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## The Board's Mission

The mission of the Medical Board of Californians 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.

## Clinical Overview: Fighting HIV with PrEP

By Susan Wolbarst, Public Information Officer

Short of abstinence, there is no stronger tool for reducing the risk of HIV than Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). Even though the number of new HIV infections diagnosed annually in California has decreased, there are still close to 5,000 people newly diagnosed statewide with HIV per year, Dr. Philip Peters told the Medical Board of California (Board) during its quarterly Board meeting held on May 10, 2019, in Los

Angeles. Peters is the Medical Officer for the California Department of Public Health's Office of AIDS and a volunteer clinical faculty member at the University of California at Davis' Division of Infectious Diseases.

The HIV epidemic in California remains concentrated in men who have sex with men (MSM).

Peters' clinical overview of PrEP gave the Board some insight into the powerful drug that keeps HIV infection at bay.

Transmission by male-to-male sexual contact accounted for 67 percent of new HIV diagnoses in 2017. While all racial/ethnic groups have been impacted by HIV, new HIV infections are unevenly distributed, as the rate of new HIV infections in Black/African Americans was 4.3 times the rate among Whites in 2017.

PrEP is a daily combination of two antiretrovirals, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and emtricitabine, co-formulated as one pill sold under the brand name of Truvada®. PrEP is taken to reduce the risk of HIV infection during a period of risk that could last months or many years. Although other medications are being developed, at present, Truvada® is the only Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drug available for PrEP. A generic version is anticipated to become available in October 2020. If taken as directed, PrEP has been shown to be highly effective in preventing HIV infections.

"It's almost a straight line correlation between pill adherence and HIV prevention efficacy," Dr. Peters said.

For physicians, it can be challenging to identify patients who may benefit from PrEP unless a sexual history is routinely conducted. Due to a large amount of direct-to-consumer advertising, many patients have actually initiated the conversation about PrEP with their doctors. Among people who may benefit from PrEP are those with HIV-positive partners, people with sexual exposures including anal sex, people with a bacterial sexually transmitted infection (STI), and people who inject drugs.

PrEP initiation includes a discussion of potential risks and benefits, obtaining a baseline history, and testing for HIV antigen/antibody and sometimes for HIV RNA, serum creatinine, STI testing, Hepatitis B surface antigen, Hepatitis C antibody, and a pregnancy test when appropriate.

"The standard of care is increasingly becoming initiating people on the same day that we're evaluating for PrEP," Dr. Peters said. Patients are usually started on a 30-day supply with up to two refills, followed by a monitoring check-in by phone or text to see if they are experiencing side effects, such as nausea, vomiting, or headaches. About 20 percent have side effects, which are usually mild and should resolve within three months. Ongoing counseling on risk reduction and condom use for STI prevention is important.

“The most severe side effect that we monitor for is renal toxicity,” according to Peters. Patients on PrEP are tested every three months for HIV and STIs (at all sites of exposure). A patient who tests positive for HIV is immediately transitioned into HIV treatment. Patients are also re-evaluated as to whether they have an ongoing need for PrEP. It can be appropriate for people to go on and off their PrEP regimen as circumstances change.

Most insurance plans cover PrEP. In addition, the state of California has an assistance program to help cover medical costs known as PrEP-AP for California residents age 18 or older who are HIV negative and have a modified adjusted gross income of \$62,450 or less for a household of one or \$84,550 for a household of two. Participants must not be fully covered by Medi-Cal or other third-party payers and must be enrolled in a Gilead (manufacturer of Truvada) assistance program if eligible.

Certain parts of the state – for example, the Central Valley, where there are substantial numbers of new HIV diagnoses each year – have very few providers of PrEP, Dr. Peters said.

“This is an area where there are thousands of people who can benefit from PrEP but only a handful of providers,” he said.

Fortunately, providing PrEP is a straightforward medical prevention service that can be implemented in any primary care or specialty practice. PrEP is an exciting method to prevent new HIV infections and working to help more doctors provide PrEP within their communities is a critical step to helping end the HIV epidemic.

To learn more about current developments with PrEP and watch Dr. Peters’ entire presentation, please visit the Board’s website. [View the webcast](#) for the May 9-10 Quarterly Board Meeting. The presentation begins at 31:00.

## Editor’s Spotlight

By Susan Wolbarst, Public Information Officer

Suspicious that someone might be using your DEA number to prescribe opioids to patients you never treated? You can find out by running a CURES report on yourself. Find out how on page 14.

Almost two-thirds of drivers over age 50 involved in a motor vehicle crash received a prescription for a potentially impairing medication within the previous 60 days. Learn steps you can take to reduce the number of medication-related crashes on page 10.

Is medical school debt weighing you down? A new state program helps pay off physician debt in exchange for a commitment to treat more Medi-Cal patients.

Applications for the next round of awards will be accepted beginning in January 2020. Get more information on page 7.

Low income patients are entitled to free copies of their medical records if needed to apply for certain benefit programs. Learn when you need to supply these records to a patient at no cost on page 12.

What categories of health care providers are legally permitted to participate in hair restoration surgery? The Medical Board of California has been made aware that certain unlicensed personnel are performing these procedures in violation of state law. Read more on page 12.

### Need a Speaker?

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## President's Message

### Let's Talk Consumer Protection

Local forecasters tell us to expect record heat this summer, yet we at the Medical Board of California think we have the "hottest" news.

On July 1, 2019, [The Patient's Right to Know Act of 2018 \(SB 1448\)](#) took effect. It requires physicians who have been placed on probation for certain offenses to notify their patients of their probationary statuses. Cases may involve:

- commission of any act of sexual abuse, misconduct, or relations with a patient or client as defined in Business and Professions Code sections 726 or 729;
- drug or alcohol abuse directly resulting in harm to patients or to the extent that such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice safely;
- criminal convictions involving harm to patient health;
- inappropriate prescribing resulting in harm to patients and a probationary period of five years or more.

This new law helps you make informed decisions about your physicians, and we celebrate this boost in consumer empowerment.

We continue to work diligently with state lawmakers to help craft laws that enhance consumer protection in California. To further our joint efforts, several Board Members and I met with legislators at the state capitol for [2019 Legislative Day](#). This provided us with an opportunity to educate legislators with information about the Board and its processes and mission. Inside this issue of *Medical Board of California News*, you'll find some photos from this historic gathering, as well as a link to a podcast (on our website) where you can learn more about the Board's legislative efforts.

I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of retiring Board Members Dr. Michelle Bholat, Ms. Jamie Wright, and Ms. Brenda Sutton-Wills. I have relied upon these extraordinary women to bring compelling, yet collegial and fair voices to the table as we decided on cases and made policy decisions that impacted both licensees and consumers. I thank them for their thoughtful and dedicated service.

Joining us on the Board are three new members, Dr. Asif Mahmood, Dr. Richard Thorp, and Mr. Eserick "TJ" Watkins. I look forward to working with them as we continue pursuing our goals for improving consumer protection for all Californians.

To your good health,

Denise Pines, President

## Legislative Day 2019: Board Members Talk Consumer Protection with State Lawmakers

Medical Board of California Board members met with several state lawmakers of Wednesday, May 15, 2019 to talk about consumer protection. Legislative Day is part of the Board's outreach efforts to connect with lawmakers and talk about ways they can enhance consumer protection for Californians.

Photo: Mr. David Warmoth, Dr. Dev GnanaDev, Ms. Denise Pines, Dr. Howard Krauss, Ms. Laurie Lubiano, and Ms. Susan Friedman snap a photo at Legislative Day 2019.

Photo: Ms. Laurie Lubiano, Assemblyman Jose Medina, and Mr. David Warmoth

Photo: Dr. Dev GnanaDev, Ms. Denise Pines, and Senator Jerry Hill

Photo: CoCo rests while Sen. Cathleen Galgiani chats with Mr. David Warmoth.

Photo: Ms. Susan Friedman, Assemblyman Jay Obernolte, and Dr. Howard Krauss

## Steven Thompson Award Winner Didn't Initially Want to be a Doctor

Some children examine teddy bears with a stethoscope, dreaming of becoming a doctor. Alan Shih was not one of them. Nothing in his youth pointed to a medical career.

His favorite subject in school was English, particularly when the lesson involved vocabulary and grammar. His favorite activities were sketching, painting, and writing poetry.

"I also enjoyed martial arts for its artistry and emphasis on focus and dedication," he said.

His childhood aspiration: to become an animator for Walt Disney.

Born in Long Island, New York, he grew up in a quiet suburban neighborhood in Southern California. He lived there until attending the University of California Berkeley, where the idea of becoming a physician first germinated and he took pre-med classes "as a hedge," in case his art career didn't catch fire.

"Once it became clear that my future wasn't in the creative arts, I transitioned fairly quickly to taking my MCAT and focusing on med school," he said.

His studies led him to the Chicago Medical School in Illinois.

These days, Dr. Shih works as a pediatrician in the Hi-Desert Family Health Clinics in Yucca Valley. His patients range from newborns to 18 year olds.

"I work with quality individuals who comprise the best medical staff in the industry," he said. "We have wonderful families and a strong community out here in the Hi-Desert area."

His favorite things about his job are "the work itself, as well as the individuals I work alongside each day in the office. Everyone cares about our mission ('...to provide affordable quality health care to the communities we serve') and works hard toward that goal. In my opinion, we really provide quality health care to the community. There is

something very worthwhile about looking back at the end of each day with a sense of hopefully having made a positive impact on the community and families therein.”

By contrast, his least favorite part of his job is dealing with insurance companies.

“It’s like a tiny ant trying to move through a thick, viscous ocean of dense molasses,” he said.

His advice to young people who would like to become physicians: “Work hard, stay focused and always aim high. And maybe the most important component of aiming high is not to be fearful of failure. Failure is an inevitability on the road to success, especially when the stakes are raised, as is the case in pursuit of a medical degree,” Dr. Shih said.

He said he felt fantastic when he learned that he had won a Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Grant.

“This award takes the worry off my mind and allows me to focus on my patients.”

## Medi-Cal Providers Get Medical School Loans Paid Off

By Lupe Alonzo-Diaz

Physicians for a Healthy California

On Monday, July 1, 2019, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Physicians for a Healthy California announced a commitment to pay off student loans for approximately 240 physicians under a new program created to expand access to care for Medi-Cal patients.

A total of \$340 million has been allocated to the CalHealthCares program from Proposition 56 (tobacco tax) revenue. The recent announcement of awardees is the first of at least five rounds of annual funding.

More than 1,200 health care providers applied for the first round of funding under the [CalHealthCares](#) loan repayment program, which pays up to \$300,000 in debt relief in exchange for maintaining a patient caseload of at least 30 percent Medi-Cal patients, being in good standing with state licensing boards, and other service time obligations. The first round of physician awards total approximately \$58.6 million.

“By removing the burden of student loan debt, this program will encourage more providers to make different choices when entering the health care market and be able to provide care for the Medi-Cal population,” said DHCS Director Jennifer Kent.

The awards are intended to improve access to care for low-income patients, creating economic incentives for physicians and dentists to provide care to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Awardees must agree to a patient mix that includes at least 30 percent Medi-Cal patients for five years.

CalHealthCares will accept applications for its next round of awards in January 2020. For more information, go to the [CalHealthCares website](#).

In 2018, SB 849 established the Proposition 56 Medi-Cal Physicians and Dentists Loan Repayment Act Program and appropriated \$220 million for the loan assistance program

for recently graduated physicians and dentists. An additional \$120 million was added to the program in Governor Gavin Newsom's revised 2019-20 budget.

DHCS administers the CalHealthCares program and Physicians for a Healthy California manages the daily operations.

## News To Use

### FDA Warns Of Risks with Insomnia Medications

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requiring a Boxed Warning (its most prominent warning) to the prescribing information of certain insomnia medications because of patient sleep behaviors -- including sleepwalking, sleep driving, and engaging in other activities while not fully awake -- that have resulted in serious injury or death. These behaviors appear to be more common with eszopiclone (Lunesta), zaleplon (Sonata), and zolpidem (Ambien, Ambien CR, Edluar, Intermezzo, and Zolpimist). For more information, [visit the FDA website](#).

### UC Davis Offers Clinical Strategies to Prevent Firearm-Related Harm

Each day in 2017, an average of 109 people in the U.S. died from firearms-related injuries. Many people injured by firearms have recognizable risk factors, some of which bring them into contact with health care providers before the injury happens. The University of California at Davis has created a [website](#) offering resources to help providers get comfortable identifying risk and talking about firearms with patients when clinically relevant. Patient handouts in English and Spanish can be downloaded from the website, as can a video course offered for CME credit.

## Tech Med Corner

### Smart Glasses Plus Telehealth Instruct Medical Students From Afar

An innovation combining smart glasses and telehealth video conferencing allows a remote physician or student to view exactly what an onsite provider sees, from precisely the same perspective. Smart glasses (made by Vuzix) provide the features and capabilities of a modern smartphone – without a cellular radio – in a hands-free wearable device that resembles an ordinary pair of glasses with a thicker stem on the right side. Smart glasses have wireless connectivity capabilities. Using such a system could enable students to see exactly what a surgeon is seeing in an operating room. In addition, a remote specialist in a large urban hospital could view exactly what the provider in an isolated rural location is seeing. ([Health Leaders Media page](#), May 2, 2019)

### Sober Apps Can Help Patients in Recovery

Smartphone apps to help those in recovery can be downloaded from the [DEA's Get Smart about Drugs website](#). All of them are free and available to download on both iPhones and Androids. One example is the Nomo – Sobriety Clocks app created by two people in recovery that “tracks the number of days an individual has been sober. In addition, a person can track the money saved by not buying drugs, share milestones on Twitter and Facebook, and share their sober clock with others. The app also includes exercises to help refocus the person in recovery when he or she is feeling tempted.”

## Save A Date

Medical Board of California Offering Four Expert Reviewer Training Opportunities

Saturday, September 14, 2019, Saturday, October 12, 2019, Los Angeles, CA or

Saturday, November 16, 2019, Sacramento, CA

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CME Credits Offered

Register on the [Board's website](#)

## Medical Board of California Welcomes New Members

### Eserick "TJ" Watkins

Eserick "TJ" Watkins was appointed as a public member of the Medical Board of California by The Senate Rules Committee in 2019. He previously served as a Board member on the Physical Therapy Board of California and held the vice president position.

Mr. Watkins is the owner of The Next Level Coaching, a hybrid strength training and life coaching company. He also serves on the board of South Coast Foundation, a US-based private foundation that funds children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in South Africa. Mr. Watkins is a published author, speaker and coach; he holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the Graduate School of Business, Stellenbosch University.

### Asif Mahmood, M.D.

Dr. Asif Mahmood comes from humble beginnings, growing up in the remote Pakistani village called Kharian. He received his medical degree from Sind Medical College, did his Internal Medicine residency at the University of Kentucky Medical Center followed a Pulmonary fellowship at the University of Virginia and Harlem Hospital at Columbia University.

Dr. Mahmood has been a practicing physician at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena since 2000 and has served in different capacities from medical executive committee member to chief of staff in different hospitals. He is also on the board of the East Los Angeles College Foundation and the United Nations International Children's Fund, Western Region.

## Got Some Free Time to Spend

Why not volunteer your services to someone in need? Visit [MBC's Volunteer Physician Registry to sign up](#).

## Free CME from LA Department of Public Health on Understanding Child Care and School Immunization Requirements and Medical Exemptions, Measles Update

California's child care and school immunization requirements changed July 1, 2019 as a result of 2015 legislation.

Parents must now show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization in order for a child to start pre-kindergarten (child care), transitional kindergarten, kindergarten through twelfth grade or seventh grade. The law applies to both public and private schools, but not to students being home-schooled who do not attend classes. The only acceptable vaccination exemptions are medical exemptions written by a California licensed physician.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has prepared resources, including free CME, to help health care providers understand and navigate the new requirements.

### Measles Update

As of August 22, 2019, 1,215 confirmed cases of measles in the U.S. have been reported by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) during the 2019 calendar year. At this writing, on August 26, 2019, the number continues to grow. This is the largest number of measles cases in the U.S. since 1992. Measles was declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000.

To date, measles has occurred in 30 states, including California. As of August 15, 66 confirmed measles cases had been reported this year in California.

Physicians are reminded that communicable diseases such as measles must be reported by every health care provider via electronic transmission (including FAX), telephone or mail within one working day of identification. The report must be made to the local health officer for the jurisdiction where the patient resides. The form for making such a report is available from the [California Department of Public Health's website](#).

Measles outbreaks continue around the world. Large measles outbreaks are occurring in Israel, Ukraine, and the Philippines. The CDC warns anyone planning to travel internationally to be fully vaccinated at least two weeks before travel. Most measles cases in the U.S. result from international travel, the CDC said.

### Low Income Patients Entitled to A Free Copy of Their Medical Records, When Needed in Order to Apply for Benefit Programs

The Medical Board of California has received complaints that some physicians are not providing free medical records to qualifying patients who need the records to apply for certain benefit programs.

Providing such a patient's records at no charge is required by [Health and Safety Code section 123110\(d\)](#), which says, "...a patient, former patient, or the personal representative of a patient or former patient, is entitled to a copy, at no charge, of the relevant part of a patient's records, upon presenting to the provider a written request, and proof that the records or supporting forms are needed to support a claim or appeal regarding eligibility for a public benefit program. These programs shall be the Medi-Cal program, the In-Home Supportive Services Program, the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids (CalWORKs) program, social security disability insurance benefits, Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind and Disabled (SSI/SSP) benefits, federal veterans service-connected compensation and nonservice connected pension disability benefits, and CalFresh."

The patient is not limited to one request, but is entitled to no more than one copy of any relevant portion of his or her record free of charge.

Free copies of medical records are not available to any patient represented by a private attorney (i.e. an attorney not employed by a nonprofit legal services entity) who is paying for the costs of a patient's claim or appeal pending the outcome of that claim or appeal.

## Warning: Hair Restoration Surgery Requires a Medical License

Hair restoration surgery is the practice of medicine in California and may only be performed by properly-trained, licensed physicians and surgeons or licensed allied health care providers authorized to perform such procedures within their scope of practice.

Companies may be marketing surgical devices to physicians indicating that hair restoration surgery is a delegable procedure, causing confusion about who may use such devices in California. Physicians may not delegate hair restoration surgery to medical assistants, who are unlicensed individuals with a very limited scope of practice pursuant to [Business and Professions Code sections 2069](#) and [2070](#) and [Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations section 1366](#). Medical assistants may not perform invasive procedures such as creating holes or slits in a patient's scalp with a needle, scalpel, or other device.

For more information about the role of medical assistants, please see [Is Your Medical Assistant Practicing Beyond His or Her Scope of Training?](#)

No unlicensed person may perform these procedures in California, including those using titles such as hair restoration technician, surgical technician, hair restoration assistant, or any other title.

[California's Business and Professions Code section 2052](#) prohibits the practice of medicine by unlicensed individuals, as well as aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine. Violation can result in a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment, or imprisonment in county jail for up to a year or both the fine and either imprisonment.

## Workers' Compensation Doctors Encouraged to Use Free Web-Based Tool

If you are a medical provider involved in California's workers' compensation system, California's Department of Industrial Relations Division of Workers Compensation encourages you to sign up today for [free access to a web-based tool](#).

Treatment recommendations found in the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS) – American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) Guidelines are considered the standard of care to cure or relieve injured workers from the effects of injury ([Labor Code section 4600\(b\)](#)).

Knowing the standard of care and formulating a treatment plan guided by these recommendations will expedite approval of your treatment requests.

Utilization Review and Independent Medical Review physicians are required by law to evaluate requests for authorization against the standard of care established by MTUS-ACOEM Guidelines. Providers who are unfamiliar with the MTUS will not know if their treatment requests comply with these regulatory requirements. Using this tool, providers can quickly find the recommendations that will be used to evaluate their requests for authorization.

Online training on the MDGuidelines website is available. Sign up for the online training at the [MDGuidelines website](#). A new and improved free online CME course on the MTUS is available at on the [MDGuidelines website](#).

## Was Your Prescription Pad Stolen? Do You Suspect Someone Is Misusing Your DEA Number? Run A CURES Report!

A [new law](#) (Assembly Bill 2086, Gallagher, Chapter 274, Statutes of 2018) allows physicians to run CURES (Controlled Substance Utilization and Evaluation System) reports for a list of patients for whom that physician is identified as a prescriber of Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances in the CURES database.

Information contained in the report includes each patient's name, the patient's address, date of birth, and gender. The list will cover the time period of up to one year prior to the date the report is generated.

Such a list is a helpful tool for a physician who may have experienced theft of his or her prescription pad or theft of a DEA (U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration) number. The report will allow a physician to discern if prescriptions have been written with his or her stolen pad or DEA number, and will provide the patient information noted above.

The process for generating a patient list is as follows:

1. Log in to CURES and choose the Patient Activity Report tab.
2. Search Criteria – choose the button for Patient List by DEA#s. Then select your DEA number. Note: physicians prescribing at more than one location have more than one DEA number and you choose all your DEA numbers. Then enter the date range (1-12 months) and click Search.

3. Patient List – once users submit the search, the matching patient lists are displayed.

After such a list is created, physicians can go back into the system and run separate CURES reports for each patient on the list, if more information is needed.

If a doctor discovers a prescription in the CURES report that he or she did not prescribe, the physician should contact the pharmacy as well as the [California State Board of Pharmacy](#).

Additional information about CURES is available at 916-210-3187 or at [CURES@doj.ca.gov](mailto:CURES@doj.ca.gov).

## Medical Board of California Seeks Expert Reviewers

If you live in California and have a full-time active practice in California, the Medical Board of California (Board) urges you to apply to be an expert reviewer (expert) for the Board. The Board established its Expert Reviewer Program in July 1994 as an impartial and professional means to support its investigation and enforcement functions. 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; obstetrics and gynecology; orthopaedic surgery; pathology (preferably from the following counties: Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, and Ventura); pain medicine; pediatric gastroenterology; pediatric surgery; pediatric cardiac surgery; pediatric pulmonology; plastic surgery (with expertise in Neograft hair transplant and gender reassignment); psychiatry (forensic and addiction); radiation oncology; surgery (general and endocrine surgery); thoracic and cardiac surgery; urology (general and gender reassignment); and vascular surgery.

Actively practicing physicians from all other specialties not listed above are also welcome to apply and participate in the program. Physicians must be board certified in one of 24 ABMS specialties (the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, the American Board of Pain Medicine, the American Board of Sleep Medicine, and the American Board of Spine Surgery are also recognized), with a minimum of three years of practice in the specialty area after obtaining board certification; have no current complaints, no prior discipline; hold a current license in good standing and must be willing and available to testify in court.

The Board also needs midwife expert reviewers throughout the state of California. Midwives must be licensed for at least three years in the State of California as a midwife; have an active midwifery practice for the past three years; hold a current California midwife license in good standing; have no prior discipline, no pending

accusations, no current complaints or complaints closed within the last three years, and must be willing and available to testify in court. For more information regarding compensation and how to apply, please visit the [Board's website](#) or e-mail the Board's expert program at: [MBCMedicalExpertProgram@mbc.ca.gov](mailto:MBCMedicalExpertProgram@mbc.ca.gov).

## New "Therapy Never Includes Sexual Behavior" Brochure Available

Sexual behavior between a therapist, including all physicians, and a patient is illegal and unethical. Such unprofessional conduct can be punished by discipline including [denial, revocation or suspension of a license](#), [fines or imprisonment](#).

It is the therapist's responsibility to keep sexual behavior out of therapy.

A new brochure – "Therapy Never Includes Sexual Behavior" – provides information to consumers regarding client rights, warning signs that the therapeutic relationship may be heading in the wrong direction, common reactions to sexual misconduct by a therapist, what consumers can do, how to file a complaint, where to get help, and answers to frequently asked questions.

[California Business and Professions \(B&P\) Code section 728](#) requires that such a brochure be given to a client by a therapist or the employer of the therapist who learns from the patient that he or she "...had alleged sexual intercourse or alleged sexual behavior or sexual contact with a previous psychotherapist during the course of a prior treatment..." The therapist or employer is required to discuss the brochure with the patient. Failure to comply constitutes unprofessional conduct.

The brochure can be downloaded from the "Publications" section of [the Department of Consumer Affairs' \(DCA\) website](#).

Single copies of the brochure are available free of charge from the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Psychology, the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, and the Osteopathic Medical Board of California. For larger quantities, call the DCA's Office of Publications, Design and Editing at (866) 320-8652 or (916) 574-7370.

## Consumer Corner

What is the best way to see or receive copies of your medical records?

Put your request in writing.

[California Health and Safety Code \(H&S\) section 123110](#) establishes a patient or patient representative's right to see and receive copies of his or her medical records. Physicians must permit the patient to have access to their records after receipt of a **written request** under H&S section 123110(a). A patient must be permitted to look at the records within five working days of the physician receiving the patient's written request.

Under H&S section 123110(b), a physician must provide an actual copy of a patient's medical records within 15 days of receiving a written request for the copies. Physicians are allowed to charge a fee (not to exceed 25 cents per page or 50 cents for records that are copied from microfilm) plus a reasonable fee for clerical costs. (H&S section 123110(k).)

If you have filed a written request with your physician and you're still having trouble getting the records within the legal time limit, please [file a complaint](#) with the Medical Board of California. The willful violation of the patient's access to his or her health records may constitute unprofessional conduct and grounds for action by the Board.

If a physician moves, retires, or dies, sometimes another physician will either "buy out" or take over his or her practice. The "active" patients are usually notified by mail (as a courtesy), and told where to obtain their records. If you cannot locate the physician, you may want to contact your local county medical society to see if they have any information about the physician's practice (e.g., did someone else take over the practice?).

Additionally, you can contact the Medical Board's Consumer Information Unit at 1-800-633-2322, or go to the Board's website to Check Up On Your Doctor's License, to obtain the physician's address of record for his or her license. Write to the doctor at that address (even if the doctor's profile indicates he or she is deceased). Request that a copy of your records be sent to you. The doctor has 15 days from the time your letter is received to send you a copy of your records, if the records are still available. If the doctor is deceased or retired, his or her practice may have a plan in place to provide you with your records.

If the doctor died and did not transfer the practice to someone else, you might have to check your local Probate Court to see whether the doctor has an executor for his or her estate. You could then contact the executor to see if you can get a copy of the records. Depending on how much time has passed, whoever is appointed as the custodian of records can have the records confidentially destroyed.

For more information about a patient's access to his or her medical records, please visit the [Board's website](#).

## You Asked for it

### Questions Received from the Web

By Alexandria Schembra, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Most California-licensed physicians and surgeons must complete a one-time, 12-hour CME course(s) in pain management and the treatment of terminally ill and dying patients. In addition, effective January 1, 2019, this course(s) must also include the subject of the risks of addiction associated with the use of Schedule II drugs. In addition, for those who have not completed this requirement yet, effective January 1, 2019, there are other options available to meet this requirement. The Board's webmaster account

received numerous inquiries about the requirement and below are some of the most commonly asked questions.

I have been licensed for many years. Does this new requirement apply to me? If you have NOT previously taken the mandatory continuing education course in the subject of pain management and the treatment of terminally ill and dying patients, you MUST complete the required training. If you have already taken the required 12 hours of pain management CME, then you are not required to take additional pain management CME.

What is the new option available to also meet this requirement? Effective January 1, 2019, an individual may also meet the 12-hour required course(s) by completing a course on the treatment and management of opiate-dependent patients. This course must include 8 hours of training in buprenorphine treatment or other similar medicinal treatment for opioid use disorders.

I am newly licensed and haven't completed this course yet. However, I do not prescribe controlled substances. Am I exempt from completing this requirement? No, all physicians and surgeons EXCEPT radiologists and pathologists must complete the required training, regardless of prescribing practices. For more information, please see Business and Professions Code Sections 2190.5 and 2190.6.

Where can I find a list of approved pain management CME courses? The courses or programs must be presented by an organization accredited to provide CME by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), American Medical Association (AMA), California Medical Association (CMA), or American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). In addition to accrediting CME providers, the AMA, CMA, and AAFP may also directly present acceptable programs. Please contact the accredited organizations for a list of approved courses.

Does the required training for physicians count toward the 50 hours of CME every physician must complete during each biennial renewal cycle? Yes.

I believe I already met the pain management CME requirement. How do I check? To check your records, please call the Board's Consumer Information Unit at 800-633-2322. If staff is unable to confirm records, your information will be forwarded to the Board's CME coordinator for review and response.

For more information, [visit the Board's CME website](#).

Have a question?

If you have a question, write to [Webmaster@mbc.gov](mailto:Webmaster@mbc.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.

## Administrative Actions

February 1, 2019 – April 20, 2019

Explanation of disciplinary language and actions

“Effective date of decision” — Example: “March 14, 2019” 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.

## Physicians and Surgeons

### **ADAMS, CAMERON RUSSELL, M.D. (G 82192), West Hollywood, CA**

No admissions but convicted of three misdemeanors for trespassing, vandalism, and intentionally setting off a fire alarm. Public Reprimand. April 3, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

### **AGARWAL, DIMPLE, M.D. (A 66261), Palm Springs, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course.

Public Reprimand. March 7, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**ANDERSON, DEBORAH JUNE (G 42754), Prescott Valley, AZ**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and incompetence in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. February 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**ASANDRA, CHRISTOPHER FORMMIT, M.D. (C 130701), Las Vegas, NV**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Colorado for unprofessional conduct when a physician assistant he was supervising implemented a long-acting form of testosterone treatment for a patient rather than refraining from testosterone or pursuing other courses of treatment given the patient's symptoms. April 29, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**ASHER, DAVID TODD, M.D. (A 67110), Anaheim, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of five patients, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication in the care and treatment of four patients, and gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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 an ethics course, obtaining a practice monitor, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. March 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**ATANELOV, ZAZA UZIYELOVICH, M.D. (A 161432), Gainesville, FL**

Committed acts of unprofessional conduct and dishonesty by failing to disclose on his application for licensure a conviction for loud/unreasonable noise. Probationary license issued, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. March 20, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**AZARAKHSH, NIMA, M.D. (A 121103), San Jose, CA**

Committed acts of repeated negligence, recommended medical cannabis without a medical indication, and knowingly made or signed a document directly related to the practice of medicine that falsely represented an existence of a statement of facts in the care and treatment of one patient. Public Reprimand. April 19, 2019 [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**BANNWART, PHILIPP LEO (A 83871) Zermatt, Switzerland**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, and prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. March 8, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**BARNES, ROBERT OWEN (G 33370), Grass Valley, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. March 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**BATIN, RONALD S., M.D. (G 77080), Ukiah, CA**

No admissions but was charged with being convicted of three felony counts for possession of a machine gun, an assault weapon, and a short-barreled shotgun, and a misdemeanor count of brandishing a firearm; and using alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol, submitting to biological fluid testing, completing an ethics course, attending psychotherapy, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. April 4, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**BELCHER, GREGORY LAMONT, M.D. (G 66631), Los Gatos, CA**

Convicted of one felony count of making false statements relating to health care matters, knowingly made or signed a document directly related to the practice of medicine that falsely represented an existence of a statement of facts, and committed dishonest or corrupt acts. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course, obtaining a billing monitor, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine, providing 60 hours of medical or non-medical community service, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**BERG, RICHARD ALAN, M.D. (G 53552), San Luis Obispo, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely; committing dishonest or corrupt acts; gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of multiple patients; and using drugs in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing or possessing any controlled substances and from issuing an oral or written recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; completing a prescribing practices course and an ethics course; attending psychotherapy; submitting to a medical evaluation and obtaining medical treatment; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 22, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CAI, ANDREW NAM, M.D. (A 161203), West Hollywood, CA**

Committed acts of incompetence and dishonest or corrupt acts. Probationary license

issued, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from practicing outside an ACGME approved postgraduate training program for the first year of practice, completing an ethics course and a stress management course, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. March 8, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CAPLAN, MICHAEL DAVID (A 29412), Ukiah, CA**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. February 15, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CARDONA-LOYA, OCTAVIO (A 31244), Chula Vista, CA**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. February 26, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CARRILLO, PEDRO, M.D. (G 55750), Costa Mesa, CA**

Convicted of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances and conspiracy to defraud the United States, committed acts of unprofessional conduct and dishonesty, and violated statutes regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances. Probationary license issued, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a professional enhancement program and an education course; maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; prohibited from practicing telehealth; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 14, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CESARETTI, LUKE ST. JOHN, M.D. (G 66795), Las Vegas, NV**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Nevada for failing to document a high signal mass as shown on a patient's MRI. April 29, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CHAHAL, BHUPINDER, SINGH (C 53601), Toledo, OH**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Ohio for using controlled substances for himself and his family. Surrender of License. March 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CHO, DON DONGCHEUL (A 40341), Norwalk, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. March 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CHUNG, PETER YONGSUN, M.D. (A 89424), Los Angeles, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely; using drugs in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; dishonest and corrupt acts; self-prescribing controlled substances; and unprofessional conduct. Revoked, stayed, placed on four years'

probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, completing an ethics course, submitting to a psychiatric evaluation, attending psychotherapy, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine, notification of employer, submitting to biological fluid testing, attending substance abuse support group meetings, obtaining a worksite monitor, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses.

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**CLARK, DANIEL GEORGE (A 23338), Auburn, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and excessively prescribed controlled substances in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of license. March 1, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CLAUDIO, ANGEL LUIS (C 54314), Los Angeles, CA**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Texas for his conviction of a felony count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud. Surrender of License. February 21, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CORTES, ZENIA ESTHER, M.D. (A 90285), La Mirada, CA**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Texas for failing to adequately supervise a mid-level advanced practice nurse and failed to register the collaboration with the Texas Medical Board. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. February 22, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DAHMS, DWITE DEAN, M.D. (G 52355), Thousand Oaks, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, excessive prescribing, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' 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 supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 22, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DAVIDSON, JONATHAN S., M.D. (G 66389), Rocklin, 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 one patient, and performed anesthesia in an unaccredited, unlicensed, or uncertified outpatient setting. Physician must complete a clinical competence assessment program and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. April 26, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DE LA LLANA, ANDRES GAVINO ALVAREZ, M.D. (A 54374), Apple Valley, 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 one patient. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. March 21, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DELASHAW, JOHNNY BILL, JR., M.D. (G 89104), Sedona, AZ**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Washington for committing unprofessional conduct. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course, submitting to a psychiatric evaluation, attending psychotherapy, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 15, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DERBY, CHRISTOPHER DEAN, M.D. (A 72476), Lewisburg, PA**

No admissions but charged with unprofessional conduct and using drugs and/or alcohol in a manner to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Probationary license issued, placed on three 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, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 14, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DESHMUKH, AVI TRIMBAK, M.D. (C 42380), Weatherford, TX**

Disciplined by Texas for failing to comply with the standard of care for two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course and an ethics course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 21, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DICIANNO, JULIE ANN (G 74178), Albuquerque, NM**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of her Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. February 27, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**EIDELMAN, WILLIAM S. (G 32011), Los Angeles, CA**

Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, and incompetence in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked. April 2, 2019. Judicial review pending.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**ELLIS, ERIC LEE, M.D. (A 86317), Chico, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and incompetence in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete a clinical competence assessment program. Public Reprimand. February 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**ELLOWAY, SIMON, M.D. (G 9915), Chehalis, WA**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Washington for failing to adequately monitor a patient for signs of dependence and withdrawal, perform regular urine drug screens, perform pills counts, and refer a patient to chemical dependency treatment. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course. Public Reprimand. February 14, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**ESKANDARI, NAHID, M.D. (A 102766), Irvine, CA.**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. February 27, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**FUENTES, JULIAN ROBERT (G 45631), Redding, CA**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. March 21, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**FUKUDA, DAVID KAZU, M.D. (G 77453), Loma Linda, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. March 22, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**GALLAGHER, TIMOTHY ADRIAN, M.D. (A 82097), Lakeview, OR**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Oregon for prescribing opioid medication in unsafe dosages. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course. Public Reprimand. February 15, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**GIBBS, ROBERT LEE ROOSEVELT, M.D. (A 73898), Torrance, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on thirty-five months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, obtaining a practice monitor, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. March 13, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**GIL, ALEJANDRO ESTEBAN, M.D. (A 37558), Los Angeles, 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 twelve patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on eight years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances in Schedules II-IV 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, and a clinical competence assessment program, and prohibited from

supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 8, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**GREWAL, HARINDER, M.D. (A 32070), Murrieta, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients, and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of three patients. Physician must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. February 8, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**GRIMME, JOHN DAVID, M.D. (C 133282), Eugene, OR**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Arizona for failing to identify pulmonary emboli that were present at the time of a CT scan. April 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**HAGINS, TOD (C 149131), Weirton, WV**

Disciplined by Pennsylvania for his conviction of one felony count of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance outside the course of professional practice, one felony count of health care fraud, and one felony count of money laundering. Revoked. March 21, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**HERRICK, BRADLEY DELMAR, M.D. (A 55805), Victorville, CA**

Admitted to using alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; and convicted of a misdemeanor for being under the influence of alcohol to an unsafe degree. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances, submitting to biological fluid testing, completing an ethics course, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. April 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**HLADON, PAUL ROBERT (A 68401), El Segundo, CA**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. March 7, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**HOLMES, RICHARD J. (G 89434), Provo, UT**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, and prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication over the internet in the care and treatment of two patients. Surrender of License. February 15, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**HOOVER, PAUL MICHAEL (G 89462), Novato, CA**

Disciplined by Pennsylvania for being indicted on fifteen counts: one felony count of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl, methadone, and oxycodone, twelve felony counts of distributing oxycodone outside the usual course of professional practice, one felony count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, and one felony count of conspiracy to

launder money. Revoked. March 21, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**HUMISTON, JOHN EDWARD, M.D. (A 83402), West Covina, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of two patients. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. February 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**JEYANANDARAJAN, DHIRAJ RAJ, M.D. (A 91259), Irvine, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Michigan for failing to notify the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs of the action taken by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine. April 15, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**JOHNSON, LAURANCE FOLKEY, M.D. (G 17122), Pasadena, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course and a professional boundaries program, submitting to a psychiatric evaluation, attending psychotherapy, obtaining a practice monitor, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**KAHN, ROBERT IRA, M.D. (G 33338), San Francisco, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and incompetence in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. March 21, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**KAKKAR, HAKUMAT RAI (A 31002), Denver, CO**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Colorado for delegating medical services to an unlicensed health care provider, failing to meet the requirements regarding delegation of medical services and generally accepted standards of medical practice, and failing to properly document and chart the medical records in the care and treatment of four patients. Surrender of License. February 11, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**KASHYAP, VIKAS (G 89416), Cincinnati, OH**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Ohio in lieu of inquiry or investigation. Surrender of License. March 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**KATZ, STEVEN LAWRENCE (G 71332), Phoenix, AZ**

Violated the terms of his Board-ordered probation by committing dishonest or corrupt acts and knowingly making or signing a document directly related to the practice of medicine that falsely represented an existence of a statement of facts, and non-practice

exceeding two years. Revoked. February 22, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**KOSMAN, ZOYA (A 82420), Skokie, IL**

Disciplined by Illinois for engaging in unprofessional conduct and being convicted for making a false statement regarding a patient's eligibility to receive a federal disability benefit. Revoked. February 1, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**KOSTY, MICHAEL PAUL, M.D. (G 43511), La Jolla, CA**

Convicted of driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more and used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course, attending psychotherapy, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. April 19, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LAI, ALBERT, M.D. (A 86192), Rancho Mirage, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and incompetence in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course. Public Reprimand. February 22, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LAIW, BELL CHYUR (A 30756), Bermuda Dunes, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of four patients, repeated negligent acts, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, and knowingly making or signing a document directly or indirectly related to the practice of medicine that falsely represented an existence of a statement of facts in the care and treatment of five patients. Surrender of License. April 16, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LANDES, WILLIAM ARTHUR (G 68279), Chico, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of seven patients, repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of five patients, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. April 15, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LEE, BEN HUON, M.D. (G 148064), Los Angeles, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Colorado for failing to monitor the quality of services performed by delegates, to personally assess the qualifications and competence of delegates, to create comprehensive written protocols for use by delegates, and to create written emergency protocols for delegates. April 29, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LEE, LUKE POYEE, M.D. (G 68536), Baton Rouge, LA**

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

2233 for being disciplined by Louisiana for allowing unlicensed staff to perform radiological examinations. February 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LEE, SANGJOON, JAY (C 50371), Los Angeles, 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 one patient. Surrender of License. March 7, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LEMUS, JAMES ALFRED, M.D. (G 42274), City of Commerce, CA**

No admissions but charged with violating his Board-ordered probation by failing to obey all laws, committing dishonest or corrupt acts, knowingly making or signing a document directly related to the practice of medicine that falsely represented an existence of a statement of facts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on one additional year of probation with additional terms and conditions including, but not limited to, obtaining a billing monitor.

April 26, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LIU, LONG-DEI, M.D. (A 36134), Garden Grove, CA**

Committed acts of gross negligence in the care and treatment of two patients, repeated negligence in the care and treatment of four patients, and incompetence in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on thirty-five months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and a medical record keeping course, obtaining a practice monitor, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants. March 18, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LUNA, MARLEN, M.D. (A 117215), Los Angeles, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete a clinical competence assessment program. Public Reprimand. February 22, 2019.

[View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**MELKUMIAN, ANAIDA, M.D. (A 91329), Long Beach, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, excessive prescribing, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients; and prescribing to an addict in the care and treatment of three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited for the first two years of probation from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances 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. April 26, 2019.

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**MELTZER, ELLIOTT ALLEN, M.D. (C 39403), Highland, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts, excessive prescribing, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing 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. February 22, 2019.

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**MOBLEY, ELIJAH, M.D. (G 81875), Fontana, 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 an additional three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from performing gallbladder surgeries without an assistant surgeon with full hospital privileges present for all surgeries for the first two years of probation, completing a clinical training program, obtaining a practice monitor, completing an education course and a medical record keeping course, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. April 19, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**MORENO, MARTA, M.D. (A 45877), San Leandro, CA**

Convicted of reckless driving involving alcohol and used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation, notification of employer, submitting to biological fluid testing, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances, completing an ethics course, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses.

April 25, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**NADELSON, ADAM, M.D. (A 131723), New York, NY**

Disciplined by Louisiana for incompetence, failing to satisfy standards of medical practice, and performing an act which assisted an unlicensed person to practice medicine. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and a medical record keeping course, obtaining a practice monitor, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants. February 22, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**NARAYAN, DHARMAVIJAYPAL REDDY, M.D. (A 90119), Rancho Mirage, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient, and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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 supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. April 26, 2019.

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**NEITLICH, JEFFREY DAVID (G 88487), Sequim, WA**

Disciplined by North Carolina for engaging in unprofessional conduct for prescribing controlled substances to three individuals who were not his patients. Revoked. March 8, 2019.

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**NGUYEN, CHUAN MINH, M.D. (A 63490), Anaheim, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts 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 three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and a medical record keeping course, obtaining a practice monitor, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. April 5, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**NIELSEN, JARL CALMAR (G 62460), Reno, NV**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Nevada for failing to comply with the terms of his monitoring agreement, being convicted of a misdemeanor for driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more, and failure to report the conviction to the Board. Surrender of License. February 19, 2019.

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**NOURI, FOUAD MOHAMMED M., M.D. (A 64212), Los Angeles, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, violating statutes regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances, prescribing to an addict, and prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication in the care and treatment of four patients; and committing dishonest or corrupt acts and creating false medical records with fraudulent intent in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on an additional three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 1, 2019.

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**OCKERSHAUSEN, THOMAS GLEN (A 90122), San Antonio, TX**

Disciplined by Texas for unprofessional conduct and negligent treatment of two patients. Revoked. March 22, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**ORDONEZ, LEONOR ALCARAZ (A 82353), Chula Vista, CA**

No admissions but charged with violating the terms of her Board-ordered probation by testing positive for alcohol. Surrender of License. March 26, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**PAK, SU-YONG, M.D. (A 34079), La Palma, 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 three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on thirty-five months' 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; prohibited from performing endoscopies and colonoscopies, except in a hospital setting; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 8, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**PHAM, TIMOTHY QUANG (G 81541), San Diego CA**

No admissions but charged with violating the terms of his Board-ordered probation for non-practice exceeding two years. Surrender of License. February 20, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**PIERCE, JOHN MICHAEL (C 160121), Scottsdale, AZ**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. February 26, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**QUACH, THOMAS TRI, M.D. (G 80556), Westminster, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and sexual misconduct in the care and treatment of a patient, unprofessional conduct, and failing to appear at a Board interview. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course and a professional boundaries program, and having a third party chaperone present while consulting, examining or treating patients. March 13, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**RAFIDI, FUAD FARAH, M.D. (A 38061), Tarzana, CA**

Committed acts of repeated negligence, unprofessional conduct, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on thirty-five months' 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; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 6, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**REES, ATSUKO EUBANK (C 41745), San Luis Obispo, CA**

No admissions but charged with violating the terms of her Board-ordered probation by not obeying all laws; and committing gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of multiple patients. Surrender of License. March 22, 2019. [View the](#)

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**RESNIKOFF, ROY OTTO (G 23495), La Jolla, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked. February 8, 2019.

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**ROBINSON, PAUL MICHAEL (G 72600), Westminster, CA**

No admissions but charged with dishonest or corrupt acts, being convicted of a felony count of obstruction of a health care investigation and a felony count of vandalism. Surrender of License. March 7, 2019.

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**RODIN, LEONARD M., M.D. (G 17051), San Diego, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. February 6, 2019.

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**RODRIGUEZ, ABRAHAM HAFIZ, M.D. (A 162070), Mill Valley, CA**

Committed acts of unprofessional conduct and incompetence and convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated and using a false identification to purchase alcohol. Probationary license issued, placed on two years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, obtaining a practice monitor, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. April 19, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**ROGERS, PETER JONATHAN, M.D. (A 47822), Newport Beach, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, attending psychotherapy, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 13, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**RUBIN, ROY BARRY (A 24655), Woodland, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License.

March 22, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**RUTH, RICHARD DIETER, M.D. (A 85653), Buena Park, 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 four patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances and from issuing an oral or written recommendation or approval to possess

or cultivate marijuana; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; obtaining a practice monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; prohibited from practicing, performing, or treating any patients in the area of pain management; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 8, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**SCHICK, STEVEN W. (G 59024), Aliso Viejo, CA**

Convicted of two misdemeanors for driving under the influence of alcohol with one prior conviction and driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more, and convicted of an infraction of unsafe turning movement; and used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked. February 27, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**SCHLOSSER, STEVEN ALLAN, M.D. (G 50288), Boulder, CO**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Colorado for failing to adequately document essential entries in a patient's medical record, including subjective and objective observations, assessments, or a plan with regard to the patient.

April 29, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**SEED, LAURA JEAN (G 55560), San Diego, CA**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of her Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License.

April 22, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**SERRANO, FELICIANO ANTONIO, II, M.D. (A 88849), Huntington Park, 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. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and a clinical competence assessment program, obtaining a practice monitor, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses for the first year of probation.

March 15, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**SHARMA, NARESH DURGAPRASAD, M.D. (A 68991), Somerset, NJ**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. Public Reprimand. February 1, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**SHARBIEM, ANDRO NASHAAT, M.D. (A 100752), Riverside, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program. Public Reprimand. April 26, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**SHETTY, NAGESH, M.D. (A 33495), Huntington Beach, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. April 26, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**SILVERS, BRENT EDWARD (A 49201), Irvine, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely; used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; and committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and sexual misconduct in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked. February 8, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**SIROIS, CINDY NGUYEN, M.D. (A 71013), Sea Ranch Lakes, FL**

Disciplined by Kentucky for not disclosing a malpractice judgement in Florida when renewing her license and for being disciplined by Illinois for discipline in North Carolina, and disciplined by Colorado for care that fell below the acceptable standard in the treatment of a patient in Florida. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 14, 2019.

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**SOFTA, ARUN KUMAR, M.D. (A 53661), Bakersfield, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. April 26, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**STANTON, JAMES LEWIS (G 30530), Modesto, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient and repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients. Surrender of License. February 19, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**TAMBAKIS-ODOM, CONSTANCE ROSEANN, M.D. (A 128357), Wilmington, NC**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by North Carolina for writing hormone prescriptions and controlled substances for a family member that were not adequately documented in a medical record and controlled substances for a friend. February 19, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**TRAN, LAWRENCE DELANO, M.D. (A 34193), Burbank, 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 one patient. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. February 1, 2019.

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**TUBIS, STUART H. (G 13754), Sacramento, CA**

Committed acts of gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of six patients, prescribed without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients, prescribed controlled substances to himself, and violated terms of his interim suspension order. Revoked. February 1, 2019.

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**TURNER, MARK ALAN, M.D. (G 63763), Meridian, ID**

Disciplined by Idaho for treating a patient who was also a friend and provided patients with early refills of controlled substances without clearly documenting the reason in the medical record. Public Reprimand. February 22, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**VELEZ, CAROLINA (A 117655), Austin, TX**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. April 22, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**WALIA, SANDEEP SINGH, M.D. (A 160895), Bakersfield, CA**

Committed dishonest or corrupt acts by failing to disclose on his application for a license a formal written warning for concerns regarding professionalism, interpersonal and communication skills, and medical knowledge during residency. Probationary license issued, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 19, 2019.

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**WEBER, STANLEY PATRICK (G 51077), Spearfish, SD**

Convicted of aggravated sexual abuse of a child and aggravated attempted sexual abuse of a child and must register as a sex offender. Revoked. March 29, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**WOLFER, LEE RACHELLE (A 87299), Kensington, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely and using dangerous drugs in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself, another person, or to the public. Surrender of License. March 14, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**WONG, KING (A 35471), Upland, CA**

No admissions but charged with incompetence for failing the clinical competence assessment program. Surrender of License. March 29, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**WRIGHT, PHILLIP GILMORE, M.D. (G 17389), Oakland, CA**

Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, and failure to supervise a physician assistant in the care and treatment of six patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and an ethics course, obtaining a practice monitor, and

prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses for the first two years of probation. February 8, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**XU, JORDAN CURTIS, M.D. (A 161748), Orange, CA**

Convicted of reckless operation and one-way street/rotary traffic island violation and used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Probationary license issued, placed on three 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, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. April 4, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**YOUNG, TIMOTHY LEE (A 41608), Clearlake, CA**

Convicted of wet reckless driving involving alcohol, practiced under the influence of alcohol, and used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked. February 22, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**ZANGIABADI, AMIRHOSSEIN, M.D. (A 132506), Lynwood CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Maryland for failing to submit to a criminal history records check as a part of the online license renewal application. April 22, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**ZIEGLER, ANNA ELIZABETH, M.D. (A 160896), Beverly Hills, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely and used dangerous drugs or alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Probationary license issued, placed on five 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, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. February 20, 2019.

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**ZOLLARS, LAUREL E. (G 62512), Georgetown, TX**

Disciplined by Maryland for attesting that she had completed a criminal history record check but failed to submit her fingerprints and misrepresented that it had been completed. Revoked. March 21, 2019.

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**ZUBAIR, SAIMA, M.D. (A 113194), Arcadia, CA**

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

2233 for committing acts of repeated negligence in the care and treatment of one patient. March 5, 2019.

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### Physician Assistants

#### **ARSHAD, USMAAN MOHAMMAD, P.A. (PA 51682), Corona, CA**

No admissions but charged with being convicted of driving with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more; used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; and violated statutes regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances. Revoked, stayed, placed on ten years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from issuing a drug order, or handing to a patient or possessing any controlled substances; prohibited from practicing as a physician assistant until he surrenders his DEA permit; completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances; completing a drug and alcohol recovery monitoring program; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending facilitated group support meetings; obtaining a work site monitor; and obtaining approval of a supervising physician. March 1, 2019.

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#### **BLODGETT, JUDY FAITH, P.A. (PA 12973), Rancho Cucamonga, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a medical record keeping course, an education course, and a prescribing practices course; required to keep written medical records for each patient contact and make them available for immediate inspection by the Board; and a supervising physician shall be on site at least 50% of the time respondent is practicing. April 26, 2019.

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#### **CHARETTE, DEBORAH JEAN, P.A. (PA 56565), Brackettville, TX**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Maine for allegations related to inappropriate prescribing of a controlled substance to a family member without maintaining an adequate medical record. Probationary license issued, placed on two years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, submitting to a psychological evaluation, completing a prescribing practices course, and obtaining approval of a supervising physician. February 15, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

#### **DICKINSON, KYLE GREGORY, P.A. (PA 56564), Arroyo Grande, CA**

No admissions but charged with arrested for driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more. Probationary license issued, placed on seven years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances, enrolling in a drug and alcohol recovery monitoring program, submitting to biological fluid testing, attending facilitated group support meetings, and obtaining a work site monitor. February 15, 2019.

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**DOBSON, MARC DAVID (PA 22790), Cherry Valley, CA**

Committed dishonest or corrupt acts by writing multiple prescriptions for multiple people that were not his patients, self-prescribed drugs, knowingly made or signed a document directly related to the practice of medicine that falsely represented an existence of a statement of facts, created false medical records with fraudulent intent, violated statutes regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances, performed medical tasks which exceeded the scope of practice of a physician assistant, and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records. Surrender of License. April 23, 2019.

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**NGUYEN, KAITLYN PHUONG (PA 21641), San Jose, CA**

No admissions but charged with dishonest or corrupt acts for being convicted of one felony count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances and nine felony counts of distribution of a controlled substance. Surrender of License. February 21, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**PHAM, THANH (PA 22358), Fountain Valley, CA**

Committed dishonest or corrupt acts for a conviction of one felony count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances. Revoked. April 5, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**SANCHEZ, NANCY LORENA (PA 20763), Brea, CA**

Convicted of a misdemeanor count of vandalism, used dangerous drugs in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself, another person or to the public, and has a condition affecting her ability to practice safely. Revoked. April 5, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**Polysomnographic Technicians**

**VICTORY, JENNA LEE (PTGL 609), Walnut Creek, CA**

Convicted of a felony count of first degree residential burglary. Revoked. April 19, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

**Podiatric Medicine**

**SMITH, STEPHEN DOUGLAS (E 2588), Huntington Beach, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, dishonest or corrupt acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. April 25, 2019. [View the order and decision on the Board's website.](#)

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