the United States. The program represents the hopes and dreams that generations of Americans have held for themselves and for their children. It gives proof to the ideal that our country remains a champion for the 'huddled masses yearning to breathe free.' The freedom that the poem's author was alluding to may be from different things and was left for the reader to decide.

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- Dr. Adler Salazar

# Administrative Actions

## Physicians and Surgeons

### **ABAD-SANTOS, CRISELDA CALAYAN, M.D. (A 105195), Woodland Hills, CA**

Failed to comply with the terms of her Board-ordered probation by failing to complete the recommendations of a clinical training program. Revoked, stayed, placed on one additional year of probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, complying with the clinical training program recommendations; prohibited from prescribing, furnishing, and/or providing samples of narcotics, dangerous drugs and/or controlled substances to any family member; prohibited from treating, diagnosing, or counseling any family member during probation; and maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana.

September 1, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170804%5cDM-RAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170804190129024.DID>

### **AGULNEK, ROBERT MARK, M.D. (G 24127), Sherman Oaks, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of a patient. Public Reprimand.

September 8, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170810%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL170810173319284.DID>

### **AKHTAR, MUHAMMAD JAMIL (A 31052), Tempe, AZ** Disciplined by Arizona for being impaired while on duty at a hospital. Revoked. August 23, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170724%5cDMRAAADY8%5c&did=AAADY170724211556831.DID>

### **ALTAMIRANO, HUGO ESTEFANO (A 121792), San Francisco, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely, engaged in dishonest acts, used controlled substances in a manner dangerous to himself and others, and practiced under the influence of controlled substances.

Surrender of License. August 21, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170814%5cDMRAAAGL6%5c&did=AAAGL170814191522539.DID>

## 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 or departure from the standard of care.

**“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 with probationary terms and conditions. This is done when cause exists to deny the license application, but limitations can be put in place to protect the public.

**“Public Letter of Reprimand”** — A lesser form of discipline that can be negotiated after or in lieu of the filing of formal charges. The reprimand may include educational and clinical training requirements.

**“Revoked”** — The right to practice is ended due to disciplinary action. The license is invalidated, voided, annulled, or rescinded.

**“Revoked, stayed, 5 years’ probation with 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 any term of probation may result in the revocation that was postponed.

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

**“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.

**AMINI, JAFAR, M.D. (A 40116), Leawood, KS**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Kansas for failing to disclose a medical malpractice settlement on his 2014 Kansas license renewal application and failed to report that he was subject to an investigation on his 2016 Kansas renewal application. September 13, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20171025%5cDMRAAGO11%5c&did=AAAGO171025211210424.DID>

**ANDERS, ALPHA JEROME, M.D. (G 52224), Bakersfield, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for failing to timely complete progress notes, and failing to maintain complete medical records. October 25, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20171025%5cDMRAAGO11%5c&did=AAAGO171025211210424.DID>

**ANDERSON, ANTHONY KIRK (C 39027), North Hollywood, CA**

No admissions but charged with being convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level of .08 percent or more; and used alcoholic beverages to the extent, or in such a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Surrender of License. September 13, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170906%5cDMRAAGL13%5c&did=AAAGL170906203950846.DID>

**ANDREW, HYGIN THYKOOTATHIL (A 38710), Fresno, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. September 29, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170922%5cDMRAAGL3%5c&did=AAAGL170922181340514.DID>

**ARAKAKI, CHARLES MORI, M.D. (C 145133), Honolulu, HI**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Oregon for advertising that he was authorized to practice medicine in Oregon when he was not so licensed and disciplined by Arizona based upon the Oregon action. Physician must complete an ethics course. Public Reprimand. October 13, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170914%5cDMRAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170914220319846.DID>

**AWERBUCH, GAVIN I. (G 88939), Saginaw, MI**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Arizona for being convicted of controlled substance distribution and health care fraud. Surrender of License. September 20, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170914%5cDMRAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170914220032130.DID>

**AZAB, ADLY AYAD (A 69237), West Covina, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked. August 23, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170724%5cDMRAADY8%5c&did=AAADY170724211449642.DID>

**BABAKNIA, ARFA, M.D. (A 45197), Fountain Valley, CA**

Committed acts of sexual misconduct, gross negligence, repeated negligence, and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 9 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a professional boundaries program; obtaining

a practice monitor; and required to have a third party chaperone present while consulting, examining, or treating female patients. August 11, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170714%5cDMRAAAGI13%5c&did=AAAGI170714201512332.DID>

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**BACAY, BERNARD SONGCO, M.D. (A 76551), Escalon, CA**

Committed acts of repeated negligence and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; and obtaining a practice monitor. October 27, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170929%5cDMRAAAGL9%5c&did=AAAGL170929195830844.DID>

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**BATRA, DEVENDER KUMAR, M.D. (A 49157), Saint Clairsville, OH**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Ohio for obtaining money or something of value by fraudulent misrepresentations in the course of practice. October 20, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171020%5cDMRAAAGO8%5c&did=AAAGO171020211055605.DID>

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**BAULE, RAYMOND MICHAEL, M.D. (G 86045), Rocky Mount, NC**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by North Carolina for treatment to a patient that was below the accepted minimum standard of care and inadequate medical records. October 24, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171024%5cDMRAAAGO14%5c&did=AAAGO171024224254080.DID>

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**BERG, ROBERT ERIC (C 51102), Palm City, FL**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Florida for having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. August 21, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170814%5cDMRAAAGL6%5c&did=AAAGL170814191350932.DID>

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**BROWN, DREW JACQUES, IV, M.D. (A 125374), Port Saint Lucie, FL**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Florida for performing a procedure on a patient at the C7-T1 level instead of at the C6-C7 level. August 23, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170823%5cDMRAAAGL24%5c&did=AAAGL170823213518247.DID>

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**BYRON, RUDY V., M.D. (C 145950), Racine, WI**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Illinois for settling a civil lawsuit based on inappropriate controlled substance prescribing to a patient in another state. September 18, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170919%5cDMRAAAGL19%5c&did=AAAGL170919203713082.DID>

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**CACIOPPO, DINO, T. (A 29198), Castro Valley, CA**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his probation. Surrender of License. October 19, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171019%5cDMRAAAGO14%5c&did=AAAGO171019211202090.DID>

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**CAHEN, CLAUDE R. (A 43907), Santa Monica, CA**

Convicted of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, a felony, and committed acts of dishonesty or corruption.

Surrender of License. August 10, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170803%5cDMRAAAGL2%5c&did=AAAGL170803174817994.DID>

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**CHANG, DANIEL TUNG, M.D. (A 108450), Santa Monica, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Rhode Island for failing to detect a bowel perforation noted on a CT scan of a patient.

October 9, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171009%5cDMRAAAGL10%5c&did=AAAGL171009212028183.DID>

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**CHAPMAN, MICHELE A., M.D. (G 56723), Mariposa, CA**

Committed acts of gross negligence in the care and treatment of a patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program.

September 1, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170804%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170804185746997.DID>

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**COGHLAN, PATRICIA A. (A 22797), Los Angeles, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. September 21, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170822%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL170822153157117.DID>

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**COOK, KATHRYN LISA (G 67531), Newport Beach, CA**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Arizona for having a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. September 21, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170822%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL170822153234359.DID>

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**COOLEY, CHARLES RANDALL (G 78636), Albuquerque, NM**

Failed to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by being convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor/drugs; used alcohol to the extent, or in such a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; and failed to report the conviction to the Board. Surrender of License. September 21, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170822%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL170822153405959.DID>

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**CRAVEN, NICOLE JEAN (C 54213), Belle Isle, FL**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Florida for writing prescriptions for controlled substances in her patient's names, without their knowledge or consent. Surrender of License. August 22, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170822%5cDMRAAAGL21%5c&did=AAAGL170822223718819.DID>

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**DALTON, DEL B. (A 43378), Chula Vista, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely, failed to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to complete a clinical training program, and committed acts of incompetence. Surrender of License. October 17, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20171010%5cDMRAAAGL4%5c&did=AAAGL171010204825910.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20171010%5cDMRAAAGL4%5c&did=AAAGL171010204825910.DID>

**DANA, ALI-PARDIS, M.D. (A 111309), Oxnard, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Nevada for failing to maintain timely, legible, accurate, and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment, and care of a patient. August 23, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170823%5cDMRAAAGL24%5c&did=AAAGL170823213449431.DID>

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**DANZER, ENRICO, M.D. (A 151674), Stanford, CA**

Committed acts of unprofessional conduct by being dismissed from a postgraduate training program due to dishonesty. Probationary license issued, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course. September 12, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170905%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL170905212941439.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170905%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL170905212941439.DID>

**DONALDSON, RACHEL ANNE, M.D. (A 150956), San Francisco, CA**

Used alcohol to the extent, or in such a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Probationary license issued, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol and submitting to biological fluid testing. August 7, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170731%5cDMRAAAGL29%5c&did=AAAGL170731211113956.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170731%5cDMRAAAGL29%5c&did=AAAGL170731211113956.DID>

**DURISETI, RAM SREE, M.D. (A 65651), Palo Alto, CA**

No admissions but charged with being convicted of disturbing the peace and violating a court order. Physician must complete an ethics course. Public Reprimand. September 1, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170804%5cDMRAAAGL19%5c&did=AAAGL170804203622712.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170804%5cDMRAAAGL19%5c&did=AAAGL170804203622712.DID>

**EBNER, GERALD DAVID (G 25834), Santa Maria, CA**

No admissions but charged with sexual misconduct, incompetence, repeated negligent acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient. Surrender of License. August 22, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170815%5cDMRAAAGL2%5c&did=AAAGL170815181657029.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170815%5cDMRAAAGL2%5c&did=AAAGL170815181657029.DID>

**EKWUEME, JOY AFIDELA, M.D. (A 150868), Los Angeles, CA**

Committed acts of unprofessional conduct due to unusual circumstances during postgraduate training. Probationary license issued, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine, and completing a professional enhancement program and a clinician-patient communication course. August 2, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170726%5cDMRAAADY29%5c&did=AAADY170726202637709.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170726%5cDMRAAADY29%5c&did=AAADY170726202637709.DID>

**ENGEL, ROLAND, EDWARD, M.D. (G 89069), Biloxi, MS**

Disciplined by the United States Department of the Air Force for demonstrating a lack of clinical judgment, technical incompetence, and poor record keeping and documentation. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical competence assessment program, an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. September 8, 2017

[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170908%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170908225039997.DID)

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**EZPELETA, ELENA G. (A 37103), Placentia, CA**

Convicted of aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine. Surrender of License. September 28, 2017

[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170921%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170921181546107.DID)

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**FERIA-ARIAS, ENRIQUE, M.D. (A 151961), Reno, NV**

Convicted of two alcohol-related misdemeanors and used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Probationary license issued, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation, notification of employer, submitting to biological fluid testing, attending substance abuse support group meetings, obtaining a worksite monitor, and abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol. September 28, 2017

[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170921%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170921181332415.DID)

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**FONG, GINNY, M.D. (G 53687), Menlo Park, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and incompetence in the care and treatment of two patients. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. September 28, 2017

[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170829%5cDMRAAAGL8%5c&did=AAAGL170829192850777.DID)

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**GAMBLE, BRIAN KEITH, M.D. (A 76121), Toluca Lake, CA**

No admissions but charged with violating the terms of his Board-ordered probation for testing positive for alcohol. Revoked, stayed, placed on 11 years' probation from October 21, 2010 with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, submitting to biological fluid testing, and attending substance abuse support group meetings. October 13, 2017

[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170914%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170914215717451.DID)

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**GARZA, Shalena Therese, M.D. (A 152022), La Mirada, CA**

Committed acts of unprofessional conduct and incompetence by failing to complete the required postgraduate training and had poor performance in the postgraduate training programs. Probationary license issued, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, the first 3 years of practice must be only in an ACGME-accredited residency program with evidence of successful performance in the program. October 2, 2017

[http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170927%5cDMRAAAGL7%5c&did=AAAGL170927233020203.DID)

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**GENTILE, JOHN F., M.D. (A 42927), San Juan Capistrano, CA**

Convicted of a misdemeanor for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, providing 200 hours of free community service, completing an ethics course, obtaining a billing monitor, and prohibited from hiring and/or working with and/or associating with any aestheticians while on probation. September 8, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170811%5cDMRAAAGL3%5c&did=AAAGL17081118222194.DID>

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**GIBSON, JOSHUA B. (A 69917), San Francisco, CA**

No admissions but charged with sexual misconduct with a patient and entering into a settlement agreement that prohibited the parties from cooperating with the Board in its investigation. Surrender of License.

September 21, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170822%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL170822153300001.DID>

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**GOODWIN, JEREMY LR (G 76323), Mount Shasta, CA**

Failed to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to submit quarterly reports, failing to maintain a current and renewed license, and failing to practice medicine while on probation. Revoked.

September 8, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170908%5cDMRAAAGL14%5c&did=AAAGL170908232157153.DID>

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**GORDON, MATTHEW SETH (G 64420), Salem, OR**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Oregon for committing unprofessional or dishonorable conduct. Surrender of License. August 22, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170815%5cDMRAAAGL2%5c&did=AAAGL170815181752418.DID>

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**GRAHAM, DAVID L. (G 37671), Enid, OK**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Oklahoma for engaging in a long-term sexual relationship with a patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course, a professional boundaries program, and a prescribing practices course; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and required to have a third party chaperone present while consulting, examining, or treating female patients. August 4, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170830%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170830221646562.DID>

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**GRIGSBY, ERIC JEROME, M.D. (G 64848), Napa, CA**

No admissions but charged with incompetence in the care and treatment of three patients; gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and excessive prescribing in the care and treatment of two of the patients; and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one of the patients. Public Reprimand. August 16, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170717%5cDMRAAAGI16%5c&did=AAAGI170717203724968.DID>

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**HAGADORN, BRUCE ALLAN, M.D. (G 71549), Foothill Ranch, CA**

Convicted of eight counts of willful failure to file tax returns or making fraudulent tax returns. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, providing 400 hours of free community service and completing an ethics course. September 22, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170825%5cDMRAAAGL6%5c&did=AAAGL170825190632774.DID>

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**HAI, EDWARD BUI (A 36092), Highland, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely; and committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, prescribing controlled substances without a medical indication, prescribing dangerous drugs without an appropriate prior examination, and failed to keep adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of five patients. Revoked. August 31, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170829%5cDMRAAAGL11%5c&did=AAAGL170829214524989.DID>

**HAINSWORTH, BARBARA ELLEN (G 39117), Hammond, LA**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Louisiana for having a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. August 10, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170803%5cDMRAAAGL3%5c&did=AAAGL170803180900820.DID>

**HARARI, DAVID, M.D. (G 50027), San Diego, CA**

No admissions but charged with failing to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to obey all laws; and gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on one additional year of probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program. October 6, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170906%5cDMRAAAGL13%5c&did=AAAGL170906203649320.DID>

**HARGROVE, JENNY REBECCA, M.D. (A 87959), Farmington, NM**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by New Mexico for her admitted habitual or excessive use of intoxicants or drugs, conduct likely to harm the public, and conduct unbecoming a person licensed to practice or detrimental to the best interests of the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, completing an ethics course, obtaining a practice monitor, notification of employer, submitting to biological fluid testing, attending substance abuse support group meetings, and obtaining a worksite monitor.

October 20, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170920%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170920210513199.DID>

**HARRIS, HENRY DAVIS (A 39781), Los Angeles, CA**

Failed to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to pass a clinical training program. Revoked. August 18, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170721%5cDMRAAADY7%5c&did=AAADY170721213956723.DID>

**HENDERSON, HARRY CONVERY, III (C 36159), La Mesa, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, excessive prescribing, prescribing without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication, furnishing drugs to an addict, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of six patients. Surrender of License. August 10, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170803%5cDMRAAAGL3%5c&did=AAAGL170803181210854.DID>

**HOLLINGSWORTH-MOORE, ANNETTE IOLA, M.D. (A 105398), Mauldin, SC**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for documenting performance of a physical examination without actually having done so, providing inappropriate care following

a post-operative evaluation of a patient, and failing to communicate with a patient about post-surgical complications in a timely manner. August 15, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170815%5cDMRAAAGL2%5c&did=AAAGL170815181328935.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170830%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170830221613326.DID>

**HOSTETTER, ROBERT CLYDE (G 33650), Shawnee, KS**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his probation. Surrender of License. August 30, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170714%5cDMRAAAGL13%5c&did=AAAGL170714201641929.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170821%5cDMRAAAGL11%5c&did=AAAGL170821190343789.DID>

**HOWELL, TODD PATRICK, M.D. (A 105708), Baton Rouge, LA**

Disciplined by Louisiana for improperly prescribing testosterone to young male patients without documenting medical justification, including any biochemical testing to show hypogonadism. Physician must complete an education course and a prescribing practices course. Public Reprimand. August 11, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170821%5cDMRAAAGL11%5c&did=AAAGL170821190343789.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170821%5cDMRAAAGL11%5c&did=AAAGL170821190343789.DID>

**HSU, THOMAS KONG-YU, M.D. (A 36335), Rowland Heights, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for permitting medical assistants to see patients, determine the outcome, and advise patients of the results of TB tests; and consistently allowing medical assistants to practice beyond the scope of their authority by failing to be present in the office and supervise them when they drew blood for patients. August 21, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170829%5cDMRAAAGL8%5c&did=AAAGL170829192810685.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170829%5cDMRAAAGL8%5c&did=AAAGL170829192810685.DID>

**JENSEN, CHRISTOPHER J. (A 124522), Fairbanks, AK**

Disciplined by Alaska for having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely and failing to report to the Alaska Board that his hospital privileges had been denied, revoked, suspended, or limited by a hospital or health care facility for disciplinary reasons. Revoked. September 28, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170725%5cDMRAAADY4%5c&did=AAADY170725174238979.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170725%5cDMRAAADY4%5c&did=AAADY170725174238979.DID>

**KIL, DANIEL HYUN, M.D. (A 150802), Mc Lean, VA**

Committed acts of dishonesty by failing to disclose on his application for licensure an alcohol related conviction. Probationary license issued, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course. August 1, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170727%5cDMRAAAGL19%5c&did=AAAGL170727215250404.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170727%5cDMRAAAGL19%5c&did=AAAGL170727215250404.DID>

**KHOSA, RUPDEV SINGH, M.D. (A 54411), Arcadia, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. August 25, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20171026%5cDMRAAGO21%5c&did=AAAGO171026202056583.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20171026%5cDMRAAGO21%5c&did=AAAGO171026202056583.DID>

**KIM, SANG IL (C 42314), Reseda, CA**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his probation. Surrender of License. October 26, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20171026%5cDMRAAGO21%5c&did=AAAGO171026202056583.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20171026%5cDMRAAGO21%5c&did=AAAGO171026202056583.DID>

**KING, JEREMY ALAN, M.D. (A 76036), Newhall, CA**

Disciplined by the Air Force for sexual and inappropriately familiar conduct with a patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course and a professional boundaries program, and required to have a third party chaperone present while consulting, examining, or treating female patients. August 25, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170726%5cDMRAADY29%5c&did=AAADY170726202956375.DID>

**KNUDTSON, LINDA CAROLE, M.D. (A 40725), Upland, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. September 15, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170816%5cDMRAAAGL19%5c&did=AAAGL170816200849635.DID>

**KOLINSKY, DAVID MICHAEL, M.D. (A 60010), Monterey, CA**

No admissions but charged with excessive prescribing, gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, prescribing without an appropriate examination, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of multiple patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical competence assessment program, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an education course; obtaining a practice monitor; and maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana. September 29, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170831%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170831201802073.DID>

**KOO, WINSON FRANCIS, M.D. (A 116206), Santa Clara, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, sexual misconduct, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, providing 80 hours of free community service; completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a professional boundaries program; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and required to have a third party chaperone present while consulting, examining, or treating female patients. August 11, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170713%5cDMRAAAGI21%5c&did=AAAGI170713215316719.DID>

**KOTIAN, ZARINE MEENA, M.D. (C 140633), San Francisco, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Arizona for failing to perform a thorough evaluation and obtain an ultrasound of a patient who was 40 weeks pregnant. August 30, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170830%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170830221531645.DID>

**KULUBYA, EDWIN S., M.D. (G 54189), Anaheim, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program;

obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from performing IV sedation for interventional pain procedures. September 1, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170803%5cDMRAAAGL3%5c&did=AAAGL170803180805772.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170718%5cDMRAAAGI8%5c&did=AAAGI170718225316968.DID>

**LABATAILLE, LORETTE MARIE, M.D. (G 24040), Santa Rosa, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, excessive prescribing, and prescribing without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication in the care and treatment of a patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from telehealth practice. August 17, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170728%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170728212725456.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170921%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170921181428023.DID>

**LAUTERBACH, STEPHEN RICHARD (A 74720), Binghamton, NY**

Disciplined by New York and failed to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation. Revoked. August 25, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170921%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170921181428023.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170830%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170830223336974.DID>

**LYONS, HARVEY, M.D. (C 38214), Oxnard, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, prescribing controlled substances without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication, violating statutes regulating controlled substances, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course, and obtaining a practice monitor. October 20, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170719%5cDMRAAAGI14%5c&did=AAAGI170719224910387.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170719%5cDMRAAAGI14%5c&did=AAAGI170719224910387.DID>

**MALLADA, DAN SODUSTA (C 43360), Clovis, CA**

Failed to comply with the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation by failing to submit quarterly reports and failing to comply with the probation surveillance program. Revoked. September 29, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170719%5cDMRAAAGI14%5c&did=AAAGI170719224910387.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170719%5cDMRAAAGI14%5c&did=AAAGI170719224910387.DID>

**MARCINKUS, RIM, M.D. (A 66358), Rancho Mirage, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients; performing procedures in an unaccredited outpatient setting; and dishonest acts in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program; and obtaining a practice monitor. August 18, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170719%5cDMRAAAGI14%5c&did=AAAGI170719224910387.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170719%5cDMRAAAGI14%5c&did=AAAGI170719224910387.DID>

**MARTINEZ, JOHN J., M.D. (G 58835), Los Angeles, CA**

Convicted of a misdemeanor offense for injuring a wireless device with intent to prevent crime report; a misdemeanor offense for battery; a misdemeanor offense for possession of a destructive device; and unprofessional conduct for providing inaccurate information to the Board.

Physician must complete an ethics course. Public Reprimand. September 14, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170815%5cDMRAAAGL2%5c&did=AAAGL170815181108294.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170907%5cDMRAAAGL29%5c&did=AAAGL170908004241537.DID>

**MEHTA, ANUPAMA (A 132021), Matawan, NJ**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of her probation. Surrender of License. September 8, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170724%5cDMRAAADY8%5c&did=AAADY170724211238103.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170727%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170727213158610.DID>

**MENCHACA, RAYMOND, M., M.D. (G 75144), Fillmore, CA**

Failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records and failed to document supervision of physician assistants in the care and treatment of multiple patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program; and obtaining a practice monitor. August 23, 2017 Judicial review pending.

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170727%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170727213158610.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170727%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170727213158610.DID>

**MEYERS, JOSEPH R., M.D. (C 27030), Daly City, CA**

Convicted of a misdemeanor for unlawfully dispensing controlled substances to patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any Schedule II controlled substances and issuing an oral or written recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; prohibited from dispensing any controlled substances from his office to any patient; completing a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program; and obtaining a practice monitor. August 25, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170727%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170727213158610.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170727%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170727213158610.DID>

**MICHAELS, BROOKS CARLTON, M.D. (G 60910), Simi Valley, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, excessive prescribing, prescribing without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of multiple patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any Schedule II controlled substances and issuing an oral or written recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed; and completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program. August 25, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170727%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170727212446216.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170727%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170727212446216.DID>

**MIRZA, IRFAN MUHAMMAD, M.D. (A 62701), Fort Mohave, AZ**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Arizona for failing to critically review all diagnostic information and failing to perform thorough evaluations before proceeding with pacemaker implantations in two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and obtaining a practice monitor. August 25, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170727%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170727212747906.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170727%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170727212747906.DID>

**MORANVILLE, JOHN THOMAS (A 45114), Lafayette, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked. August 18, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170721%5cDMRAAADY5%5c&did=AAADY170721164438335.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170721%5cDMRAAADY5%5c&did=AAADY170721164438335.DID>

**MURACHANIAN, KENNETH A., M.D. (A 64167), Santa Rosa, CA**

Committed acts of repeated negligence, excessive prescribing, prescribing without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients; and gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course; and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine.

August 25, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170727%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170727212656915.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170727%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170727212656915.DID>

**NEGRON, FELIX LOUIS, M.D. (A 26513), Simi Valley, CA**

Committed acts of incompetence by failing to complete a clinical training program. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, obtaining a practice monitor, and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine.

September 21, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170822%5cDMRAAAGL24%5c&did=AAAGL170822234532872.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170822%5cDMRAAAGL24%5c&did=AAAGL170822234532872.DID>

**NOLL, BRADFORD WINSLOW (G 73227), Beverly, MA**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Massachusetts. Surrender of License. August 28, 2017.

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170828%5cDMRAAAGL5%5c&did=AAAGL170828230716595.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170828%5cDMRAAAGL5%5c&did=AAAGL170828230716595.DID>

**O'DORISIO, JAMES EDWARD, M.D. (A 44147), Santa Rosa, CA**

Committed acts of gross negligence and repeated negligence in the care and treatment of three patients; incompetence in the care and treatment of two patients; and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation, time already served on probation shall be credited toward completion of the probationary period, with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical training program, a medical record keeping course, and an education course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. September 22, 2017. Judicial review pending.

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170823%5cDMRAAAGL21%5c&did=AAAGL170823210528246.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170823%5cDMRAAAGL21%5c&did=AAAGL170823210528246.DID>

**PARK, CHANG, H. (A 36286), Whittier, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, prescribing without an appropriate prior examination, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient. Surrender of License. October 10, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171003%5cDMRAAAGL10%5c&did=AAAGL171003211438622.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171003%5cDMRAAAGL10%5c&did=AAAGL171003211438622.DID>

**PATEL, PRIYANKA HEMANT, M.D. (A 151899), Sunnyvale, CA**

Committed acts of incompetence by having action taken during postgraduate training. Probationary license issued, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a

professional enhancement program and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine.  
September 25, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170918%5cDMRAAAGL6%5c&did=AAAGL170918211036504.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170817%5cDMRAAAGL13%5c&did=AAAGL170817183322810.DID>

**PEMBROOK, LLORENS JOSEPH, M.D. (A 37585), Studio City, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, incompetence, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, excessive prescribing, and prescribing without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication in the care and treatment of eight patients; repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of seven patients; and self-prescribing controlled substances. Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, maintaining a record of all controlled substances, ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; and obtaining a worksite monitor. September 15, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170817%5cDMRAAAGL13%5c&did=AAAGL170817183322810.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170907%5cDMRAAAGL20%5c&did=AAAGL170907203547128.DID>

**PEREZ, YANIRA, M.D. (A 119819), Monterey Park, CA**

No admissions but charged with failing to adequately supervise a physician assistant; prescribing without an appropriate prior examination or medical indication; excessive prescribing; and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients; prescribing to an addict in the care and treatment of one patient; and aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course. October 6, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170804%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170804185651174.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170821%5cDMRAAAGL11%5c&did=AAAGL170821191027888.DID>

**PERSAUD, HARRY (C 51114), Westlake, OH**

Disciplined by New York for being convicted of thirteen felonies for making a false statement relating to health care matters and one felony for money laundering; disciplined by Ohio for the felony convictions; and failed to notify the Board of said convictions. Revoked. September 1, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170821%5cDMRAAAGL11%5c&did=AAAGL170821191027888.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170821%5cDMRAAAGL11%5c&did=AAAGL170821191027888.DID>

**PETRAGLIA, JOHN FRANCIS (G 68169), Newport Beach, CA**

Failed to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to comply with the restriction on prescribing Schedule II and III controlled substances and failing to notify the Board of his practice location; committed acts of repeated negligence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients; committed acts of gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient; and excessively administered drugs in the care and treatment of another patient. Revoked.

September 20, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170821%5cDMRAAAGL11%5c&did=AAAGL170821191027888.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170821%5cDMRAAAGL11%5c&did=AAAGL170821191027888.DID>

**PRUIT, JOHN FRANCIS (A 133032), Houston, TX**

No admissions but charged with being convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence of alcohol with a .08 percent or more blood alcohol level; and used alcoholic beverages in such a manner as to be

dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Surrender of License. September 5, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170829%5cDMRAAAGL8%5c&did=AAAGL170829192919281.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170829%5cDMRAAAGL8%5c&did=AAAGL170829192919281.DID>

**QUEELEY, GEORGE, N. (G 12912), Oakland, CA**

No admissions but charged with sexual exploitation, sexual misconduct, gross negligence, and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of a patient. Surrender of License. October 12, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171005%5cDMRAAAGL14%5c&did=AAAGL171005224137474.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171005%5cDMRAAAGL14%5c&did=AAAGL171005224137474.DID>

**REDDY, JANARDHANA PENAGALURU, M.D. (A 24449), Mineral Wells, TX**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Texas for not fully discussing the risks to a patient of proceeding with surgery and failed to document the patient's understanding of the risks. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. August 4, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170707%5cDMRAAAGI16%5c&did=AAAGI170707215126898.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170707%5cDMRAAAGI16%5c&did=AAAGI170707215126898.DID>

**RIVERA, VERONICA REBECA, M.D. (A 93252), San Jose, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete a clinical competence assessment program. Public Reprimand. August 16, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170717%5cDMRAAAGI16%5c&did=AAAGI170717203502200.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170717%5cDMRAAAGI16%5c&did=AAAGI170717203502200.DID>

**RIZVI, SYED AZHAR, M.D. (A 91583), Mount Juliet, TN**

Disciplined by New York for failing to adequately disclose a pending disciplinary action on an employment application and on an application for hospital staff privileges. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course and a professional boundaries program; and obtaining a third party chaperone to be present while consulting, examining or treating female patients. September 8, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170810%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL170810173616186.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170810%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL170810173616186.DID>

**ROSS, MARTIN PAUL (G 88415), Seattle, WA**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Washington for prescribing excessive doses of Ambien for unapproved and unestablished indications; failing to obtain prior medical records or to properly refer a patient for proper evaluation; inappropriately prescribing Gabitril in combination with Ambien; inappropriately prescribing thyroid medication; and failing to properly document his care and treatment of a patient. Surrender of License. October 9, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171002%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL171002181119037.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171002%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL171002181119037.DID>

**SAHNI, JYOTSNA (C 54647), Tucson, AZ**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Arizona for writing prescriptions without conducting a physical examination or maintaining medical records, failing to provide adequate supervision of medical staff, failing to disclose on her license renewal application that she had previously surrendered her DEA certificate, and deviated from the standard of care by performing surgical procedures without adequate training. Surrender of License. September 15, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170911%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL170911211635843.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170911%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL170911211635843.DID>

**SARKISSIAN, VAHE (A 90620), Reno, NV**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely; committed acts of unprofessional conduct for attempting to obtain a controlled substance by way of fraud, deceit, and misrepresentation for his own use; and attempted to fill prescriptions he knew were false, issued to patients not under his care, and not issued for a legitimate medical purpose. Revoked. September 8, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170810%5cDMRAAAGL8%5c&did=AAAGL170810235501493.DID>

**SAUNDERS, JEFFREY AUSTIN, M.D. (G 129548), Pensacola Beach, FL**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Florida for failure to diagnose an L4 vertebral body fracture that was present on one or more CT images of a patient. October 24, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171024%5cDMRAAAGO15%5c&did=AAAGO171024224319873.DID>

**SAUNDERS, SCOTT DAVID, M.D. (G 78847), Goleta, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for aiding and abetting unlicensed activity by allowing unlicensed staff to mix, start, and discontinue IV therapies on patients. August 24, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170824%5cDMRAAAGL4%5c&did=AAAGL170824183618819.DID>

**SHAHEEN, AISHA WARIS, M.D. (A 152266), Bakersfield, CA**

Committed acts of dishonesty by failing to disclose on her application for licensure action taken by a postgraduate training program. Probationary license issued, placed on 3 years' probation, with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course. October 17, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171010%5cDMRAAAGL3%5c&did=AAAGL171010204632560.DID>

**SHAIKH, MOHAMMAD ALI, M.D. (C 41315), Wilkes Barre, PA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Maryland for failing to respond timely and provide proof of having completed 50 hours of CME. September 6, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170906%5cDMRAAAGL13%5c&did=AAAGL170906203542310.DID>

**SHIEH, JOHN CHERN, M.D. (A 55285), South Pasadena, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. August 18, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170720%5cDMRAAAGI1%5c&did=AAAGI170720182035020.DID>

**SHIMA, GARY JAMES, M.D. (G 14742), San Marcos, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, prescribing without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication, excessive prescribing, prescribing to an addict, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients; violating statutes regulating controlled substances; and practiced under a false or fictitious name without obtaining a fictitious name permit. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substances (except Testosterone), and issuing an oral or written

recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing or possessing Testosterone or Schedule V controlled substances until completion of a prescribing practices course; maintaining a record of all controlled substances, ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed; completing a prescribing practices course and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from providing any prescriptions to any patient for the purpose of treating chronic pain. August 25, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document>.

[aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170728%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170728212233728.DID](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170728%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170728212233728.DID)

**SILVA, RODOLFO, M.D. (A 152414), Loma Linda, CA**

Convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence of alcohol and used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Probationary license issued, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, notification of employer, submitting to biological fluid testing, attending substance abuse support group meetings, obtaining a worksite monitor, and abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol. October 30, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document>.

[aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171023%5cDMRAAAGO11%5c&did=AAAGO171023211113173.DID](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171023%5cDMRAAAGO11%5c&did=AAAGO171023211113173.DID)

**SIMMONS, WARREN BRADLEY (A 40948), Canandigua, NY**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by New York for being convicted of two felony counts of coercion in the first degree, two misdemeanor counts of unlawful imprisonment in the second degree, and one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest. Surrender of License. September 5, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document>.

[aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170830%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170830221850950.DID](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170830%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170830221850950.DID)

**SISSON, VERGIL D. (C 27156), San Bernardino, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. September 25, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document>.

[aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170919%5cDMRAAAGL19%5c&did=AAAGL170919203537436.DID](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170919%5cDMRAAAGL19%5c&did=AAAGL170919203537436.DID)

**SMITH, EDWARD ALAN, M.D. (G 24753), Arroyo Grande, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for a misdemeanor conviction for disturbing the peace. August 15, 2017.

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document>.

[aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170815%5cDMRAAAGL2%5c&did=AAAGL170815182004544.DID](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170815%5cDMRAAAGL2%5c&did=AAAGL170815182004544.DID)

**SMITH, ROBERT STEPHEN, M.D. (G 88671), Alpharetta, GA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Florida for failing to disclose an action taken against his Hawaii license by the Hawaii Medical Board. September 13, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document>.

[aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170914%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170914215925806.DID](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170914%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170914215925806.DID)

**SOBOL, PHILIP ALAN, M.D. (G 42254), Carson, CA**

Convicted of a felony for conspiracy and use of interstate facility in aiding of racketeering. Revoked, stayed, placed on 8 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, 6 months' suspension; completing 100 hours of free community service; completing an ethics course; obtaining a practice and billing monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from practicing, performing or treating workers' compensation patients, or engaging as a whole or part owner, employee or otherwise, in

any business involving a federally funded health insurance or entitlement program. August 18, 2017  
<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170719%5cDMRAAAGI14%5c&did=AAAGI170719224949829.DID>

**STARRITT, RITA ELAINE, M.D. (C 54648), La Jolla, CA**

Disciplined by Colorado for testifying under oath that she did not work for a weight loss clinic, when in fact she was the Medical Director; and delegating medical services to individuals not licensed to practice medicine. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. August 4, 2017  
<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170707%5cDMRAAAGI16%5c&did=AAAGI170707214737862.DID>

**STRUZZO, JOSEPH (C 21227), Cathedral City, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked. August 4, 2017  
<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170705%5cDMRAAAGI1%5c&did=AAAGI170705213338878.DID>

**TIEDEKEN, JOHN JAMES, M.D. (A 114442), Sacramento, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol, submitting to biological fluid testing, obtaining a practice monitor, and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. October 18, 2017  
<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170918%5cDMRAAAGL6%5c&did=AAAGL170918211138898.DID>

**TRAN, ANN ANH, M.D. (G 87474), Eden Prairie, MN**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Wisconsin for failing to identify a mass in a patient's chest upon review of a CT scan. August 30, 2017  
<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170830%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170830221507029.DID>

**TRUONG, MICHAEL NAM, M.D. (A 124243), Walnut, CA**

No admissions but charged with using controlled substances to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, completing an ethics course, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine, notification of employer, submitting to biological fluid testing, attending substance abuse support group meetings, and obtaining a worksite monitor. September 14, 2017  
<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170815%5cDMRAAAGL2%5c&did=AAAGL170815181006134.DID>

**TU, ZHONGHENG, M.D. (A 98296), Lancaster, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for clearing a patient for a tummy tuck procedure, even though the patient had a history of sickle cell anemia and a respiratory infection. October 11, 2017  
<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171011%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL171011203930015.DID>

**UPPAL, SURINDER KUMAR, M.D. (A 35254), Susanville, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and furnishing dangerous drugs to an addict in the care

and treatment of four patients; and repeated negligent acts, excessive prescribing, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of five patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any narcotic controlled substances listed in Schedule II and from issuing an oral or written recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program; and obtaining a practice monitor. September 15, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document>.

[aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170817%5cDMRAAAGL13%5c&did=AAAGL170817183217425.DID](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170817%5cDMRAAAGL13%5c&did=AAAGL170817183217425.DID)

**VARJAVAND, BAHRAM, M.D. (A 62527), Sacramento, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, creating a false medical record, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient.

Physician must complete an anger management course and an ethics course. Public Reprimand.

September 8, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document>.

[aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170810%5cDMRAAAGL6%5c&did=AAAGL170810190530948.DID](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170810%5cDMRAAAGL6%5c&did=AAAGL170810190530948.DID)

**VERGARA, NILDA, M.D. (A 37908), Monte Sereno, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. September 1, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document>.

[aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170804%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170804185606269.DID](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170804%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170804185606269.DID)

**VEVAINA, JAMES R. (A 30551), San Diego, CA**

Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a professional boundaries program; obtaining a practice monitor; and required to have a third party chaperone present while consulting, examining, or treating female patients. August 24, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document>.

[aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170725%5cDMRAAAGI17%5c&did=AAAGI170725214404738.DID](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170725%5cDMRAAAGI17%5c&did=AAAGI170725214404738.DID)

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his probation. Surrender of License. October 31, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document>.

[aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171031%5cDMRAAAGO10%5c&did=AAAGO171031201105053.DID](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171031%5cDMRAAAGO10%5c&did=AAAGO171031201105053.DID)

**VON GLINSKI, KARIN SABINE (G 77578), Walnut Creek, CA**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of her probation. Surrender of License. October 10, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document>.

[aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171010%5cDMRAAAGL5%5c&did=AAAGL171010205030863.DID](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171010%5cDMRAAAGL5%5c&did=AAAGL171010205030863.DID)

**WANG, RENYAN (A 51781), Diamond Bar, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of a patient. Surrender of License. October 23, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document>.

[aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171016%5cDMRAAAGO6%5c&did=AAAGO171016225149212.DID](http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171016%5cDMRAAAGO6%5c&did=AAAGO171016225149212.DID)

**WHITAKER, DUANE COLE, M.D. (G 45899), Visalia, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Arizona for failing to obtain adequate samples and failing to completely remove tumors for three patients. September 13, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170914%5cDMRAAAGL17%5c&did=AAAGL170914215858345.DID>

**WHITSON, LELAND G. (A 22527), Redondo Beach, CA**

Committed acts of dishonesty and corrupt acts by making false statements related to the practice of medicine and convicted of one felony count of making a false statement affecting a health care program. Surrender of License. August 15, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170808%5cDMRAAAGL13%5c&did=AAAGL170808210146630.DID>

**WILBUR, BENJAMIN STUART, M.D. (A 92956), Corona, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely; convicted of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, a felony, and a misdemeanor for failure to return a rental car; and used controlled substances in such a way as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, to another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, one year suspension; completing a clinical competence assessment program, an ethics course, and an education course; prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substance and from issuing an oral or written recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; surrendering DEA permit; completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; abstaining from the use of controlled substances or alcohol; submitting to biological fluid testing; obtaining a worksite monitor; attending substance abuse support group meetings; notification of employer; and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. September 8, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170811%5cDMRAAAGL3%5c&did=AAAGL170811182019046.DID>

**WILLIAMS, BRYAN SCOTT (A 116522), Chicago, IL**

Disciplined by Maryland for inappropriate touching of female patients during examinations. Revoked. August 18, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170721%5cDMRAAADY5%5c&did=AAADY170721164323190.DID>

**WILSON, JENNIFER MCKIM, M.D. (A 77016), Reno, NV**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Nevada for failing to use reasonable care, skill, or knowledge by failing to order diagnostic testing and failing to maintain adequate and complete medical records. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand.

September 8, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170810%5cDMRAAAGL1%5c&did=AAAGL170810173438233.DID>

**WOHLWEND, JOHN RICHARD, M.D. (C 54297), Henderson, NV**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Hawaii for failing to timely report a medical malpractice judgment. October 10, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20171010%5cDMRAAAGL7%5c&did=AAAGL171010205301399.DID>

**WROBLICKY, PETER THEODORE, M.D. (A 102109), Sacramento, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical

records in the care and treatment of a patient. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. September 7, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170808%5cDMRAAAGL13%5c&did=AAAGL170808210229001.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170906%5cDMRAAAGL13%5c&did=AAAGL170906203618002.DID>

**YANG, ZONGQI (A 129722), Las Vegas, NV**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his probation. Surrender of License. September 6, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170814%5cDMRAAAGL6%5c&did=AAAGL170814191443429.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170720%5cDMRAAAGI1%5c&did=AAAGI170720181815889.DID>

**YOUNG, JEFFREY MICHAEL (G 52682), Aptos, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of a patient. Surrender of license. August 21, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170810%5cDMRAAAGL6%5c&did=AAAGL170810190516086.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170811%5cDMRAAAGL3%5c&did=AAAGL170811181859881.DID>

**ZACHARY, DAVID RAY, M.D. (G 25398), San Clemente, CA**

Convicted of a misdemeanor for aiding and abetting the unauthorized practice of medicine. Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, providing 400 hours of free community service, completing an ethics course, obtaining a billing monitor, and prohibited from hiring and/or working with and/or associating with any aestheticians. August 18, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170810%5cDMRAAAGL6%5c&did=AAAGL170810190516086.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170811%5cDMRAAAGL3%5c&did=AAAGL170811181859881.DID>

**ZARANDY, MEHDY, M.D. (A 98437), Scottsdale, AZ**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Delaware for not fully complying with the CME renewal requirements and falsely attested to having completed it. August 10, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170811%5cDMRAAAGL3%5c&did=AAAGL170811181859881.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170811%5cDMRAAAGL3%5c&did=AAAGL170811181859881.DID>

**ZEFF, ARNOLD E. (C 28006), Healdsburg, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. August 18, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170811%5cDMRAAAGL3%5c&did=AAAGL170811181859881.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170811%5cDMRAAAGL3%5c&did=AAAGL170811181859881.DID>

## Physician Assistants

**CRAFT, SARAH JOI, P.A. (PA 18737), Grants Pass, OR**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of two patients and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of four patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a medical record keeping course, an education course, an ethics course, and a prescribing practices course; all patient medical records must be reviewed, initialed, and dated daily by a supervising physician for the first year of probation; prohibited from practicing until approval of a supervising physician; and a supervising physician must be on site at least half the time respondent is practicing if she leaves her current employment. August 11, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170714%5cDMRAAAGI13%5c&did=AAAGI170714201309732.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170714%5cDMRAAAGI13%5c&did=AAAGI170714201309732.DID>

**CURTIS, FREDERICK ERTUR (PA 22492), Alameda, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, dishonesty, inappropriate prescribing, and false and inaccurate medical records in his care and treatment of patient and convicted of a misdemeanor for knowingly submitting a claim for a health care benefit that was not used by or on behalf of the claimant; and failed to report his arrest to the Board. Surrender of License. October 26, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20150323%5cDMRAAAEY5%5c&did=AAAEY150323220359389.DID>

**DIAKHATE, MOUSLY, P.A. (PA 54961), Oakland, CA**

Unprofessional conduct for having action taken during a physician assistant training program. Probationary license issued, placed on 3 years' probation, with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course, providing 40 hours of free community service, and prohibited from practicing until approval of a supervising physician and practice plan. September 28, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170920%5cDMRAAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170920210416656.DID>

**GUO, WEI-LING, P.A. (PA 16733), El Dorado Hills, CA**

No admissions but charged with forgery of prescription forms, dishonest or corrupt acts, and using controlled substances in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself or another person; and violating drug statutes by being charged with fifteen felony counts of unlawful controlled substance prescriptions, sixteen felony counts of forged prescriptions, and fourteen misdemeanor counts of prescribing a controlled substance for self-use (criminal matter pending). Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from administering, issuing a drug order, or handing to a patient or possessing any controlled substances except for those listed in Schedules IV and V; maintaining a record of all controlled substances administered, transmitted orally or in writing on a patient's record or handed to a patient; completing a medical record keeping course, an education course, an ethics course, and a prescribing practices course; completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances and dangerous drugs; completing the Board's drug and alcohol recovery monitoring program; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending facilitated group support meetings; obtaining a work site monitor; and prohibited from practicing until approval of a supervising physician and practice plan. September 21, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170822%5cDMRAAAGL18%5c&did=AAAGL170822213000819.DID>

**HALL, SACHA BRIANA, P.A. (PA 54808), McKinleyville, CA**

Disclosed a conviction for reckless driving and a conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol on an application for licensure. Probationary license issued, placed on 5 years' probation or until successful discharge from the Board Diversion Program plus one year, whichever is longer, beginning on the date a probationary license is issued, with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances, completing the Board's drug and alcohol recovery monitoring program, submitting to biological fluid testing, and prohibited from practicing until approval of a supervising physician and practice plan. August 28, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCS%5c20170814%5cDMRAAAGL6%5c&did=AAAGL170814191705916.DID>

**KIM, JESSICA, P.A. (PA 55087), Torrance, CA**

Unprofessional conduct for having action taken during a physician assistant training program. Probationary license issued, placed on 1 year probation, with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course, providing 20 hours of free community service, and prohibited from practicing until approval

of a supervising physician and practice plan. October 26, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20171012%5cDMRAAGL18%5c&did=AAAGL171012205238935.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170728%5cDMRAAGL12%5c&did=AAAGL170728212549274.DID>

**MARLOW, KELLIE MICHELE (PA 16520), Colchester, VT**

Failed to comply with an order for an examination and disciplined by Vermont for unprofessional conduct for writing multiple prescriptions in another person's name for her own use. Surrender of License. August 4, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170803%5cDMRAAGL2%5c&did=AAAGL170803174300478.DID>

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20171020%5cDMRAAGO10%5c&did=AAAGO171020211250719.DID>

**POLES, LARISSA JEAN (PA 20111), San Marcos, CA**

Prescribed and administered a controlled substance to herself; used dangerous drugs to an extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous to herself, to others, or to the public; violated state laws regulating dangerous drugs and/or controlled substances; dishonesty or corruption; false representations; creation of false medical records with fraudulent intent; convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence of a drug; furnishing drugs without an examination; failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records; and has a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. August 9, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20171020%5cDMRAAGO10%5c&did=AAAGO171020211250719.DID>

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**REID, JOHN ANDREW (PA 22374), Marina Del Rey, CA**

Convicted of a misdemeanor for possession of a controlled substance; used controlled substances to an extent or in such a manner as to be dangerous to himself, to others, or to the public; and violated statutes regulating controlled substances. Surrender of License. October 27, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170906%5cDMRAAGL13%5c&did=AAAGL170906203830025.DID>

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**SHARMA, SUDHA (PA 12831), Modesto, CA**

No admissions but charged with failing to comply with the terms of a Board-ordered probation by failing to complete a clinical training program. Surrender of License. September 13, 2017

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20170814%5cDMRAAGL6%5c&did=AAAGL170814191609725.DID>

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**SURRENCY, JACQUELINE, P.A. (PA 20403), Bellflower, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of four patients; and repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of six patients. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course, an education course, a prescribing practices course, an ethics course, and pay cost recovery of \$9,941.50. Public Reprimand.

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## Podiatric Medicine

**MOUSSAVI, RAMYAR (E 4361), Mission Viejo, CA**

Failed to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to obey all laws, failing to submit quarterly declarations, failing to pay probation monitoring costs, and failing to comply with the continuing medical education requirements; convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence of alcohol while having a blood alcohol concentration of .08 percent or more; used alcoholic beverages to the extent, or in such a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public;

and failed to report the conviction to the Board. Surrender of License. October 13, 2017  
<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/document.aspx?path=%5cDIDOCs%5c20171006%5cDMRAAAGL8%5c&did=AAAGL171006205933868.DID>

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