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Legislative Update

Medical Board of California's Sunset Bill

SB 304 (Lieu, Chapter 515) - Healing Arts: Boards

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Allied Health Professionals

AB 154 (Atkins, Chapter 662) - Abortion

This bill eliminates the distinction in existing law between "surgical" and "nonsurgical" abortions and allows physician assistants (PAs), nurse practitioners (NPs), and certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) to perform an abortion by medication or aspiration techniques in the first trimester of pregnancy, if specified training is completed and clinical competency is validated.

This bill requires NPs and CNMs to adhere to standardized procedures, and for PAs to comply with protocols, that include specific information in order to perform abortion by aspiration techniques. This bill specifies that it is unprofessional conduct for NPs, CNMs or PAs to perform an aspiration abortion without prior completion of training and validation of clinical competency.

AB 1000 (Wieckowski, Chapter 620) - Physical Therapists: Direct Access to Services and Professional Corporations

This bill allows a physical therapist (PT) to see a patient for a specified period of time and requires the PT to provide specified notice to the patient regarding the direct PT services. This bill specifies that it does not restrict or alter the scope of practice of any other health care professional. This bill also specifies that the list in existing law of healing arts practitioners who may be shareholders, officers, directors, or professional employees of a medical corporation does not limit employment by professional corporations to the licensed professionals listed in that section and specifies that any person duly licensed under the Business and Professions Code, the Chiropractic Act, or the Osteopathic Act, may be employed to render professional services by a professional corporation listed in existing law. This bill also adds physical therapists and other licensed professionals, to the listing in the Corporations Code.

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The mission of the Medical Board of California

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

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Medical consultants needed

Are you interested in being an integral part of the Medical Board of California as a medical consultant? Do you have the ability to conduct effective interviews, exercise sound judgment in reviewing conflicting medical reports and preparing opinions, and analyze problems and take appropriate action? This is an excellent opportunity to help your community and obtain valuable experience. The Medical Consultant (Enforcement) exam is a continuous filing and once enough applications are received, an examination will be conducted (<http://jobs.ca.gov/JOBSGEN/1CADD.PDF>). If you have any questions, please contact John Hirai, Supervising Investigator II, at (562) 402-4668.

Interested in becoming an expert reviewer?

The Medical Board of California established the Expert Reviewer Program in July 1994 as an impartial and professional means by which to support the investigation and enforcement functions of the Board. Experts assist the Medical Board by providing reviews and opinions on Medical Board cases and conducting professional competency exams, physical exams and psychiatric exams. *The Board is currently looking specifically for experts in Pain Management.* For more information regarding compensation and how to apply please visit: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Enforcement/Expert_Reviewer/

Editor's Spotlight

By Frank Miller

Our winter issue once again presents the new laws and regulations that you should be aware of for the upcoming year. Please read this section and familiarize yourself with them as it is important to stay abreast of change and how it pertains to the practice of medicine.

Also in this issue, we once again bring you continuing medical education (CME) courses that are available from Virtual Lecture Hall. Newsletter readers can take advantage of free membership when using a special promotion code. To read about the courses and take advantage of the promo, please visit page 12. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also has a CME opportunity that you can read more about on page 13.

Speaking of the FDA, there is an article on page 19 that covers the changes in mandated language that is required for extended-release/long-acting (ERLA) opioids to help health care professionals tailor their prescribing decisions based on a patient's individual needs.

The Medical Board of California recently transitioned to the BreZE operating system and the change has raised some questions about the steps one should take in order to look up a license. On page 22, you can find step-by-step instructions with screenshots on how to look up a license using BreZE.

The Board is also welcoming a new Board Member, Mr. Elwood Lui, and you can read his bio on page 10.

We are also featuring an article that details what is required of an out-of-state physician, who does not hold a California license, to be able to participate in free healthcare events in California. To read more about the requirements please go to page 18.

As always, send me an email at Frank.Miller@mbc.ca.gov to share your feedback on a story.

President's Message



Sharon Levine, M.D.

In 2013, the Medical Board of California (Board) submitted its Sunset Review Report to the Legislature. This occurs every four years unless the Legislature determines that, in its judgment, a different time interval is warranted. Sunset Review is the Board's opportunity to demonstrate the continuing need for the Board's role in carrying out its mission of consumer protection through its licensing and enforcement functions as assigned in authorizing legislation, and to put forward any legislative changes to the Medical Practice Act or other legislative changes determined to be important in enabling the Board to carry out its functions. The full Sunset Review Report can be accessed on the Board's website here: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Publications/Sunset_Report/sunset_report_2012.pdf.

After reviewing the report, the Board and the Legislature identified areas to expand upon and address in more detail. This pertinent information was addressed in the Supplemental Sunset Review Report, and response to the Sunset Review issues, both of which can also be accessed on the Board's website: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Publications/Sunset_Report/sunset_report_2013_supp.pdf and http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Publications/Sunset_Report/sunset_report_responses.pdf.

The completion of this process resulted in the passage of SB 304 (Lieu, Chapter 515) which extended the Board's sunset date for four years until January 1, 2018. The bill also includes language to address a multitude of items that were brought up during the Sunset Review process. Here is an overview about what the Board recommended and what will be changing with the passage of SB 304:

- The bill includes language to revise Business and Professions Code Section 2177, to accommodate the upcoming two parts of the United States Medical Licensing Examination Step 3 examination.
- The bill requires licensees who have an email address to provide the Board with

that email address by July 1, 2014, and it would specify that the email address is confidential and would not be disclosed publicly. It also requires the Board to send out a confirmation email on an annual basis to confirm that the email address on file is still valid.

- The bill includes language that clarifies that the laws prohibiting the corporate practice of medicine do not apply to physicians enrolled in a residency postgraduate training program or fellowship program, most of whom (by virtue of the way Graduate Medical Education programs are structured and financed) are technically hospital employees.
- Medical malpractice reports received pursuant to Section 801.01 will be excluded from a requirement in existing law that necessitates a redundant upfront review by a medical expert.
- Healthcare facilities that utilize electronic health records will have 15 days to provide the authorizing patient's certified medical records to the Board and would be subject to penalties if the facility does not adhere to the timeline.

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Legislator Profile

Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla



Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla -
14th District

Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla was first elected to the Assembly in November 2010, and represents California's 14th Assembly District.

Currently, she is the Chair of the Assembly Business, Professions, and Consumer Protection Committee. She also chairs the Assembly Select Committee on Increasing STEM Education in California Schools, and is a member of the Assembly Health Committee and the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

Assemblywoman Bonilla has authored several important healthcare bills.

- **AB 792 (2012)** - Ensures the design of the Health Benefits Exchange and redesign of Medi-Cal take into account

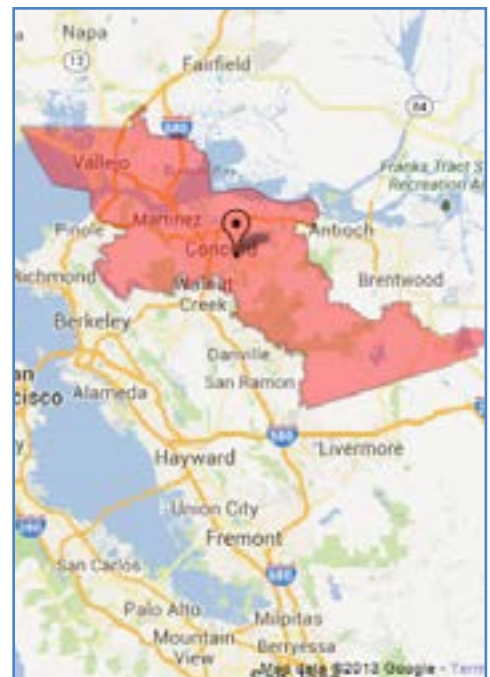
the need to serve short-term uninsured as well as provide long-term coverage. AB 792 will help ensure Californians are provided notices and that they are pre-enrolled into either the Exchange or Medi-Cal.

- **AB 1296 (2011)** - Enacts the Health Care Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention Act, to implement the ACA requirement of creating a single statewide application to be used by all entities accepting and processing applications for enrolling consumers in health coverage.
- **AB 926 (2013)** - Oocyte (Egg) Donation Compensation - Current law prohibits women from being compensated for donating oocyte (eggs) for research purposes. AB 926 seeks to correct this inequity by removing the statutory ban on compensation.
- **AB 1308 (2013)** - Improving Access to Midwifery - AB 1308 removes the requirement of physician supervision and authorizes licensed midwives to directly obtain needed drugs and supplies, order tests, and receive reports related to the practice of midwifery. The bill also requires midwives to disclose to patients the specific arrangements for the referral of complications to a physician.

Prior to being elected to the Assembly, Bonilla served on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. She was elected to the Board in 2006 and previously served on the Concord City Council and as Mayor of Concord. Prior to serving as a public official, Bonilla was a high school English teacher.

Bonilla earned her B.A. in English from Azusa Pacific University and her teaching credential from CSU Los Angeles. Bonilla and her husband, John, reside in Concord. They have four daughters and three grandchildren.

District Map



You Asked For It

Questions received from the Web

By Christine Valine, Public Information Analyst

Q. I understand a medical assistant is not permitted to administer an injection that contains an anesthetic, but is the medical assistant permitted to apply a topical anesthetic, such as lidocaine?

A. The regulations state a medical assistant is prohibited from administering any type of anesthetic agent; this includes the application of topical anesthetic agents.

Q. Must there be an “in-person” exam of a patient in order to establish a doctor-patient relationship, or can a doctor-patient relationship be established by videoconferencing?

A. The physician-patient relationship may be established via telehealth, provided the use of a telehealth exam to establish the relationship is within the standard of care for the particular situation, and provided the telehealth exam complies fully with Business and Professions Code section 2290.5 and any other code sections and regulations that may be applicable to the matter at hand. If the Board investigates a complaint about how a physician is using telehealth, the physician's action will be reviewed by his or her peers to determine whether the standard of care was met.

Q. I heard medical assistants are now permitted to administer vaccinations at a private, governmental, or nonprofit clinic.

A. This is true. The previous law stated vaccinations could only be administered by a physician, registered nurse, or vocational nurse. This law was repealed in 2012.

Q. Is a medical assistant permitted to withdraw blood or must she be a certified phlebotomist?

A. If the medical assistant has received the minimum training, and is deemed by the physician to have the capability to perform the procedure, the medical assistant does not have to be a certified phlebotomist when working in a physician's office.

Q. Am I allowed to withhold medical records for a patient who has not paid my bill?

A. California law states you may not withhold a patient's medical records for an unpaid bill (Health & Safety Code section 123110(j)).

Q. The law states drugs dispensed from my office must be kept in an area that is secure. What is considered a secure area?

A. The regulation defines a secure area as a storage area within the physician's office that is locked, secure at all times, and with the keys to the locked storage available only to staff authorized by the physician.

Have a question?

If you have a question, write to Webmaster@mbc.ca.gov. Some of your questions may be featured here in “YOU ASKED FOR IT”, but all questions will receive an email answer from me, so let me hear from you.



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[AB 1308 \(Bonilla, Chapter 665\)](#) - **Midwifery**

This bill removes the physician supervision requirement for licensed midwives (LM) and requires LMs to only accept clients that meet the criteria for normal pregnancy and childbirth, as specified in the bill. If a potential client does not meet the criteria for normal pregnancy and childbirth, then the LM must refer that client to a physician trained in obstetrics and gynecology for examination; the LM can only accept the client if the physician examines the client and determines that the risk factors are not likely to significantly affect the course of pregnancy and childbirth. This bill allows LMs to directly obtain supplies and devices, obtain and administer drugs and diagnostic tests, order testing, and receive reports that are necessary to his or her practice of midwifery and consistent with the LM's scope of practice.

This bill requires LMs to provide records and speak to the receiving physician if the client is transferred to a hospital. This bill requires the hospital to report each transfer of a planned out-of-hospital birth to the Medical Board of California (Board) and the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative, using a form developed by the Board. This bill requires all LMs to complete midwifery education programs and does not allow new licensees to substitute clinical experience for formal didactic education beginning January 1, 2015. This bill allows the Board, with input from the Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC), to look at the data elements required to be reported by LMs, to better coordinate with other reporting systems, including the reporting system of the Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA). Lastly, this bill allows LMs to attend births in alternative birth centers (ABCs) and changes the standards of certification that must be met by an ABC to those established by the American Association of Birth Centers.

[SB 352 \(Pavley, Chapter 286\)](#) - **Medical Assistants: Supervision**

This bill allows PAs, NPs, and CNMs to supervise medical assistants (MAs). This bill specifies that if a PA, NP, or CNM authorizes a MA to perform any clinical laboratory test or examination that the MA is not authorized to perform, it would constitute unprofessional conduct.

[SB 493 \(Hernandez, Chapter 469\)](#) - **Pharmacy Practice**

This bill allows pharmacists to furnish medication, order

and interpret tests, furnish self-administered hormonal contraceptives, furnish prescription medications not requiring a diagnosis recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for individuals traveling outside the United States, independently initiate and administer vaccines, and furnish prescription nicotine replacement products and smoking cessation services. This bill requires the Board of Pharmacy (BOP) and the Board to develop standardized procedures or protocols for the furnishing of self-administered hormonal contraceptives and nicotine replacement products. This bill also establishes an Advanced Practice Pharmacist recognition.

Confidential Information

[SB 138 \(Hernandez, Chapter 444\)](#) - **Confidentiality of Medical Information**

This bill requires health care service plans and health insurers to take specified steps to protect the confidentiality of an insured individual's medical information for purposes of sensitive services or if disclosure will endanger an individual, as specified.

Health Care Coverage

[AB 219 \(Perea, Chapter 661\)](#) - **Health Care Coverage: Cancer Treatment**

This bill requires health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies, issued on or after January 1, 2015, that cover prescribed, orally administered anti-cancer medications, to limit an enrollee or insured's total cost share to no more than \$200 per filled prescription, as specified. This bill sunsets these provisions on January 1, 2019.

[SB 126 \(Steinberg, Chapter 680\)](#) - **Health Care Coverage: Pervasive Developmental Disorder or Autism**

This bill extends, until January 1, 2017, the sunset date of the existing state health benefit mandate that requires health plans and health insurance policies to cover behavioral health treatment for pervasive developmental disorder or autism (PDD/A) and requires plans and insurers to maintain adequate networks of PDD/A service providers.

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[SB 494 \(Monning, Chapter 684\)](#) - **Health Care Providers**

This bill requires health care service plans to ensure there is one primary care physician (PCP) for every 2,000 enrollees. This bill will authorize up to an additional 1,000 enrollees for each full-time equivalent non-physician medical practitioner supervised by that PCP.

Medical Education

[AB 565 \(Salas, Chapter 378\)](#) - **California Physician Corps Program**

This bill strengthens the guidelines for selection of applicants to the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program (STLRP) and expands on the definition of practice settings for this program.

[SB 21 \(Roth, Chapter 203\)](#) - **University of California: UC Riverside Medical School**

This bill requires the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine to develop a program to identify eligible medical residents and to assist those residents to apply for physician retention programs, including the STLRP.

Medical Practice and Ethics

[AB 58 \(Wieckowski, Chapter 547\)](#) - **Medical Experiments: Human Subjects**

This bill makes an exemption in current law permanent, which permits, until January 1, 2014, patients in life-threatening emergencies to receive medical experimental treatment without informed consent if specified conditions are met. This bill adds specified conditions for the use of medical experimental treatments.

[AB 446 \(Mitchell, Chapter 589\)](#) - **HIV Testing**

This bill expands voluntary HIV testing outreach to certain patients at primary care clinics, and revises requirements for obtaining consent from, and providing information to, persons being tested for HIV infection.

[AB 506 \(Mitchell, Chapter 153\)](#) - **HIV Testing: Infants**

This bill authorizes a social worker to provide consent for a HIV test to be performed on an infant who is less than 12 months of age who has been taken into temporary custody or has a petition filed with the court to be adjudged a dependent of the court, under specified conditions. This bill also permits a social worker to authorize, without court order, emergency medical care to an infant who tests positive for HIV, as specified. This bill requires the social worker, if an infant tests positive for HIV, to provide to the physician and surgeon any available contact information for the biological mother for purposes of reporting the HIV infection to the local health officer.

[AB 635 \(Ammiano, Chapter 707\)](#) - **Drug Overdose Treatment: Liability**

This bill allows health care providers to prescribe, dispense, and issue standing orders for an opioid antagonist to persons at risk of overdose, or their family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist persons at risk, without making them professionally, civilly or criminally liable, if acting within reasonable care. It also extends this same liability protection to individuals assisting in dispensing, distributing, or administering the opioid antagonist during an overdose. This bill requires a person who is prescribed or possesses an opioid antagonist pursuant to a standing order to receive training provided by an opioid overdose prevention and treatment training program.

[AB 980 \(Pan, Chapter 663\)](#) - **Primary Care Clinics: Abortion**

Requires the California Building Standards Commission, in conjunction with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, to repeal certain regulations and sections of the California Building Standards Code that treat primary clinics differently depending on whether the clinics provide abortion services.

[AB 1297 \(J. Perez, Chapter 341\)](#) - **Coroners: Organ Donation**

This bill facilitates the sharing of information between coroners and organ procurement organizations regarding cases in which an anatomical gift may be available from a person whose demise is imminent and that person's body will be subject to a death investigation by the coroner post mortem.

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Prescription Drugs/Controlled Substances

[AB 1045 \(Quirk-Silva, Chapter 302\)](#) - **Sterile Compounding and Nonresident Pharmacies**

Requires a recipient pharmacy, prescriber, or patient of a recalled drug and the BOP to be notified within 12 hours of a recall notice for a sterile compounded drug, and requires the automatic suspension, cancellation, or revocation of a California pharmacy license if an out-of-state pharmacy's home state license is suspended, cancelled, or revoked.

[AB 1136 \(Levine, Chapter 304\)](#) - **Pharmacists: Drug Disclosures**

This bill requires a pharmacist, on or after July 1, 2014, to include a written label on a prescription drug container indicating that the drug may impair a person's ability to operate a vehicle or vessel, if in the pharmacist's professional judgment, he/she determines that the drug may impair a person's ability to operate a vehicle or vessel.

[SB 294 \(Emmerson, Chapter 565\)](#) - **Sterile Drug Products**

This bill expands the types of sterile compounded drugs that require licensure, deletes the licensing exemption for certain types of pharmacies, and requires inspection of nonresident sterile compounding pharmacies by BOP.

[SB 809 \(DeSaulnier and Steinberg, Chapter 400\)](#) - **Controlled Substances: Reporting**

This bill makes findings and declarations regarding the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) and establishes the fund that would be administered by the Department of Justice (DOJ). The fund would consist of fees collected from licensees of boards that license prescribers and dispensers for purposes of funding and upgrading the CURES system.

This bill requires DOJ, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), and the regulatory boards to identify and implement a streamlined application and approval process to provide access to CURES and to make efforts to incorporate the CURES application at the time of license application or renewal. DOJ, DCA, and the regulatory boards must also identify necessary procedures to enable prescribers and dispensers to delegate their authority to order CURES reports and develop a procedure to enable health care practitioners, who do not have a federal Drug

Enforcement Administration (DEA) number, to opt out of applying for access to CURES.

This bill requires the Board to periodically develop and disseminate information and educational materials related to assessing a patient's risk of abusing or diverting controlled substance and information on CURES to each licensed physician and general acute care hospital.

This bill requires prescribers and dispensers, before January 1, 2016, or upon receipt of a federal DEA number, to submit an application to DOJ to obtain approval to access information online regarding the controlled substance history of a patient from CURES.

[SCR 8 \(DeSaulnier, Chapter 26\)](#) - **Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month**

This concurrent resolution proclaims the month of March, each year, as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month and encourages all citizens to participate in prevention programs and activities and to pledge to "Spread the Word....One Pill Can Kill."

Public Health

[ACR 40 \(J. Perez, Chapter 19\)](#) - **Donate Life California Day**

This resolution makes findings and declarations regarding the importance of organ donation. This resolution proclaims April 9, 2013, as Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)/Donate Life California Day and April as DMV/Donate Life California Month in California. This resolution encourages all Californians to register with the Donate Life California Registry when applying for or renewing a driver's license or identification card.

[SB 460 \(Pavley, Chapter 667\)](#) - **Prenatal Testing Program: Education**

This bill requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to include prescribed information regarding environmental health in the California Prenatal Screening patient educational information (PEI), and to post that environmental health information on CDPH's Internet website. This bill requires CDPH to send a notice to all distributors of the PEI that informs them of the change to that information, and encourages obstetrician-gynecologists and midwives to discuss environmental health with their patients.

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[SB 534 \(Hernandez, Chapter 722\)](#) - **Health and Care Facilities**

This bill requires chronic dialysis clinics, surgical clinics, rehabilitation clinics, and intermediate care facilities/developmentally disabled-nursing facilities to meet federal certification standards under CDPH and adopts licensing regulations for these facilities.

State Administration Mandates: Licensing and Enforcement

[AB 512 \(Rendon, Chapter 111\)](#) - **Healing Arts: Licensure Exemption**

This bill extends the sunset date in existing law, from 2014 to 2018, for provisions that authorize healthcare practitioners who are licensed or certified in other states to provide healthcare services on a voluntary basis to uninsured or under-insured individuals in California at sponsored free health care events.

[AB 1057 \(Medina, Chapter 693\)](#) - **Professions and Vocations: Military Service**

Requires every licensing board under DCA to inquire in every license application if the applicant is serving in, or has previously served in, the military, commencing January 1, 2015.

[AB 1288 \(V. Perez, Chapter 307\)](#) - **Licensing: Application Processing**

This bill requires the Board to develop a process to give priority review to the application of an applicant who can demonstrate that he or she intends to practice in a medically under-served area or population. This bill allows an applicant to demonstrate his or her intent to practice in a medically under-served area by providing proper documentation, including a letter from the employer. This bill also includes provisions to put the same requirements for a priority application review process on the Osteopathic Medical Board of California.

[SB 670 \(Steinberg, Chapter 399\)](#) - **Physicians and Surgeons: Investigations**

This bill authorizes the Board to inspect the medical records of a patient who is deceased without the consent of the patient's next of kin or a court order in any case that involves the death of a patient if the Board is unsuccessful in locating or contacting the patient's next of kin. This bill also revises the definition of unprofessional conduct to include a licensee who is under investigation and repeatedly fails to attend and participate in an interview of the Board.

Adverse Event Reporting

As added by SB 304 (Lieu, Chapter 515), Business and Professions Code section 2216.3 requires Accredited Outpatient Surgery Settings to report adverse events to the Medical Board of California as of January 1, 2014. Forms are available on the Board's website at

http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Consumers/Outpatient_Surgery/outpatient_adverse_event_form.pdf

For more information about Accredited Outpatient Surgery Settings, please visit

http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Consumers/Outpatient_Surgery/

Additional Renewal Fees pursuant to SB 809

Effective April 1, 2014, all physicians and surgeons will see an additional \$12 added to their renewal fee (\$6 per year). This \$12 will be transferred to the State of California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General to fund the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES), Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), per [Senate Bill 809 \(DeSaulnier and Steinberg, Chapter 400\)](#).

The following is a breakdown of the fees that will be collected by the Medical Board of California at the time of renewal:

1. Physician's and Surgeon's License renewal fee: **\$783**
2. Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment fee: **\$25**
3. CURES/PDMP fee: **\$12**

New Board Member

Elwood Lui



Elwood Lui, of Los Angeles, CA, was appointed to the Medical Board of California in 2013 by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Mr. Lui has a lengthy record of public service. He is a former associate justice of the California Court of Appeal and served as an associate justice, pro tempore of the California Supreme Court. Mr. Lui served as a judge of the Los Angeles County Superior and Municipal Courts and was a California Deputy Attorney General.

Mr. Lui specializes in financial and accounting matters, is a Certified Public Accountant, and practiced with the Deloitte & Touche law firm. He is currently a partner at the Jones Day law firm in Los Angeles, CA.

The California Supreme Court appointed Mr. Lui a special master of the State Bar Disciplinary System. He was appointed by a federal panel to attempt a settlement involving the California prison overcrowding litigation. Mr. Lui served as a lawyer representative for the Central District of California to the Ninth Circuit, a past president of the California Judges Association, and was on the faculty for the Continuing Judicial Studies Program and California Judicial College. He was chair of the bipartisan Judicial Advisory Selection Committee for the Central District of California and currently serves on Senator Dianne Feinstein's Judicial Selection Committee for the Central District of California.

Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Program Recipient

Dr. Shimul Kumbhani was born in India and grew up in southern California. She graduated from the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine in 2006 and completed her psychiatry residency at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. Following her fellowship training in Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, she became interested in the integration of psychiatry in primary care settings.

This type of setting has allowed her to reach the unmet behavioral health needs of the community, improve overall health outcomes, and help diminish stigma. She has been working in the community health setting at the Over 60 Health Center in Berkeley and will soon be transitioning to Ventura County Medical Center and



will continue her work with older adults. She plans on maintaining her commitment to the integration of the physical and mental health of the aging

population with the hope of providing her patients with a more satisfying quality of life.

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- Regarding midwifery, the bill includes language that would define a “bona fide student” as an individual who is enrolled and participating in a midwifery education program or who is enrolled in a program of supervised clinical training as part of the instruction of a three year postsecondary midwifery education program approved by the Board.
- Also regarding midwifery, the bill includes language that would allow certified nurse midwives to be able to supervise midwifery students.
- The bill specifies that a licensee’s failure to comply with an order for a physical or mental examination constitutes grounds for an interim suspension order.
- The bill deletes the sunset date for the Vertical Enforcement Program (VEP), in which a trial attorney and Board investigator are assigned as a team to handle a case as soon as a formal investigation is opened, making VEP permanent.

The bill also stipulates that by July 1, 2014, the Board’s investigators, medical consultants, and their support staff will be transferred to the Department of Consumer Affairs’ (DCA) Division of Investigation (DOI) and creates a new Health Quality Investigation Unit (HQIU), within the DCA. This change in location of the investigators does not change the role or accountability of the Medical Board in enforcement, nor does it withdraw any of the rights of licensees for due process. The Board will still receive complaints. If, upon reviewing the complaint, the Board staff determines that further investigation is needed, the complaint will be transferred to HQIU. Once an investigation is complete, HQIU and the Attorney General’s Office will make a recommendation on the disposition of the case. The Board will review the investigation and outcome. Any questions, issues or concerns the Board may have would be addressed with HQIU and the Attorney General’s Office. If

administrative action is warranted, the Board will make the final decision on any disciplinary action.

The bill also stipulates that after January 1, 2014, the selection of the Board’s Executive Director will be approved by the DCA Director. Moreover, SB 304 changes the timeframe in which an international medical school graduate who attends a disapproved medical school must practice successfully and without a history of discipline against their license, in another state before becoming eligible for licensure in California. It reduces the requirement from 20 years (established in 2012) to 12 years, and maintains the requirement that these physicians be current in their Board certification, a condition for licensure not required for physicians who have graduated from approved medical schools.

The quadrennial Sunset Review, and this year’s passage of SB 304, enable the Board to maintain its focus on consumer protection and to enforce the state laws that govern the practice of medicine while continuing to ensure that California is a destination that attracts the best physicians and enables the delivery of the highest quality health care.

We know that we are in an environment of continual change and innovation in health care, driven by clinical and information technology and the rapid expansion of understanding of the genetic and biologic basis of disease, as well as the likely changes in the financing and delivery of care and the education and training of physicians and allied health professionals. Many of these advances will eventually require changes in the laws that govern medical practice, enabling innovative approaches to undergraduate and graduate medical education and allowing innovation to benefit the consumers in California. The Board will continue to work with the legislature to identify the necessary changes, and keep our licensees and stakeholders informed about them. Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to all.

Online Learning: Website Helps Physicians Meet Special State CME Requirements With Programs That Are Proven Educationally Effective

By John M. Harris Jr., M.D., M.B.A., Executive Director, Office of Continuing Medical Education, University of Arizona College of Medicine

The Virtual Lecture Hall® (<http://www.VLH.com>) is an educational website hosted by the University of Arizona College of Medicine that helps physicians meet special state CME needs, such as California's pain medicine requirement. All programs on the site provide a rich, interactive educational experience that is evidence-based and free from commercial support. User ratings and comments on all programs are publicly available without site registration. CME Certificates can be downloaded from the site.

MBC Newsletter readers can take <http://www.VLH.com> programs for **free** by creating a complimentary account at <http://www.VLH.com> – use **Special Registration Code 5053** (membership usually costs \$25).

AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credit™ or equivalent credit (AAFP Prescribed Credit) is available for \$25 per credit.

- **Improving Outcomes in Chronic Pain** – A comprehensive, multimedia, case-based program offering up to 14.5 **AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™** developed with NIH research support. Written by national pain experts and shown to be educationally effective in a randomized trial.* This course can be combined with other programs on The Virtual Lecture Hall to meet California's CME requirement for training in pain management and end of life care.
- **Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain** – Learn how to manage patients with chronic low back pain, recommend non-analgesic therapies for patients with chronic pain, select appropriate opioid therapy for persons with chronic pain, and implement procedures that will reduce the risk of abuse and diversion. Physicians can earn 1.00 **AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™** in this case-based, interactive online course.
- **Recognizing and Managing Opioid Misuse** – Learn how to manage patients with chronic pain, recognize and respond to drug-seeking behaviors, and implement procedures that will reduce the risk of abuse and diversion. Physicians can earn 1.00 **AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™** in this case-based, interactive online course.
- **An Introduction to the Practice of Palliative Medicine** – Learn how to manage difficult symptoms commonly seen in palliative care and end-of-life patients, communicate bad news effectively, coordinate palliative care between professionals and across institutional settings, and refer a patient for hospice and end-of-life care. Physicians can earn 1.00 **AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™** in this case-based, interactive online course.

The Virtual Lecture Hall offers additional CME programs covering many state-required topics, including: medical errors, patient relations/safety, professional responsibility, ethics, prescribing practices, patient communication, risk management, and child abuse. The Virtual Lecture Hall (<http://www.VLH.com>) does not contain advertising or offer CME programs that have been underwritten by commercial interests.

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* Harris JM, Elliott TE, Davis BE, et al. Educating generalist physicians about chronic pain: Live experts and online education can provide durable benefits. *Pain Medicine*. 2008;9:555-563.

January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month

Glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness and 2.7 million people in the United States over the age of 40 have glaucoma. Those at a higher risk for glaucoma are people of African, Asian, and Hispanic descent. Also at high risk are people over 60, family members of those already diagnosed, diabetics, and people who are severely nearsighted.

The Glaucoma Research Foundation (GRF) offers a free educational booklet about glaucoma that you can download from their website:

http://www.glaucoma.org/GRF_Understanding_Glaucoma_EN.pdf.

The GRF website can also assist with finding a doctor, financial assistance along with medicine and surgery guides. For more information, visit

<http://www.glaucoma.org>.

CME/CE E-Learning Course and Case Studies

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

The Center for Drug Evaluation and Research's (CDER) Office of Prescription Drug Promotion is launching a CME/CE E-Learning Course and Case Studies to educate health care professionals and students to recognize prescription drug promotion that may be misleading or raise other regulatory concerns, and report it to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The course contains the following modules: principles of persuasion; FDA oversight of prescription drug promotion and marketing; common drug promotion issues; real-life scenarios; and reporting to FDA. The cases cover a range of promotional materials, including websites, journal ads, and TV ads and are based on recent warning and untitled letters.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.sigmatech.com/BadAd>

Medical Board of California History

In 1876, the Legislature passed the first Medical Practice Act. The first Board of Examiners' meeting took place in San Francisco on Thursday, June 29, 1876.

In 1878, the Legislature revised the Medical Practice Act to provide for three separate Boards: a State Medical Society Board, an Eclectic Medical Society Board, and a Board elected by the Homeopathic Medical Society.

In 1901, the Legislature repealed all prior Medical Practice Acts and enacted a new Law consolidating the three Boards of Examiners into one nine-member Board.

The constitutionality of the 1901 Medical Practice Act was finally tested in the State Supreme Court in 1904 and the law was upheld. The court decision

prompted the *San Francisco Chronicle* to write an editorial that stated:

"The object of the law is clearly to protect the public from being preyed upon by a class of unscrupulous professional charlatans whose knowledge of medicine and surgery is the merest sham ... If there is any fault to be found with the law in its present form, it is because its terms are not sufficiently stringent. The higher the standard of efficiency exacted of practitioners the better it will be for the medical profession and the public."

Source: McCready, Linda A., and Billie Harris. *From Quackery to Quality Assurance: The First Twelve Decades of the Medical Board of California*. Sacramento: Department of General Services, State of California, 1995. Print.

Mandatory Reporting Requirements for Physicians and Others

Reporting to the Board

Insurers' Report of Malpractice Settlement or Arbitration Award:

<http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-801.pdf>

(Business and Professions Code §801.01)

Self-Insured Employers of Physicians, Report of Settlement, Judgment or Arbitration Award:

<http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-801.pdf>

(Business and Professions Code §801.01)

Physicians without malpractice insurance must report Settlement, Judgment or Arbitration Award:

<http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-801.pdf>

(Business and Professions Code §801.01)

The same holds true for attorneys representing such physicians

State or Local Government Agencies that Self-Insure Physicians, Report of Settlement, Judgment or Arbitration Award:

<http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-801.pdf>

(Business and Professions Code §801.01)

Physician Reporting - Criminal Actions:

<http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-802.pdf>

(Business and Professions Code §802.1)

Peer Review/Health Facility Reporting:

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

(Business and Professions Code §805)

<http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-805-01.pdf>

(Business and Professions Code §805.01)

Reporting for Coroners:

http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/coroner_report.pdf

(Business and Professions Code §802.5)

Reporting Requirements for Court Clerks and Prosecuting Agencies:

<http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-805-01.pdf>

(Business and Professions Code §803, 803.5 and 803.6)

Transfer to Hospital from, or Death of Patient in Outpatient Surgery Setting:

http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/patient_death.pdf

<http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Reporting/enf-2240b.pdf>

(Business and Professions Code §2240)

Notification of Name Change:

http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Name_Change.aspx

Address of Record:

http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Address_of_Record.aspx

Accredited Outpatient Surgery Settings must report adverse events to the Board as of 1/1/2014 (Business and Professions Code §2216.3, added by SB 304)

Reporting to other entities

Birth and death certificates must be registered with the local registrar within 10 days following the events of births and deaths for the district in which the birth or death occurred.

(Health and Safety Code §§102400, 102795 and 102825)

Reportable to: Local Registrar

Certificates of fetal death must be completed by the physician, if any, in attendance within 15 hours after the delivery.

(Health and Safety Code §102975)

Diseases reportable by health care providers in California:

http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Documents/SSS_Reportable_Diseases.pdf

Reportable to: Local Health Officer

Mandatory Reporting (continued on page 15)

Mandatory Reporting *(continued from page 14)*

Injuries by deadly weapon or criminal act:

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>

(Penal Code §11160)

Reportable to: Local Law Enforcement

Pesticide poisoning:

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>

(Health and Safety Code §105200)

Reportable to: Local Health Officer

Child abuse:

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>

(Penal Code §§11165.7(a)(21), 11165.9, 11166(a)(c))

Reportable to: Local Law Enforcement, County Probation Department, or County Welfare Department

Adult/Elder abuse:

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>

(Welfare and Institutions Code §15630)

Reportable to: Local Law Enforcement or an Adult Protective Service Agency

Injuries resulting from neglect or abuse:

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>

(Penal Code §11161.8)

Reportable to: Local Law Enforcement and the County Health Department

Lapses of Consciousness:

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>

(Health and Safety Code §103900)

Reportable to: Local Health Officer

Miscellaneous reporting requirements

Reporting Requirements for Lost or Stolen Controlled Substances or Prescription Forms, Reporting Obligations for Illegal Use of Your DEA Number:

http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/DEA_Reporting.aspx

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mandatory physician signage

Notice to Consumer:

http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Notices/Notice_to_Consumers.aspx

(Title 16, California Code of Regulations §1355.4)

Education Disclosure:

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

Prostate Cancer "Be Informed" Notice:

http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Notices/Prostate_Cancer.aspx

(Health and Safety Code §109282)

Breast Cancer "Be Informed" Notice:

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

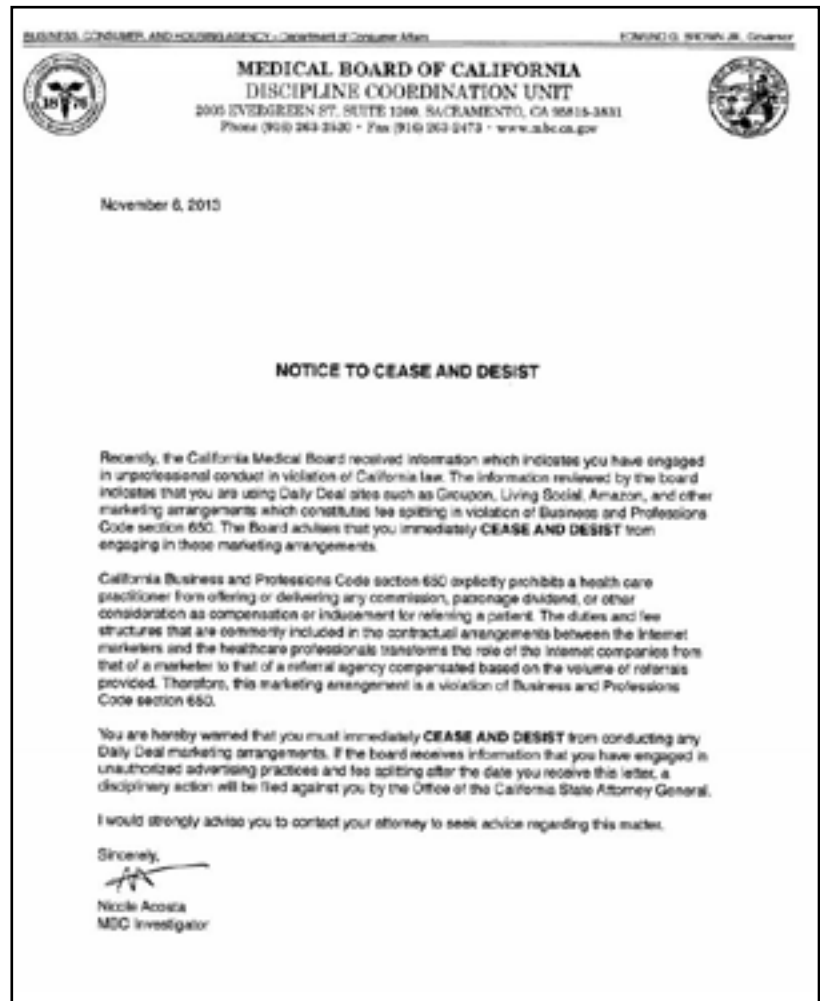
Fraudulent "Notice to Cease and Desist" Letter

It has come to the attention of the Medical Board of California (Medical Board) that a letter purported to have come from a Medical Board Investigator in the Discipline Coordination Unit has been received by a number of physicians throughout the State. This letter is entitled "Notice to Cease and Desist", and warns physicians to immediately cease and desist from conducting any daily deal marketing arrangements with sites such as Groupon, Living Social, Amazon, etc.

This "cease and desist" letter (http://www.mbc.ca.gov/News/2013/11/Cease_Desist_Fraud_Letter.pdf) was not generated by the Medical Board or any investigator employed by the Medical Board. Disciplinary action will not be pursued against a physician's license for failing to comply with these fraudulent cease and desist letters.

When the Medical Board receives any complaint regarding a physician, including the use of Groupon, Living Social, Amazon, or other marketing sites, the complaint is evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine whether there is a violation of the law.

If you receive a cease and desist letter, and wish to verify its authenticity, please contact the Medical Board at 916-263-2528.



Dispensing Reporting Requirements Pursuant to SB 809

Dispensing physicians, please be aware that, pursuant to SB 809, if you dispense Schedule II, Schedule III, and Schedule IV prescriptions out of the office, you must report this information to the Department of Justice within seven days of the prescription.

Health and Safety Code § 11165 reads, in part:

“(d) For each prescription for a Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV controlled substance, as defined in the controlled substances schedules in federal law and regulations, specifically Sections 1308.12, 1308.13, and 1308.14, respectively, of Title 21 of

the Code of Federal Regulations the dispensing pharmacy, clinic, or other dispenser shall report the following information to the Department of Justice as soon as reasonably possible, but not more than seven days after the date a controlled substance is dispensed, in a format specified by the Department of Justice”

For more information, you can read the full text of the law by accessing it on this website: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/> or by visiting <http://oag.ca.gov/curres-pdmp>.

Sponsored Free Healthcare Events

A person who is not licensed to practice medicine in California but who holds a current valid physician license or certificate in good standing in another state, district, or territory of the United States to practice medicine can volunteer to provide medical services at a sponsored free healthcare event.

An out-of-state physician must submit an application and processing fee for each health event at which he or she wants to volunteer. If the application is approved, the Board will notify both the out-of-state physician and the sponsoring entity that authorization has been given for the physician to participate in a specific free healthcare event; the authorization period may not be for more than 10 days. To apply for authorization, download this form: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Sponsored_Health_Care/sponsored_free_health_care_form901-B.pdf.

This completed form must be submitted by the out-of-state physician at least 20 calendar days prior to the sponsored event. The form must be submitted to:

Medical Board of California
ATTN: Licensing Program - Health Care Events
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95815

Every application form must be accompanied by payment of a non-refundable, non-transferable processing fee of \$25.

Before authorization can be granted to an out-of-state physician, a criminal record check must be performed by the California Department of Justice and the FBI. A one-time, non-refundable fingerprint processing fee of \$49 must be paid by the out-of-state physician. Once an out-of-state physician has been fingerprinted and authorization has been granted by the Board, this fingerprinting process need not be repeated if the out-of-state physician wishes to volunteer at future healthcare events in California. An out-of-state physician who receives authorization to practice medicine at an event sponsored by a local government entity shall place a notice visible to patients at every station at which that person will be seeing patients.

Source: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Sponsored_Health_Care/



The notice shall be in at least 48-point type Arial font and include a statement and information as shown in this document:

http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Sponsored_Health_Care/sponsored_free_health_care_form901-B.pdf.

Volunteers either can print and use this document or have a similar notice printed, so long as it meets the legal requirements. While the posting requirement is not required when a “local government entity” is sponsoring the event, the out-of-state physician must receive authorization from the Board before volunteering at the event.

Volunteers requiring more information about registration for sponsored free healthcare events should contact Kevin A. Schunke, the Board’s Licensing Outreach Manager, at (916) 263-2368 or webmaster@mbc.ca.gov.

Sponsoring entities for free health care events must also be authorized. A definition of who may sponsor a free health care event, along with the registration form and instructions, are available on the Board's website: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Sponsored_Health_Care/. The form is available here: http://www.dca.ca.gov/about_dca/901a_form.pdf.

Note for California Licensees: A California licensed physician may volunteer to provide medical services at a free healthcare event if your California license is (1) renewed and current or (2) in a volunteer status. No further action is required before offering/volunteering services.

Safety Labeling Changes and Postmarket Study Requirements for ER/LA Opioid Analgesics

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

“The FDA is invoking its authority to require safety labeling changes and postmarket studies to combat the crisis of misuse, abuse, addiction, overdose, and death from these potent drugs that have harmed too many patients and devastated too many families and communities,” said U.S. Food and Drug Association (FDA) Commissioner Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D. “The goal is to achieve safer and more appropriate use of these potent pain relievers.”

To help accomplish this goal important new language has been mandated for extended-release/long-acting (ER/LA) opioids to help health care professionals tailor their prescribing decisions based on a patient’s individual needs. The updated language is noted below:

- Indications and Usage: *“ER/LA opioids are indicated for the management of pain severe enough to require daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment and for which alternative treatment options are inadequate.”*
- Limitations of Use: *“Because of the risks of addiction, abuse, and misuse, even at recommended doses, and because of the greater risks of overdose and death, these drugs should be reserved for use in patients for whom alternative treatment options (e.g., non-opioid analgesics or immediate-release opioids) are ineffective, not tolerated, or would be otherwise inadequate to provide sufficient management of pain; ER/LA opioid analgesics are not indicated for as-needed pain relief.”*

Additional sections of drug labeling will also change: Dosage and Administration; Warnings and Precautions; Drug Interactions; Use in Specific Populations; Patient Counseling Information, and the Medication Guide. There will be a new boxed warning to caution that chronic maternal use of these products during pregnancy can result in neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome (NOWS), which may be life-threatening and



require management according to protocols developed by neonatology experts.

FDA is requiring the drug manufacturers of these products to conduct further studies and clinical trials. The goals of these postmarket requirements are to further assess the known serious risks of misuse, abuse, increased sensitivity to pain (hyperalgesia), addiction, overdose, and death.

The agency encourages all opioid prescribers to take advantage of the voluntary ER/LA opioid training programs for licensed prescribers to ensure they have adequate and up-to-date training on prescribing these medications. To find available programs, check online at the following website: <https://search.er-la-opioidrems.com/Guest/GuestPageExternal.aspx>

For more information: <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/InformationbyDrugClass/ucm363722.htm>

Note: FDA will be submitting a recommendation to HHS to reclassify hydrocodone combination products into Schedule II. The Agency is committed to continue to work with partners to ensure that these products are properly prescribed and appropriately used by the patients who need them most.

Statement on Proposed Hydrocodone Reclassification from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research: <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm372089.htm>

California Healthline (californiahealthline.org)

Nearly 500K California Residents Enrolled in Covered Calif. Plans
As of Dec. 31, 2013, nearly 500,000 California residents had enrolled in health coverage through Covered California, the state's health insurance exchange created under the Affordable Care Act. (January 14, 2014)

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/articles/2014/1/14/nearly-500k-california-residents--enrolled-in-covered-calif-plans>

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (fda.gov)

FDA Approves Medical Device To Treat Epilepsy
The RNS Stimulator consists of a small neurotransmitter implanted within the skull under the scalp. The neurotransmitter is connected to one or two wires that are placed where the seizures are suspected to originate within the brain or on the surface of the brain. (November 14, 2013)

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm375041.htm>

Journal Watch (jwatch.org)

First Device for Migraine Treatment Approved
The FDA has approved the first device to relieve migraine pain in patients aged 18 and older. The Cerena Transcranial Magnetic Stimulator is indicated for migraine with aura and is used after the onset of pain. (December 16, 2013)

<http://www.jwatch.org/fw108268/2013/12/16/first-device-migraine-treatment-approved>

California Healthline (californiahealthline.org)

How To Get California Kids Physically Fit
Last year, about one third of California's fifth, seventh and ninth graders passed all six sections of the annual state physical fitness test. We asked legislators and stakeholders what state policymakers should do to increase California youngsters' physical fitness. (December 4, 2013)

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/think-tank/2013/how-to-get-california-kids-physically-fit>

iHealthBeat (ihealthbeat.org)

Public Health Departments Use Social Media for Education and Monitoring
Twitter, Facebook and YouTube and other platforms are being incorporated into public health campaigns to increase health awareness, encourage behavior change and inform the public about medical outbreaks and natural disasters. (December 9, 2013)

<http://www.ihealthbeat.org/insight/2013/public-health-departments-use-social-media-for-education-and-monitoring>

The Sacramento Bee (sacbee.com)

Surgeons eye Google Glass for use in operating room
The University of California, San Francisco, is the first in the nation to receive Institutional Review Board approval for the use of Google Glass during surgeries. (November 26, 2013)

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/11/26/5949405/surgeons-eye-google-glass-for.html>

iHealthBeat (ihealthbeat.org)

Study: Rural ED Doctors Make Fewer Errors When Using Telehealth
Emergency Department physicians in rural hospitals make fewer medication administration errors when they consult with a pediatric critical care specialist via a videoconferencing system, according to a new study published in the journal *Pediatrics*, Reuters reports. (November 25, 2013)

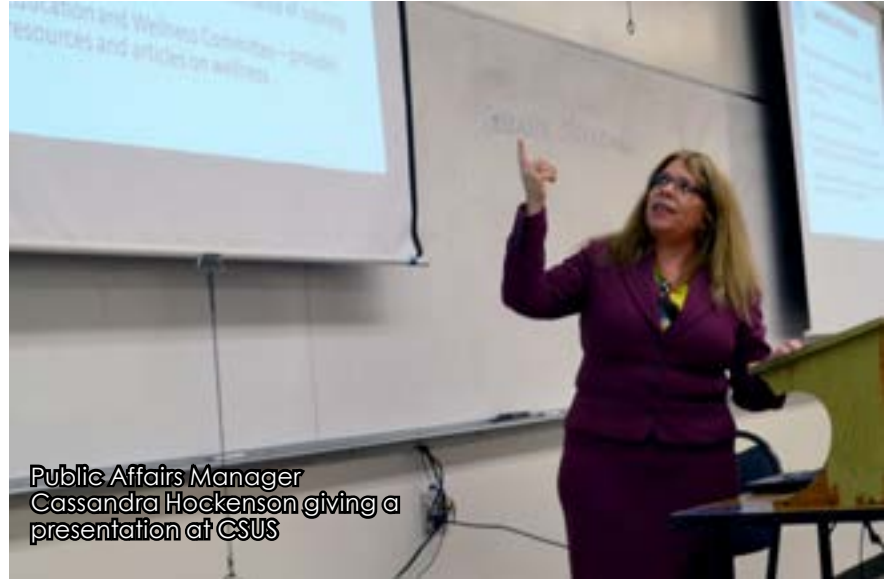
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Medical Board of California Outreach at Sacramento State

On October 31, 2013, the Medical Board of California's Public Affairs Manager, Cassandra Hockenson, had the pleasure of being a guest speaker in Professor John Tamblyn's Consumer Health Education Class at California State University, Sacramento. The topic was what the Board does to protect consumers, and insure the proper standard of medical care.

A Power Point presentation was given which went over the Board's complaint processes and enforcement processes, as well as the types of disciplinary actions that can be administered. There was also a discussion regarding how and why a physician can find himself or herself in trouble.

The class of about 45 students was very engaged and asked a lot of great questions. The students were particularly interested in how an Accusation is handled (the process it goes through) as well as what happens to a physician who is placed on probation.



Public Affairs Manager
Cassandra Hockenson giving a
presentation at CSUS

The presentation also focused on the importance of licensing, and how that also impacts consumer care, as well as the importance of continuing education for physicians and healthcare professionals.

Photos from the October 24 - 25 Quarterly Board Meeting



Left to right: Board President Sharon Levine and Board Members Jamie Wright, Dr. Howard R. Krauss and Dr. Ronald H. Lewis.

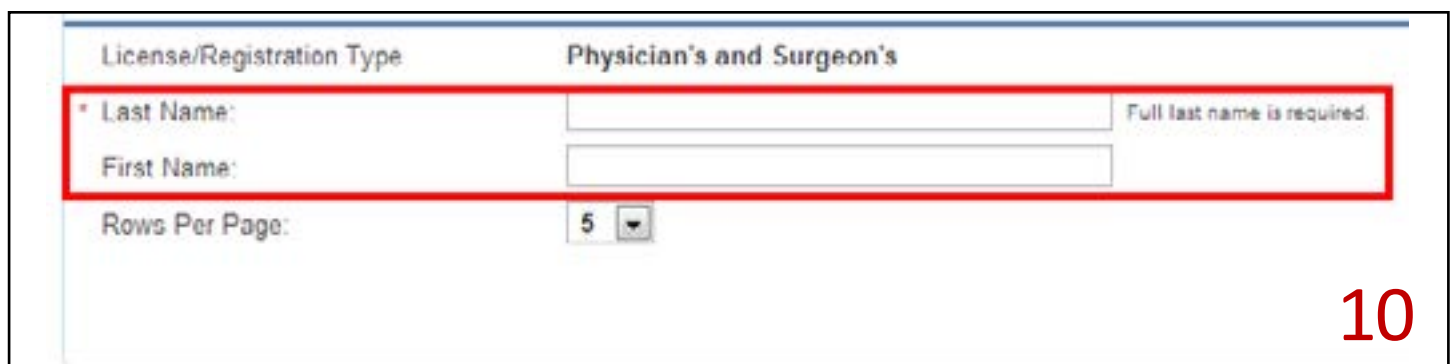
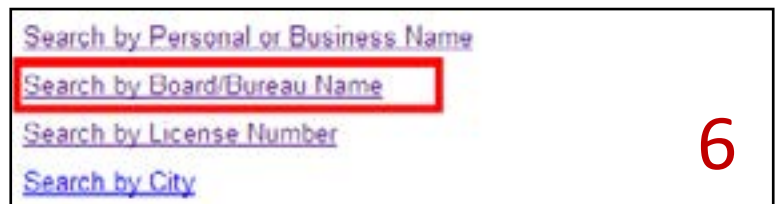
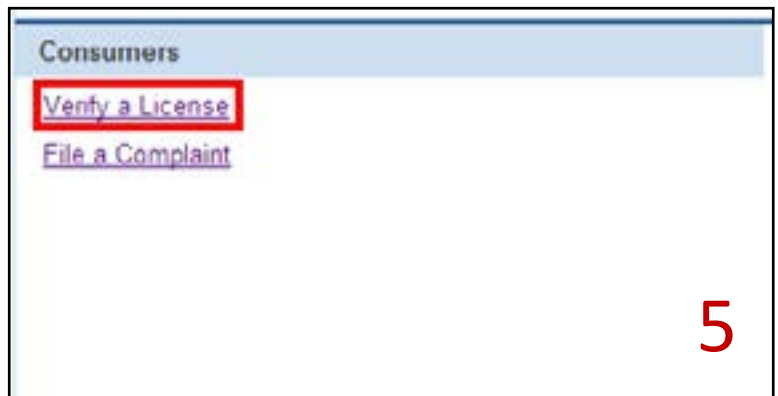
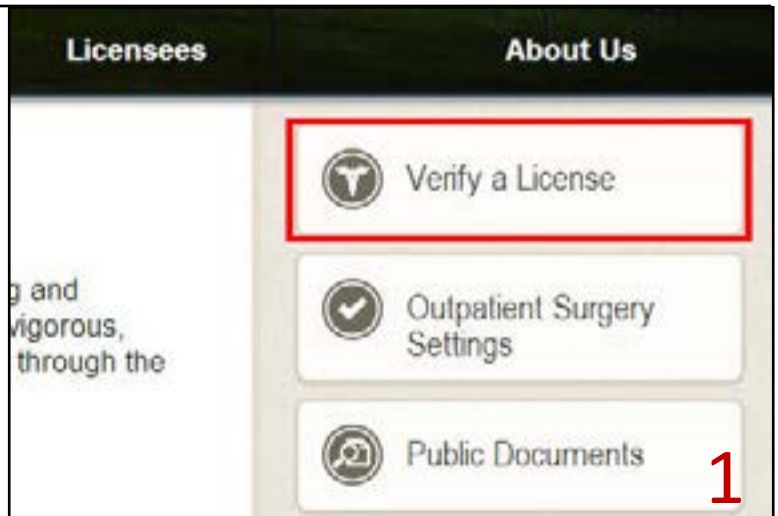


Left to right: Interim Executive Director Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Board President Sharon Levine, Staff Counsel Kerrie Webb, Board Member Dr. Howard R. Krauss, Board Member Gerrie Schipske, R.N.P., J.D., Board Member Barbara Yaroslavsky and Board Member Dr. Felix C. Yip.

BreEZe – How to: Check Your Doctor

On the homepage for the Medical Board of California (<http://www.mbc.ca.gov>):

1. Click on "Verify a License" (right side of page)
2. On the next screen you will see "Breeze Online License Lookup" and instructions on how to use the license lookup.
3. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Continue Search."
4. Click on "Click Here to Access Breeze Online Services" in the middle of the page.
5. On the next screen click on "Verify a License." (Pictured)
6. Click on "Search by Board/Bureau Name."
7. Enter Board/Bureau Name: Medical Board of California. (Pictured)
8. Enter License/Registration Type: Physician's and Surgeon's. (Pictured)
9. Click on "Continue."
10. On the next screen, enter the physician's name and click on "Search." (Pictured)





Administrative Actions: August 1, 2012 – October 31, 2013

Physicians and Surgeons

AARON, DEBORAH LYN, M.D. (G 70081)

Scottsdale, AZ

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

September 20, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=70081>

ADLER, FREDERICK WILLIAM, M.D. (G 50673)

Martinez, CA

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

September 5, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=50673>

AHLSCHIER, ALLAN DEE (C 33259)

Houston, TX

License Revoked

October 3, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=33259>

AHN, CHAEWOO, M.D. (G 67557)

Lancaster, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand

October 18, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=67557>

AHN, EDWARD JAESUNG, M.D. (A 38304)

San Diego, CA

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

August 9, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=38304>

Explanation of disciplinary language and actions

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

“Gross negligence” — An extreme deviation or departure from the standard of care.

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

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

“Probationary License” — A conditional license issued to an applicant with probationary terms and conditions. This is done when cause exists to deny the license application, but limitations can be put in place to protect the public.

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

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

“Revoked, stayed, five years probation on terms and conditions, including 60 days suspension” — “Stayed” means the revocation is postponed. Professional practice may continue so long as the licensee complies with specified probationary terms and conditions, which, in this example, includes 60 days of actual suspension from practice. Violation of 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.

AMIN, CHIRAG NARAYAN, M.D. (A 72688)
Corona, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with terms and conditions
October 28, 2013
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BANKS, BRENDA L. (A 43066)
Gahanna, OH
License Revoked
August 1, 2013
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BEBAWI, NAGUIB S., M.D. (A 46388)
Irvine, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on probation for the same period of time previously imposed with additional terms and conditions
October 24, 2013
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BOUTROS, GEORGE JAMIL-ELIAS (C 50290)
Paradise, CA
License Revoked
October 11, 2013
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BRAY, THOMAS HARRY (A 95415)
Redondo Beach, CA
License Revoked
September 18, 2013
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BUYSE, JEFFREY JOSEPH (G 60272)
Mesa, AZ
License Revoked
August 9, 2013
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CHAN, ROGER SAY, M.D. (A 113842)
Olympia, WA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions
October 14, 2013
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CHEN, WILLIAM TSUN-HUEI, M.D. (G 42521)
Fairfield, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions
September 5, 2013
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CHRISTENBURY, JONATHAN DAVID, M.D. (G 55826)
Charlotte, NC
Public Reprimand
August 29, 2013
<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=55826>

COLE, TERRY LESTER, M.D. (G 29666)
Ventura, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233
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CONGRESS, HOWARD J., M.D. (C 42254)
Palm Springs, CA
Public Reprimand with conditions
October 3, 2013
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COOLEY, CHARLES RANDALL, M.D. (G 78636)
Culver City, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions
October 4, 2013
<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=78636>

CRUZ, RAUL MATA, M.D. (A 44270)

Oakland, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

October 25, 2013

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DEJESUS, JOSE VELASQUEZ (A 42214)

Lancaster, CA

License Surrendered

August 15, 2013

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DENES, ROBERT (G 2529)

South Lake Tahoe, CA

License Revoked

September 11, 2013

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DICIANNO, JULIE ANN, M.D. (G 74178)

Albuquerque, NM

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

August 23, 2013

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DREXLER, BRAD, M.D. (G 55235)

Healdsburg, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

September 18, 2013

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FRY, MARION P. (G 57771)

Cool, CA

License Revoked

August 7, 2013

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FU, XINMING, M.D. (A 70082)

Santa Ana, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years probation, including suspension until his criminal probation conditions allow him to return to the practice of medicine.

August 23, 2013

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GAGGERO, DWIGHT D., M.D. (G 58937)

San Mateo, CA

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

August 16, 2013

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GHAFUR, NAEEMAH HOWELL, M.D. (A 79585)

Lancaster, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on probation until July 1, 2016 with terms and conditions

November 15, 2013

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GIL, ORNA, M.D. (C 53195)

Carlsbad, CA

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GRAFF, MARC DAVID, M.D. (G 30278)

Los Angeles, CA

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

August 16, 2013

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HABTEZGHI, HAGOS, M.D. (C 41500)

Whittier, CA

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

August 23, 2013

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HADLEY, JOHN LINDSAY, M.D. (G 40172)

Concord, CA

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

August 29, 2013

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HANOVER, JUSTIN SEAN (A 111179)

San Francisco, CA

License Surrendered

August 1, 2013

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HARRIS, JEFFREY DAVID, M.D. (G 38541)

North Woodmere, NY

Public Reprimand

August 29, 2013

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HENNING, CARL E. (G 10081)

Ukiah, CA

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September 24, 2013

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HJORTSVANG, ERICK WARREN, M.D. (A 79589)

San Rafael, CA

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

October 30, 2013

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HUNT, DAVID AARON, M.D. (G 48019)

Palmdale, CA

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

August 16, 2013

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IM, DANIEL DO-EUN, M.D. (A 126828)

Buena Park, CA

Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions

August 2, 2013

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IXTLAHUAC, RAUL GALINDO (G 64373)

Covina, CA

License Revoked

September 12, 2013

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KEREGHA, PATIENCE BRAKA, M.D. (A 51718)

Newhall, CA

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

August 16, 2013

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KIM, BRIAN KEUN (A 48357)

Fort Myers, FL

License Surrendered

October 21, 2013

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KLINE, MARK DOUGLAS (G 86945)

Caspar, CA

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October 1, 2013

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KRIDER, JAMES CHAPPLE, M.D. (G 48897)

Apple Valley, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

September 13, 2013

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LAWTON, SUSAN, M.D. (G 88199)

Santa Barbara, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

August 2, 2013

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LE, HANH MY, M.D. (G 87539)

Rancho Santa Fe, CA

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LEE, PETER GEON, M.D. (G 84673)

Los Angeles, CA

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LINDSAY, NED ALLEN, JR., M.D. (G 43302)

Los Angeles, CA

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August 30, 2013

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LIPPMAN, NICOL PAMELA MARGT (A 62947)

San Pedro, CA

License Surrendered

September 11, 2013

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LUDLOW, PAUL CUMMINGS, M.D. (G 30072)

Reno, NV

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MACARTHUR, ROBERT JOHN, M.D. (G 76912)

Irvine, CA

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

August 9, 2013

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MALONE, G. DWIGHT (G 36242)

San Ysidro, CA

License Surrendered

October 10, 2013

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MAROON, T.J., II, M.D. (A 55307)

Roseville, CA

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

September 27, 2013

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MARTELLO, JEANNETTE YVETTE, M.D. (G 66298)

South Pasadena, CA

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

September 16, 2013

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MARTIN DEL CAMPO, ALONSO JOSE, M.D. (A 127333)

North Hollywood, CA

Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions

September 11, 2013

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McCLOUD, ERIC, M.D. (G 61054)

Torrance, CA

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Mission Viejo, CA

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

August 1, 2013

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MELSON, ENRICO ANTONIO, M.D. (G 59473)

Los Angeles, CA

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

September 13, 2013

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METZGER, DEBORAH, M.D. (C 50171)

Los Altos, CA

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

September 25, 2013

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MITZELFELT, H. VINCENT, M.D. (A 19853)

Valencia, CA

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

August 1, 2013

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MODI, JASVANT N., M.D. (A 39818)

Los Angeles, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with
terms and conditions, including 90 days actual
suspension

October 24, 2013

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MORGAN, CHADWICK JAMES, M.D. (A 75644)

Cottonwood, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with
terms and conditions, including 90 days actual
suspension

September 20, 2013

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NEUSCHATZ, THOMAS (C 41964)

Oregon House, CA

License Surrendered

August 22, 2013

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OLAYA, YANIRA MARIA, M.D. (A 94208)

La Jolla, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

September 16, 2013

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ORDOG, GARY JOSEPH, M.D. (G 43038)

Newhall, CA

Revoked, stayed, probation is extended for an
additional 18 months with terms and conditions

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PABUSTAN, CESAR C., M.D. (A 36943)

Stockton, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

September 27, 2013

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PATEL, SNEHALKUMAR BHIKHUBHAI, M.D. (A 127224)

Los Angeles, CA

Probationary License issued with 3 years probation
and terms and conditions

August 30, 2013

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PAVY, ROBERT N., M.D. (C 24136)

Redwood City, CA

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PETRAGLIA, JOHN FRANCIS, M.D. (G 68169)

Newport Beach, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years probation with
terms and conditions
September 20, 2013

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PHILLIPS, MARYANNE (A 63753)

Las Vegas, NV

License Revoked

August 26, 2013

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RANDECKER, HAROLD HERMAN, JR (G 19347)

Lake Stevens, WA

License Surrendered

September 30, 2013

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ROSS, DEENA BETH, M.D. (G 84236)

Los Angeles, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with
terms and conditions
September 13, 2013

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RUDD, RICHARD NEIL, M.D. (G 42981)

Berkeley, CA

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SALIB, HANI I., M.D. (A 45331)

Palm Springs, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with
terms and conditions, including 30 days actual
suspension

September 20, 2013

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SCHNEIDER, GERALD LANE, M.D. (G 33567)

San Diego, CA

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terms and conditions, including 90 days actual
suspension

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SCHNEIER, MICHAEL, M.D. (G 84184)

West Hills, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

August 17, 2013

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SCHWARTZ, JEFFREY I. (G 72839)

Canoga Park, CA

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August 8, 2013

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SEET, RAY POON-PHANG (G 20523)

Petaluma, CA

License Revoked

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SHAVER, MARLA LYNN (G 72124)

Coral Springs, FL

License Revoked

August 7, 2013

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SHERTUKDE, SAVITA PRASAD, M.D. (A 86017)

Bakersfield, CA

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

August 30, 2013

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STEUBLE, ROGER HENRY (G 49972)

Jackson, CA

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August 16, 2013

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STILLION, RODNEY P., M.D. (A 28244)

Palmdale, CA

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

September 20, 2013

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STONE, RONNIE EUGENE (G 42365)

Sacramento, CA

License Surrendered

October 8, 2013

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SWAN, EMMA CLAIRE RIED, M.D. (A 127396)

Oakland, CA

Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions

September 18, 2013

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TAFOYA, RICHARD ANTHONY, M.D. (G 51639)

Whittier, CA

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

August 29, 2013

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THOMPSON, GEORGE, JR. (C 27063)

Gardena, CA

License Surrendered

September 23, 2013

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TOIG, GARY STEVEN, M.D. (G 46719)

Redwood City, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

September 13, 2013

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TU, GENE CHANG, M.D. (A 60067)

Rowland Heights, CA

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

October 25, 2013

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VAN, MARCUS MINH, M.D. (A 83208)

Spring Valley, CA

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

September 30, 2013

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VIZCARRA, MICHAEL CARL (G 29952)

Hesperia, CA

License Surrendered

August 16, 2013

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WALD, STEVEN LEWIS, M.D. (G 89452)

Palm Desert, CA

Probationary License issued with terms and conditions

September 18, 2013

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WEMPEN, RONALD REINER (G 18070)

Irvine, CA

License Surrendered

October 31, 2013

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WILDER, CRAIG RICHARD, M.D. (A 77700)

Granada Hills, CA

Revoked, stayed, probation is extended for an additional one year with the same terms and conditions previously imposed

October 24, 2013

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Physician Assistants

BRADSHAW, RONALD L. (PA 14359)

Valley Village, CA

License Revoked

September 13, 2013

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BRENNAN, ASHLEY ROCHELE, PA (PA 23243)

Del Mar, CA

Probationary License issued with 2 years probation and terms and conditions

September 20, 2013

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CHAN, ALONSO BENJAMIN, PA (PA 23195)

Moreno Valley, CA

Probationary License issued with 2 year probation and terms and conditions

September 6, 2013

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KHALIL, SHARAIN (PA 17881)

Danville, CA 94506

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October 22, 2013

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Doctors of Podiatric Medicine

COLBURN, MICHAEL WARREN, DPM (E 2942)

Lafayette, CA

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

October 28, 2013

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KY, NGUYEN, DPM (E 4689)

San Jose, CA

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

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