

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE INFORMATION
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CAS = Consumer Affairs System; PC = Penal Code; B&P = California Business and Professions Code; CCR = California Code of Regulations; GC = Government Code

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PENAL CODE (PC) 23 SUSPENSION (Partial or full license restrictions per this code; limited or no practice allowed while suspension is in place)	Date issued by a criminal court	Available indefinitely	Pursuant to B&P 2027, available on physician's profile only during period when physician's license is suspended; deleted from profile/CAS* if suspension is lifted or if an administrative decision becomes effective. Available via Enforcement Public Document Search on the Web site unless suspension has been lifted by the Medical Board.
AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION ORDER (B&P 2236.1) (Licensed suspended per this section; no practice allowed while license is suspended)	Date issued by Medical Board	Available indefinitely	Pursuant to B&P 2027, available on physician's profile only during period when physician's license is suspended; deleted from profile/CAS* if suspension is lifted or if an administrative decision becomes effective. Available via Enforcement Public Document Search on the Web site unless suspension has been lifted by the Medical Board.
INTERIM SUSPENSION ORDER (ISO) (Licensee's practice has been temporarily restricted or suspended by an Administrative Law Judge, (ALJ))	Date issued by an ALJ	Available indefinitely	Pursuant to B&P 2027, available on physician's profile only during period when physician's license is suspended; deleted from profile/CAS* if suspension is lifted or if an administrative decision becomes effective. Available via Enforcement Public Document Search on the Web site unless suspension has been lifted by the Medical Board.

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OUT-OF-STATE AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION ORDER (B&P 2310) (Licensee's practice in California is automatically suspended per notification of suspension or revocation of license in another state)	Date issued by Medical Board	Available indefinitely	Pursuant to B&P 2027, available on physician's profile only during period when physician's license is suspended; deleted from profile/CAS* if suspension is lifted or if an administrative decision becomes effective. Available via Enforcement Public Document Search on the Web site unless suspension has been lifted by the Medical Board.
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER (TRO) (B&P 125.7) (Licensee's practice has been temporarily restricted or suspended by a court judge)	Date issued by a court judge	Available indefinitely	Pursuant to B&P 2027, available on physician's profile only during period when physician's license is suspended; deleted from profile/CAS* if suspension is lifted or if an administrative decision becomes effective. Available via Enforcement Public Document Search on the Web site unless suspension has been lifted by the Medical Board.
ACCUSATION/PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION/ACCUSATION AND PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION (includes any amendments or supplementals)	Date filed by the Medical Board	Available indefinitely; or if withdrawn, available for 1 year from withdrawal date pursuant to Title 16 CCR Section 1354.5(b)	Available only prior to administrative decision becoming effective; once decision becomes effective, the posting of an Accusation is deleted and the outcome of the decision is posted; if the outcome of the decision is that the document is withdrawn or dismissed, the matter is completely deleted from the Web site pursuant to B&P 2027(a)(4)
STATEMENT OF ISSUES (Document, similar to an Accusation, that lists reasons for denial of an application for licensure)	Date filed by the Medical Board	Available indefinitely	This information is not posted on a physician profile; the Statement of Issues is available via Enforcement Public Document Search on the Web site. If the outcome is to issue the license and place it on probation, that outcome is posted to the physician profile on the Web site.

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DISMISSED ACCUSATION (Accusation dismissed after administrative hearing)	Date filed by the Medical Board	Available indefinitely pursuant to GC 11517	Deleted from Web site/CAS pursuant to B&P 2027(a)(4)
CITATION ORDER (Citation is a written order describing the nature of a violation, including the specific code of law violated; it is not a disciplinary action)	Date issued by the Medical Board	Available for 5 years from decision date; if withdrawn or dismissed, it is purged immediately pursuant to Title 16 CCR Section 1364.15	Available for 5 years from decision date, or if withdrawn or dismissed, deleted immediately from Web site/CAS pursuant to Title 16 CCR Section 1364.15
PROBATIONARY CERTIFICATE (Conditional license issued to an applicant on probationary terms and conditions)	On the ordered date, after adoption by the Medical Board	Available indefinitely	Available for the duration of probation.
PUBLIC LETTER OF REPRIMAND (B&P 2233) (A lesser form of discipline that can be negotiated for minor violations before the filing of formal charges [Accusations])	Date issued by the Medical Board	Available indefinitely	Pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(1), available for 10 years from January 1, 2003; or after January 1, 2003, for 10 years from the effective date of the decision.
PUBLIC LETTER OF REPRIMAND (B&P 2221.05) (A non-disciplinary administrative action issued at time of licensure for minor violations)	Date issued by the Medical Board	Available for 3 years from date of Letter	Deleted from Web site/CAS pursuant to B&P 2221.05, 3 years from date of Letter

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<p>STIPULATED DECISION = A form of plea bargaining; the case is negotiated and settled prior to trial DEFAULT DECISION = A Decision which is rendered after the physician refuses or fails to participate in the disciplining process</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surrender (While charges are pending, licensee surrenders the license) 	On the ordered date, after adoption by Medical Board	Available indefinitely	Available indefinitely
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revocation, suspension, probation, limitation on practice (e.g. placed in disabled, inactive, or retirement status, etc) 	On the ordered date, after adoption by Medical Board	Available indefinitely	Pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(1), available for 10 years from January 1, 2003; or after January 1, 2003, for 10 years from the effective date of the decision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Reprimand/Public Letter of Reprimand (whether or not the Accusation is withdrawn) 	On the ordered date, after adoption by Medical Board	Available indefinitely	Pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(1), available for 10 years from January 1, 2003; or after January 1, 2003, for 10 years from the effective date of the decision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education course, examination, and/or cost recovery reimbursement (whether or not the Accusation is withdrawn) 	On the ordered date, after adoption by Medical Board	Available indefinitely	Not available pursuant to B&P 2227(b)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citation Issued with terms and conditions: an education course, examination and/or cost recovery (whether or not the Accusation is withdrawn) 	On the ordered date, after adoption by Medical Board	Available 5 years from decision date pursuant to Title 16 CCR Section 1364.15. (Only citation document available)	Available 5 years from decision date pursuant to Title 16 CCR Section 1364.15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accusation Withdrawn (Accusation filed by AG's Office was withdrawn before administrative hearing) 	Date document filed by Medical Board	Available for 1 year after withdrawal date pursuant to Title 16 CCR Section 1354.5(b)	Not available pursuant to B&P 2027(a)(4)

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DECISIONS AFTER AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT HEARING			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revocation, suspension, probation, limitation on practice (e.g., placed in disabled, inactive, or retirement status, etc.) 	30 days after receipt by Medical Board or upon adoption, whichever occurs first	Available indefinitely	Pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(1), available for 10 years from January 1, 2003; or after January 1, 2003, for 10 years from the effective date of the decision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Reprimand/Public Letter of Reprimand (whether or not the Accusation is withdrawn) 	30 days after receipt by Medical Board or upon adoption, whichever occurs first	Available indefinitely	Pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(1), available for 10 years from January 1, 2003; or after January 1, 2003, for 10 years from the effective date of the decision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education course, examination, and/or cost recovery reimbursement (whether or not the Accusation is withdrawn) 	30 days after receipt by Medical Board or upon adoption, whichever occurs first	Available indefinitely	Not available pursuant to B&P 2227(b)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accusation Dismissed (Accusation has been dismissed after administrative hearing) 	30 days after receipt by Medical Board or upon adoption, whichever occurs first	Available indefinitely	Not available pursuant to B&P 2027(a)(4)
SURRENDER of LICENSE DURING PROBATION (w/o further administrative action pending)	Date issued by Medical Board	Available indefinitely	Available indefinitely
JUDGMENT/ARBITRATION AWARD (only the information regarding the matter is available, no documents are available from the Medical Board)	Date Medical Board becomes aware	Pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(1), available for 10 years from January 1, 2003; or after January 1, 2003, for 10 years from the date the Medical Board obtains the information *****	Pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(1), available for 10 years from January 1, 2003; or after January 1, 2003, for 10 years from the date the Medical Board obtains the information

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MEDICAL MALPRACTICE SETTLEMENTS (only the information regarding the matter is available, no documents are available from the Medical Board)	When the Medical Board is notified that a licensee has three (low-risk category) or four (high-risk category) settlements within a 10 year period pursuant to 803.1(b)(2)	The information is public during each 10-year period that the licensee has 3 or 4 settlements; see B&P 803.1(b)(2)	Pursuant to B&P Code 2027(b)(1), the information is public during each 10-year period that the licensee has 3 or 4 settlements; see B&P 803.1(b)(2)
FELONY CONVICTION (only the information regarding the conviction is available, no documents are available from the Medical Board)	Date Medical Board becomes aware	Available indefinitely pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(2)	Available indefinitely pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(2)
MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION (only the information regarding the conviction is available, no documents are available from the Medical Board)	Date Medical Board files an Accusation or issues a decision related to the misdemeanor conviction.	Pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(1), available for 10 years from January 1, 2003; or after January 1, 2003, for 10 years from the date the Medical Board obtains the information *****	Pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(1), available for 10 years from January 1, 2003; or after January 1, 2003, for 10 years from the date the Medical Board obtains the information
805 REPORTS to the public - resulting from termination or revocation of hospital privileges for medical disciplinary cause or reason (only the information regarding the termination/revocation is available, no documents are available from the Medical Board unless requestor is another hospital or HMO pursuant to B&P 805.5 - see below)	Date Medical Board becomes aware	Indefinitely***	Indefinitely, unless the privileges are restored; if privileges are restored it is posted on Internet for 10 years from the restoration date pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(2)
805 REPORTS given to ***authorized requesters pursuant to B&P 805.5 Authorized requesters may receive a copy of any 805 report (denial, removal, or restriction of staff privileges) except for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reports for failure to complete medical records • reports found to be without merit by the Medical Board 	Date Medical Board becomes aware	The information regarding a termination or revocation of hospital privileges is available indefinitely, unless the privileges are restored; if privileges are restored it is public for 10 years from the restoration date pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(2)***** The actual report is only available for 3 years from the date the Medical Board received the report pursuant to 805.5(b)(3)	The information regarding a termination or revocation of hospital privileges is available indefinitely, unless the privileges are restored; if privileges are restored it is public for 10 years from the restoration date pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(2) Information regarding the number of 805 reports for a licensee is posted on the "authorized requestor" Web site for 3 years pursuant to 805.5(b)(3) with the same exceptions as listed under the Document section

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OUT-OF-STATE ACTIONS - discipline taken against a licensee by either a board or by another state or jurisdiction (only the information regarding the action is available, no documents are available from the Medical Board)	Date Medical Board becomes aware	Pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(1), available for 10 years from January 1, 2003; or after January 1, 2003, for 10 years from the date the Medical Board obtains the information	Pursuant to B&P 2027(b)(1), available for 10 years from January 1, 2003; or after January 1, 2003, for 10 years from the date the Medical Board obtains the information

* CAS or the Consumer Affairs System, is the database used by the Medical Board to track licensing and enforcement activities.

** 805 Report is a facility-initiated disciplinary report on a physician provided by a hospital, clinic, medical group or clinic, HMO, etc., pursuant to B&P 805.

*** Authorized requestor could be an HMO, hospital, physician requesting for himself, or his attorney requesting with written permission from the physician, etc.

**** The law does not require the Medical Board to delete this information from its files, only that the information is no longer displayed on the Medical Board's Web site.