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Meeting patient demand under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)

by Catherine Dower, JD, Associate Director – Research, Center for the Health Professions, UCSF

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California's varied health care workforce is huge and growing. It numbers over a million individuals, making it one of the largest sectors of the state's labor market. The group is varied, comprised of scores of different professions that range considerably in size, training, and focus. Researchers from The Center for the Health Professions at UCSF recently completed a comprehensive review of licensing data from the Department of Consumer Affairs and published literature on the health care workforce. The findings reveal that the professions, including medicine, have grown over the past decade, and the ratios of professionals to population have increased. In other words, health care professionals have grown faster than the general population.

Looking at overall numbers, it is hard to say that we have any statewide shortages of physicians or most other health care workers. The big problem in California is geographic distribution. We have more than enough health care professionals in some areas – think nurses in the Bay Area – and far too few in others, such as primary care providers in the Central Valley or far north. Rural areas have always faced hardships. But even within a single geographic area, further disparities can be found. Some health care employers are turning away applicants while jobs at community clinics in tougher neighborhoods go begging. Sometimes, an individual's type or brand of insurance (public vs. private) can be the deciding factor in whether he or she will be seen by a given provider.

Due to our state's cultural diversity and various languages spoken, we also face the challenge of providing culturally competent care in languages that are understood by patients.

With the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), demand for care will increase. Some demand will most likely be absorbed by the current system but, again, not in all areas or for all populations. Although exact numbers of appointments needed and exact amount of "pent-up demand" existing among the previously uninsured are all subject to study and debate, the consensus is that the biggest pressures will be on the community clinics and safety net hospitals, which are already feeling stretched. It will be felt by primary care providers, those currently accepting Medicaid patients, and ones who are bilingual.

To complement the data analysis and explore solutions, interviews were also conducted of the various stakeholders. There is consensus that the solutions to these issues are not especially radical or costly. But they will take time and effort. We can make better use of telemedicine. We can update our practice act laws. We can expand training in underserved areas, both with traditional educational programs and others that are shorter, more focused, less expensive and

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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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Editor's spotlight

We heard back from many of our readers and were pleased with what you had to say about our new interactive online version of this newsletter. I give full credit to the Board's new Public Affairs Officer Dan Wood who has infused many new ideas and changes that you will be seeing over the next year – changes that are transforming this publication into a more user-friendly, online informational source.

Beginning with our summer 2012 issue, the Board will be testing a new method of delivering administrative action details to you. Instead of listing the information in summary format, we will provide the name of each disciplined practitioner, license number, city and state and add a link to the appropriate disciplinary documents. (*Example:* **John Doe, M.D., Sacramento, CA, disciplinary action, *http://www.enforcementaction.ca.gov*.** This is an erroneous link, but you see where I am going.)

Rather than giving our readers a snapshot of the discipline that is general in nature and doesn't depict the actual violation(s) that occurred, we will link them to the disciplinary documents in each case and let them read the case for themselves, providing a much better understanding of what transpired.

Let me know what you think about this change, good or not so good, at ***debbie.nelson@mbc.ca.gov***. I appreciate your feedback.

For now, we've added several new sections that we hope you will enjoy and find informative: Fascinating Fun Facts (page 7) shares statistics that the Board collects throughout each fiscal year, but are not necessarily facts that we include in our annual report; News 2 Use (page 10) gives direct links to useful resources, recalls, fast facts, conferences and more; and World Pulse (page 15) provides links to interesting medical stories across the states and throughout the world. I hope you enjoy!

P.S. If you have a good story to share, please write to me at the email address listed above.

Debbie Nelson, Editor

President's Message - Spring has arrived...

. . . which for me always signifies a season of hope, energy, and renewal of purpose.

The Medical Board has been hard-at-work implementing the 2012 Strategic Plan – an ambitious, exciting, and challenging task with the following objectives of paramount importance:

We consider the approaching Sunset Review Provision of the Enabling Legislation (scheduled for FY 2013) with the following strategic objectives:

• Examine and Identify methods available to the Board to ensure that California licensed physicians remain compliant in knowledge and skills;

• Conduct a comprehensive review of international medical schools;

• Conduct a complete review of all laws and regulations relating to enforcement and identifying laws and regulations that are no longer useful and/or obsolete, assessing the need by this Board to augment obsolescence with contemporary enforcement tools that protect our public;

• Examine current continuing medical education structures for useful and proactive input into improved training models that address refined/proven enforcement objectives;

• Coordinate and INFORM physicians and consumers of healthcare in anticipation of Federal Reform Initiatives; and

• Clarify this Board's responsibility to regulate outpatient surgery centers.

Barbara Yaroslavsky
President, Medical Board of California

This overview provides you, our readership, with insight into the ongoing work that is being managed and continually evaluated for effectiveness to achieve our desired optimal performance. Click on this link to read more: ***http://www.mbc.ca.gov/publications/strategic_plan_2012.pdf***.

The upcoming quarterly Board meeting will be held in Torrance on Thursday and Friday, May 3–4. Topics of interest include an update on the planning for the Board's Pain Management Summit, co-sponsored with the Board of Pharmacy; a report from the Physician Responsibility in Supervision Committee; and a presentation on the Federation of State Medical Board's Centennial meeting and other FSMB business. Dr. Bruce Gipe will be presenting a thought-paper on the use of "hospitalists".

The complete Agenda is posted on the Board's website at ***www.mbc.ca.gov/board/meetings/Index.html*** with more information regarding time and logistics. Please note that the Board meeting will be webcast to facilitate your participation. If you are able to attend any part of the meetings, please feel free to introduce yourself, and let me, other Board Members, and staff welcome you in person.

Again, my heartfelt best wishes for a wonderful Spring season.

Meeting patient demand (PPACA) *(continued from front page)*

take better advantage of technology. We can encourage cost-effective models that reward good outcomes, and support the spread of new practice models that make optimal use of teams of practitioners providing patient-centered care.

Physicians make up less than 10% of the state's health care workforce but play pivotal roles in delivering high quality, top-level care; championing the use of contemporary technology and clinical advances; and training tomorrow's health care professionals. Their role on the front lines is and will be invaluable as California faces the challenge of expanding health care access to millions more people. For more information, the full report, California's Health Care Workforce: Readiness for the ACA Era, can be found at ***http://www.futurehealth.ucsf.edu/Public/Publications-and-Resources/Content.aspx?topic=California_s_Health_Care_Workforce:_Readiness_for_the_ACA_Era***.

Legislator profile:
Assemblymember Holly Mitchell

AM Holly Mitchell (D - Los Angeles)
Elected - November 2010

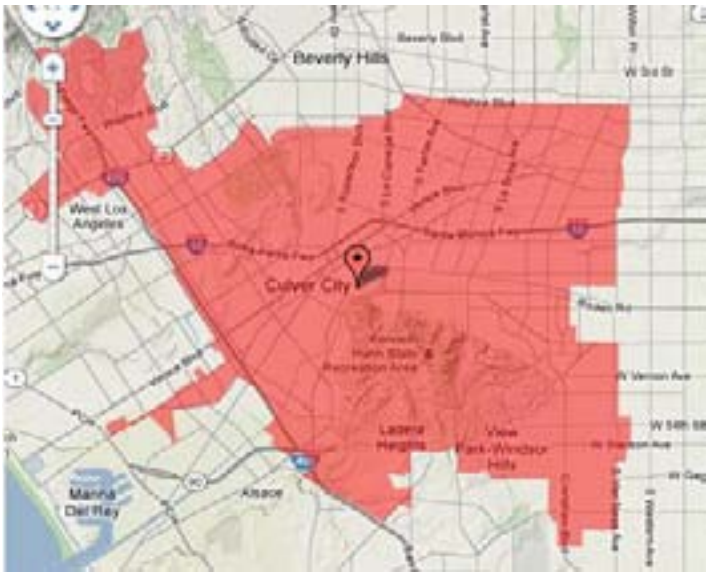
In grade school, a young Holly Mitchell did something that not only changed her life, it has changed the world we live in. She volunteered to work in a congressional campaign. While most of her classmates were busy with kickball and who's topping the record charts, Holly was getting active in a different way – a political way. The experience stirred a passion inside her, a passion to make a difference. She realized one person can make a difference. Student activism to promote justice, inclusion and compassion henceforth infused her high school years and undergraduate study at the University of California, Riverside, leading to a Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs.

Breaking the mold and building a better world, Ms. Mitchell took her talents to the not-for-profit group Crystal Stairs where the mission is "Improving the lives of families through child care services, research and advocacy". For seven years, Ms. Mitchell guided and shaped Crystal Stairs as Chief Executive Officer. While there, the need for focused leadership and executive skills in the oversight of government services became apparent, thus the decision was made to seek public office.

In November 2010, the voters agreed with her goals and elected her to represent them as the Assemblymember from California's 47th District. Today, Assemblymember Mitchell champions statewide, family-focused policy making. Of course, from running a non-profit to legislating for the eighth largest economy in the world proved a giant leap, but Ms. Mitchell's rich hands-on experience enabled her to hit the ground running.

Assemblymember Mitchell's legislative bills that affect Medical Board of California (MBC) licensees include, ***(2012-AB 1533)***, which authorizes a clinical instruction pilot program for certain bilingual international medical graduates at UCLA as part of an existing pre-residency training program, and provide that nothing in the Medical Practice Act shall be construed to prohibit a foreign medical graduate participating in the pilot program from engaging in the practice of medicine, when required as part of the pilot program; ***(2011-AB 389)***, which brings parity to both private pay insurance and public health insurance patients for standards of handling blood clotting factor (for Hemophiliacs and people with other blood disorders); ***(2011-AB419)***, which increases the frequency of inspections for community care centers such as daycares, residential care and assisted living facilities.

Previously, Assemblymember Mitchell worked in the Los Angeles district office of State Senator Diane Watson providing community and constituent services. As a policy analyst for the California Senate's Health and Human Services Committee, she sought fiscally sound ways to expand health care and other vital services. As the legislative advocate of the Western Center for Law and Poverty, she helped develop the groundbreaking Healthy Families program, later serving as executive director of the Black Women's Health Project in Los Angeles where she fought to further improve access to affordable care.



California 47th District map

YOU ASKED FOR IT - Questions received from the Web

by Chris Valine, MBC Webmaster

The Internet has become an invaluable tool, for consumers and physicians alike, to ask all sorts of questions of the Medical Board of California. So, we at The Newsletter thought our readers would like to know what people are asking. Each day I handle dozens of questions and I have selected a few that get asked most often or perhaps are most interesting. Read on and see if you know the answers too.

I am a family physician and would like to know if I am allowed to prescribe antibiotics to myself and other family members.

There is no law that prohibits physicians from treating themselves or family members; however, this practice is discouraged. When treating a family member, the physician's judgment may be compromised because of personal feelings that could influence his or her professional medical judgment. If a physician does treat a family member, the physician must follow the same protocol as for any other patient. There must be an appropriate prior examination and medical indication, and a medical record for the patient.

(**Note:** By law, a physician is not permitted to prescribe or administer any controlled substances to himself or herself - B&P Code §2239).

I have been in practice for more than 30 years and have been storing my patient's medical records in a storage facility. How long must I keep these medical records?

The Medical Practice Act does not require a physician to keep medical records for a specific period of time. However, there are provisions in contracts a physician may have signed with medical malpractice carriers, insurance companies, HMOs, and government health plans that require a provider/physician to maintain the records for a certain period of time.

In general, medical records should be retained indefinitely for those patients under active treatment. For inactive patients, a 10-year retention period is advised. It is recommended that records of minors be kept at least until the patient reaches the age of majority (18) plus one year.

I am a physician and run a medical spa. I have a medical assistant who was educated in a local career college and is experienced. She currently assists with dressings, clean-up, and other minor tasks. I was wondering if it is permitted to have her do some minor treatments under my direction, such as use of the Velashape or Velasmooth device by Syneron, which treat cellulite?

A medical assistant is permitted to perform simple and routine medical tasks. The devices used to treat cellulite manipulate the tissue and, therefore, are considered invasive. The use of these devices is not within the scope of practice for a medical assistant.

I am writing for my husband. He has decided to voluntarily resign his privileges for one of the hospitals where he works, and wonders if he needs to notify the Medical Board of this change. He has a letter from the hospital stating that he resigned in good standing. Can you please let us know what he needs to do (if anything)?

Your husband does not need to notify the Medical Board of his resignation, unless the resignation occurs after receiving notice of a pending investigation initiated for a medical disciplinary cause or reason.

Have a Question?

If you have a question, write to me at ***Webmaster@MBC.CA.Gov*** *. Some of your questions will be featured here in "YOU ASKED FOR IT"*, but all questions will receive *an email answer from me, so let me hear from you.*

Chris Valine, Webmaster

April is Autism Awareness Month

The Medical Board of California is partnering with The Help Group to educate and inform our readers about Autism Spectrum Disorders. The Help Group was founded in 1975 and is dedicated to helping young people with autism and other special needs fully realize their potential. The Help Group emphasizes that learning the early signs of Autism provides better hope and help!

The Help Group's *Leading the Way for Young People with AUTISM* brochure is published in English and Spanish and available for you to download for free at ***http://www.thehelpgroup.org/pdf/2012-Autism-Brochure-WEB.pdf.*** To learn more about The Help Group and its innovative and comprehensive nonprofit work, visit its website at ***www.thehelpgroup.org.*** The Medical Board also has posted a link to the brochure on its homepage under Highlights: ***www.mbc.ca.gov***. This informative brochure provides fast facts and early warning signs of autism.

Recently, Medical Board Members and staff toured the UC Davis MIND Institute (Medical Investigation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders) which is a collaborative research center, committed to the awareness, understanding, prevention, care, and cure of neurodevelopmental disorders. The Institute's research varies from ADHD and Autism to Brain Endowment for Autism and Infant Sibling Study. It was a fascinating and beyond informative tour led by Institute Director Leonard Abbeduto, Ph.D. We are humbled by the profound work occurring at the MIND Institute, and so proud that this amazing research facility is housed in our great state. Visit ***http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/mindinstitute/*** to learn more about the groundbreaking research being achieved at the UC Davis MIND Institute.

In a recent press release by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the CDC estimates that 1 in 88 children in the United States has been identified as having an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The incidence of ASD is nearly five times more common among boys than girls – with 1 in 54 boys identified.

The release further reports that the number of children identified with ASDs ranged from 1 in 210 children in Alabama to 1 in 47 children in Utah. The largest increases were among Hispanic and African American children. Click on the following link to read this interesting release in its entirety ***http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2012/p0329_autism_disorder.html.***

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH News) recently reported that researchers have turned up a new clue to the workings of a possible environmental factor in ASDs: fathers were four times more likely than mothers to transmit tiny, spontaneous mutations to their children with the disorders, and, the number of such transmitted genetic glitches increased with paternal age. The discovery may help to explain earlier evidence linking autism risk to older fathers. Click here to learn more: ***http://www.nih.gov/news/health/apr2012/nimh-04.htm.***

Director, Leonard Abbeduto, Ph.D.
UC Davis MIND Institute

Cross sections of an autistic brain being studied for minute mutations.

UC Davis MIND Institute, Sacramento, CA

CMA and CMA Foundation release brochure on federal health care reform

To assist physicians in explaining to their patients the changes that will be brought about by the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the California Medical Association (CMA) and the CMA Foundation are providing educational brochures to practices around the state. These brochures will help patients understand federal health care reform.

This informational campaign, which is being funded with the support of the California Endowment, is designed to help patients understand the myriad changes that come with federal health care reform. The brochure includes information on both changes that have already gone into effect, as well as those that will take place beginning January 2014.

Patients receiving these brochures will also be made aware of various online resources related to federal health care reform, where they can seek out additional information.

The brochure is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Cantonese and will be distributed to communities throughout California.

High-quality copies of these materials are available in English from the CMA Resource Library at: ***http://www.cmanet.org/resource-library/detail/?item=federal-health-care-reform-brochure.***

For more information, or to request copies of the brochure in non-English languages, ***please contact the CMA helpline at (800) 786-4262***.

FASCINATING FUN FACTS CORNER

So, you think you have been practicing medicine for a long time? Can you beat these physicians? See if you know the answers to this edition of FASCINATING FUN FACTS!

1. In what year was a license issued to the now oldest, currently licensed California physician? In what year was this physician born?

2. California's second oldest, currently licensed physician has held a license for 72 years. How old is this physician?

3. How old is the currently licensed California physician who has held a physician's and surgeon's certificate the longest?

(For answers, see page 10)

FDA Tackles Drug Shortages

The FDA recognizes the significant public health consequences that can result from drug shortages and takes tremendous efforts to prevent such shortages. You may ask why this happens. There are many reasons, including manufacturing and quality problems, delays, and discontinuations. When quality or manufacturing issues are discovered by the company, the public, or are found by the FDA upon inspection, the FDA works closely with the firm to address risks involved to prevent harm to patients. The FDA also considers the impact a shortage would have on patient care and access and works with the firm to restore supplies while also ensuring safety for patients. For additional information see: ***http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugShortages/default.htm***

Are you familiar with the signs and symptoms of Lyme Disease?

Warm weather has arrived and so have the ticks. Lyme disease is the most commonly reported vectorborne illness in the United States. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) confirmed 126 cases of lyme disease in California in the year 2010. Although California is NOT one of the top 12 states reporting lyme disease cases, we felt it rates a timely reminder to physicians, especially with summer travel just around the corner.

Valuable information on the signs and symptoms of lyme disease is available on the CDC's Web site at ***http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/signs_symptoms/index.html***. Check it out.

Visit ***http://uppitywis.org/blogarticle/wisconsin-lyme-doctor-gets-reprieve*** to learn about a Wisconsin physician who specializes in lyme disease and his run-in with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board for his "unorthodox" practices.

National Viral Hepatitis Testing Day: Mark your calendar

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is planning the first National Hepatitis Testing Day on May 19, 2012. This event is part of the U.S. Health and Human Services' viral hepatitis strategic plan and is another step towards identifying the millions of Americans who have chronic hepatitis B and C but are not aware of their status. Get informed and tell your staff, family and friends.

Go to ***http://www.cdc.gov/Hepatitis/HepatitisTestingDay.htm*** to learn more about the CDC's plans and links to resources. The CDC plans to develop and add educational materials to its website as the day approaches.

"Babies, Babies, and more Babies. They just don't stop coming."

Recipients of the Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Program speak out about their Award, and what it means to them and their practices.

In the Winter 2011-2012 issue of this newsletter, we introduced you to four recipients of the 2011 Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Program. Here are a few more:

Rick Chac, M.D. is an obstetrician/gynecologist at Metropolitan Family Clinics and was awarded $105,000 during the August 2011 application cycle. He says, "**As I am still new to the practice, there is not much here in San Bernardino County other than babies, babies and more babies. They just don't stop coming.** Recently however, I did receive a very nice "thank you" card from a patient. My first in this practice! I was very proud of it and started a "baby wall" in our clinics to show off all our new babies. This particular patient was rather nervous about her first pregnancy and had many questions during each of her visits. When it was finally time for her to deliver, I came in to do her delivery, despite not being on call. She was very happy (and thankful) for it. Here at San Bernardino Community Hospital we take care of largely underserved patients. More than 75% have Medi-Cal or no insurance at all. Most are Spanish-speaking with a sub-group who are Vietnamese-speaking in Riverside. I am honored to be part of the Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Program and look forward to providing care to many new mothers here in the Inland Empire for years to come."

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Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Program recipients *(continued from page 9)*

Andrew Nangalama, M.D., Ph.D. is a family physician and senior staff physician at the California State Prison, Sacramento, and was awarded $57,314 during the August 2011 application cycle. He also serves as the Medical Director for Juveniles at Risk in Sacramento, helping students with a history of drug abuse to achieve high school diplomas and vocational training. Dr. Nangalama's experiences, working in medically underserved areas of Sacramento and Fresno, have contributed to his commitment to serve the disadvantaged for which his dedication is stronger now than ever.

Cesar Barba, M.D. is a family physician at the UMMA (United Muslim Medical Association) Community Clinic in South Los Angeles and was awarded $105,000 during the August 2011 application cycle. Dr. Barba says, "I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to serve the patients in South Los Angeles alongside wonderful staff. Our clinic treats some of the poorest and highest risk populations in Los Angeles County. We are excited to recently have been approved to begin using electronic medical records. The California State Loan Repayment Program and Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Program have allowed me to continue my passion for helping the underserved without having to worry about the financial burden of student loans."

Hanh Nguyen, M.D. is a family physician and was awarded $105,000 during the August 2011 application cycle. **"**It is an amazing feeling to return back home and serve a community that I grew up with. I look forward to a long career working with the underserved patients at UCI Family Health Center in Anaheim. In my spare time I enjoy volunteering at the UC Irvine Student Run Free Clinic and fishing, hiking and walking my three dogs (Lilly, Linh-Linh, Thanh-Thanh)," Dr. Nguyen shared.

Kristen Ochoa, M.D., M.P.H. was awarded $105,000 during the March 2011 application cycle. Since submitting her application, she began working as an attending physician in the psychiatric emergency department of Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, and was appointed to the faculty of the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine. In addition to teaching medical students at UCLA and residents at the County Hospital where the vast majority of patients are uninsured or have Medi-Cal, Kristen is also studying psychiatric emergency room utilization, and has a particular interest in finding solutions for seriously mentally ill persons with frequent hospitalizations. Dr. Ochoa says, "Thank you for this incredible opportunity to be a part of the Steven M. Thompson program and to honor his memory by striving to improve access to care for those who are the most vulnerable."

News 2 Use

Video Audio

Dieter's Nightmare

U.S. Food and Drug Administration, HCG Diet Products Are Illegal. HCG is one of those things that dieters sometimes swear by, but this one is getting a thumbs-down. Read the reason why here. ***http://www.flickr.com/photos/fdaphotos/sets/72157628192125431/***

Life Saving Vitamin?

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, HHS HealthBeat (March 12, 2012)
Vitamin D and stroke – It is a well known fact that we all need vitamin D. Now there is evidence that Vitamin D may be a life saver. Find out how in this article. ***http://www.hhs.gov/news/healthbeat/2012/03/20120312a.html***

Babies vs Booze

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, CDC-TV: Simple 100% Effective Preventative for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
It's called Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and the results can be devastating. Here is one family's story of FASD in video, simply click on this link - it is less than 4 minutes long. Also we have provided a second link for you to download an FASD Fact Sheet. The Fact Sheet is in both English and Spanish. Please share the links and the information. ***http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QuBBLEf2u7I&list=PL2B6E2487DCB37F68&feature=plcp&context=C4413802FDvjVQa1PpcFOBIB932gHNkVhn6yadKylK7UsQGiwOqMM=***

FASD Fact Sheet Link: ***http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/fasd/documents/fasd_english_spanish.pdf***

Heavyweight Battle

CDC Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity presents:
Weight of the Nation – Moving Forward, Reversing the Trend. The Center for Disease Control is going to present a full workout on obesity at a conference, **May 7 – 9, 2012 in Washington D.C.** with an HBO Obesity Series Screening; get a sneak peek of the upcoming HBO documentary films on obesity: "The Weight of the Nation." The four-part series features case studies and interviews with leading experts, as well as individuals and families struggling with obesity. If you would like to attend or find out more information about the conference, follow this link.

Conference registration: ***www.weightofthenation.org.***

Calling out Medicare scams

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (April 17, 2012)
Diabetes patients should be warned about calls claiming to be from Medicare. If the caller is offering patients free glucose meters or diabetic test strips, that's a red flag because Medicare never makes calls offering supplies or services. Read on: ***http://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USHHS-3c1927***

Fascinating Fun Facts Answers

1. The current oldest licensed physician was issued a license in 1946, and has been licensed for 66 years. This licensee was born in 1908 and is 103 years old.
2. The second oldest currently licensed physician, who has held a license for 72 years, is 101 years old.
3. The currently licensed California physician who has held a physician's and surgeon's certificate the longest is 98 years old, and has been licensed for 73 years.

If you have any suggestions for informational data that you think may be interesting for this new feature, please contact the Board's Research Specialist, Letitia Robinson at Letitia.robinson@mbc.ca.gov or 916-263-1197.

WHAT? MY DOCTOR ISN'T A DOCTOR???

Operation Safe Medicine targets Fake Docs to Keep Consumers Safe

Imagine the horror of finding out your physician, the person you literally trust with your life, was a fake, bogus, not a doctor at all? It has happened over and over in California with unsuspecting victims suffering great bodily harm and even death at the hands of these charlatans.

It is because of this, that the Medical Board of California created Operation Safe Medicine. OSM, as it is called at the MBC, is comprised of a Supervising Investigator, four investigators and an office support technician. Together they seek out phony medical professionals who prey on people who have no insurance, people looking for bargain price doctors, and others just in need of medical care.

During fiscal year 2010-2011, OSM was responsible for 41 cases being referred to the District Attorney or City Attorney resulting in an impressive 23 criminal complaints being filed. In one instance, the OSM investigation resulted in the seizure of more than $100,000 of contraband contact lenses and the arrest of several individuals who were selling them.

The Medical Board of California has as a primary mission, the protection of health care consumers in California; the volume and seriousness of the cases OSM submits for prosecution underscores the importance of having a special unit dedicated to ferreting out the unscrupulous and unlicensed individuals and groups that seek to profit at the expense of people's health.

Sure a "physician" may have a certificate on the wall, a white lab coat and pretty business cards, but anybody can have those made up for a few dollars. Patients need to look deeper and check out their physician at the MBC website, ***www.mbc.ca.gov***, where, with a few keystrokes, they can check their physician's background, see if they have a license to practice medicine, if it is current or restricted, and if they have had any disciplinary actions or accusations filed against them. Even if you're sitting in the waiting room, you can call the Medical Board's Consumer Information line and check out the doctor you are waiting to see. The MBC Consumer Information number is (916) 263-2382. Keep this number handy - you never know when you will need it. And, if you find out the physician you are going to does not have a license to practice, call the Medical Board toll free at (800) 633-2322, and you can file a complaint, and, you don't even have to give your name.

450 Heroes Ready for MBC Training

by Laura Sweet, MBC Deputy Chief of Enforcement

So, maybe you are one of the 450 Medical Board Experts who reside in Northern California and you recently received an e-mail alerting you to "Save the Date" for an 8-hour day of training, on a Saturday, no less. Now you're wondering why in the world you signed up for this job. It's not like your time isn't beyond valuable; what's the matter with those government people?

We know your time is valuable, and it is a tremendous service you provide to your medical community for, yes, I will say it: *paltry* compensation. Frankly, our experts are our collective heroes; essentially doing pro-bono work for the noble goal of protecting healthcare consumers.

Every time I speak to an expert, or group of experts, I cannot underscore in ***enough bold with italics*** how critical the expert role is to the success of the Medical Board's mission to protect healthcare consumers. An investigator might spend fifty hours investigating a case and an inadequate expert review can diminish an otherwise thorough investigation. An inattentive expert can cost a physician thousands upon thousands of dollars in attorney fees if he or she makes a finding that results in charges being filed, only to ultimately withdraw the opinion, upon more careful review. An expert can cause additional time and expense to an investigation when,

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450 Heroes Ready for MBC Training *(continued from page 11)*

in the 11th hour before trial, he or she gets cold feet about testifying and suddenly becomes unavailable for a trial date. Why, you might wonder, does a physician accused of repeated acts of gross negligence end up with a public letter of reprimand? One of the reasons might be because an expert who rendered a formidable opinion that resulted in the filing of charges, suddenly decides he or she does not want to testify and begins balking at having to cancel his/her schedule for two days to testify. Or an expert asks, "can't you guys do something to settle this case?" Consequently, because of concerns on how the expert is going to perform at a hearing, the case might settle for discipline less than what the case deserves. Of course, the vast majority of experts do not put us in this position, but the truth is – some do.

Admittedly, the Medical Board has not been rigorous in the training of our experts. There are many reasons for this: a big one is our inability to compensate physicians for their time to attend training. Back in the day, all new experts were required to attend a three-hour training, on a weekday evening, with the Supervising Investigator of a district office, a District Medical Consultant and a Supervising Deputy Attorney General. In an effort to improve efficiency, we then developed a training program on DVD and provided a manual that was sent to all of our experts. We soon became concerned, however, that this methodology was less effective than the face-to-face training. After reading some hearing transcripts of our experts being cross-examined, it became apparent we did not offer enough standardized training. Board Member and Enforcement Committee Chairperson, Reginald Low, M.D., accepted the challenge of fixing this problem. Dr. Low suggested we provide more uniform and comprehensive training to assure consistent, high-quality expert reviews. To that end, we have now developed a one-day training program, and the first will be held in Northern California on May 19 at UC Davis School of Medicine's modern and impressive educational facilities.

So here we are, lesson plan complete, a variety of accomplished speakers scheduled to present, and many interactive components planned, including the review of an actual expert package. The upcoming training will encompass two full hours on the subject of testimony. A substantial segment of the course will address the delineation between simple and extreme departures from the standard of care; an often troubling distinction for an expert to make. State-of-the-art technology will allow participants to interact, vote on answers to scenarios, and render conclusions for the expert package. Yes, a Saturday of training may not be the first way you'd choose to spend your weekend, but experts for the Medical Board of California perform a prestigious and extraordinarily important duty that has the potential to impact thousands of individuals. Yes, eight hours may seem long, but I am hopeful that what is gleaned from the training will prove to be an investment well worth every minute of your time.

Note: All experts certified by the Medical Board of California will be personally invited to attend this or future trainings. Eight hours of Category 1 Continuing Medical Education Credits will be earned for successful participation in the course that is scheduled for May 19, 2012. For additional information, you may contact Susan Goetzinger at: ***susan.goetzinger@mbc.ca.gov***.

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Who's who at the Medical Board's May 2012 quarterly Board meeting in Burlingame

President Barbara Yaroslavsky performing swearing in of Drs. Michael Bishop and Dev Gnanadev

NEXT BOARD MEETING
Torrance, CA
May 3-4, 2012

Licensing Manager Anthony Salgado

Executive Director Linda Whitney discusses Board business with Board Members Shelton Duruisseau, Ph.D. and Jorge Carreon, M.D.

Former Administrative Assistant Cheryl Thompson accompanied by her mother

The Board's Licensing-Application Education Program

by Kevin Schunke, Licensing Outreach Manager

Kevin Schunke reviews application materials at UCD Med Ctr.

Since 2001, the Medical Board has offered a licensing-application education program. The initial purpose of the program was to build improved working relationships with California's teaching hospitals, the Graduate Medical Education (GME) staff, and residents. In the past, this has been achieved through two avenues at California's teaching hospitals: (1) presentations at new resident orientation or during grand rounds, and (2) participation in licensing workshops. In recent years, the Board has expanded its efforts to include hospital recruiters and credentialing staff to better explain the licensing process for faculty members and to discuss how their anticipated hiring dates might best dovetail with the Board's other obligations; we also are reaching out to physician recruiters in medical groups.

The program has grown to include presentations to students enrolled in medical school and, via physician recruiters, to future applicants who are being considered for faculty appointments or professional positions.

The Board extends sincere appreciation for the concerted efforts of Program Directors, GME staff, and physician recruiters who have invited our staff to your hospitals and offices so we can better assist you. For more information about the Board's licensing-application education program, please contact Licensing Outreach Coordinator Kevin A. Schunke at (916) 263-2368 or ***kevin.schunke@mbc.ca.gov***.

A friendly reminder: Since the majority of our applicants for licensure are residents and fellows, we offer the following:

- U.S. and Canadian medical graduates must complete 12 continuous months of training in a single program to be eligible for licensure. A U.S./Canadian graduate must be licensed by the end of the 24th month of training.
- An International Medical Graduate must complete 24 months of training to be eligible for licensure; the final 12 months being used towards eligibility must be continuous and in a single program. An IMG must be licensed by the end of the 36th month of training.
- In calculating these months, the Board counts all approved training in the U.S. (ACGME) or Canada (RCPSC), whether or not credit was granted.

Licensee applicants learn about the Medical Board's licensing process.

The Good and Bad News in the War on Cancer

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Death rates from all cancers combined for men, women, and children continued to decrease in the United States between 2004 and 2008. The findings are from the latest "Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer," coauthored by researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries, the National Cancer Institute, and the American Cancer Society.

Report highlights

Good – The overall rate of new cancer diagnoses, also known as incidence, among men decreased by an average of 0.6% per year between 2004 and 2008.

Good – Overall cancer incidence rates among women decreased 0.5% per year from 1998 to 2006; incidence rates among women remained level from 2006 through 2008.

Good – Lung cancer death rates among women decreased for the second year in a row. Lung cancer death rates in men have been decreasing since the early 1990s.

Good – Colorectal cancer incidence rates decreased among men and women from 1999 through 2008.

Good – Breast cancer incidence rates among women decreased from 1999 through 2004, and remained level from 2004 through 2008.

Bad – Incidence rates of melanoma and pancreas, kidney, thyroid, and liver cancer increased from 1999 through 2008.

Cancer among children

Good – Death rates decreased 1.3% per year from 2004 through 2008.

Bad – Among children aged 19 years or younger, cancer incidence rates increased 0.6% per year from 2004 through 2008, continuing trends from 1992.

Special Feature: Cancers associates with excess weight and not enough physical activity

Good – Since the 1960s, tobacco use has decreased by a third.

Bad – Since the 1960s, obesity rates have doubled.

The following six cancers are associated with being overweight; several of these cancers also are associated with not getting enough physical activity:

1) Breast cancer among postmenopausal women
2) Colorectal cancer
3) Endometrial cancer
4) Esophageal adenocarcinoma
5) Cancer of the kidney
6) Cancer of the pancreas

Cancer among racial and ethnic groups

African American men and Caucasian women had the highest cancer incidence rates between 2004 and 2008. African American men and women had the highest cancer death rates during the same time period, but these groups showed the largest decreases for the period between 1999 and 2008, compared with other racial groups.

World Pulse - A look at news from around the world

Insulin Turns 90

Betty White is not alone in turning 90 this year. In January 1922, insulin first was used to treat people with type 1 diabetes. Prior to this, type 1 diabetes was always considered fatal, often within weeks of diagnosis, and the only treatment was a starvation diet. Today, people with type 1 diabetes lead long and healthy lives, but it still shortens lives on an average of 20 years.
(Barbara Young, Chief Executive of Diabetes UK – as posted on theguardian.co.uk, January 23, 2012)
http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/blog/2012/jan/23/diabetes-not-defeated

Feeling bad never felt so good: Chefs, butlers, marble baths - hospitals vie for the affluent

New trend in New York hospital stays for the affluent that feel like a 5-star hotel – private chefs, gourmet food and super soft pillows are just a few of the perks a patient can now enjoy during a hospital stay. You'll like reading this one.
(Nina Bernstein, as published in the New York Times, January 21, 2012)
http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/22/nyregion/chefs-butlers-and-marble-baths-not-your-average-hospital-room.html?_r=1&pagewanted=print

Death of World's Oldest Practicing Physician

Dr. Leila Denmark recently died in Athens at the age of 114. She was the world's oldest practicing physician when she retired at the age of 103 – an amazing career as you will read.
(SF Gate.com, April 3, 2012)
http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/04/04/BA5V1NU6ET.DTL

Nine participating groups wave the warning flag on 45 Standards of Care

In an effort to only promote care that is necessary and supported by evidence, nine physician societies identified a total of 45 tests and treatments they say should be questioned by physicians and patients because of the potential for needless cost, waste, and harm. All nine physician societies listed in this article are active links. Even if you do not belong to any of the nine societies, you will find what they have to say enlightening. Read on:
(HealthLeaders Media, Cheryl Clark, April 5, 2012 – as posted in the FSMB eNews 4-6-2012)
http://www.healthleadersmedia.com/content/PHY-278583/Groups-Urge-Caution-on-45-Standards-of-Care

Health Care Reform informational source

If you have been confused by all the talk of what is and what is not part of health care reform, we believe we have found a source for answers. Dell Services, a division of the well known computer maker has put together a 40-page look at Health Care reform. Follow this link and down load the document for your reading convenience: ***http://content.dell.com/us/en/enterprise/d/public~solutions~healthcare~en/Documents~summary-of-healthcare-reform.pdf.aspx***

Administrative Actions: November 1, 2011 – January 31, 2012

Physicians and Surgeons

ALVARADO, HERNAN CARLOS (AFE 40827)
Greenville, PA
Default Decision. Disciplined by Oregon for unprofessional or dishonorable conduct and gross or repeated acts of negligence in the care and treatment of five patients. Revoked. November 23, 2011

ARBENZ, FREDERICK CHARLES, M.D. (G 55316)
El Centro, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, excessive prescribing and failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients with chronic pain. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering or possessing any schedule II, III and IV controlled substances, maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, possessed and any recommendation or approval for marijuana, obtaining a practice monitor, completing a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, an educational course, and an ethics course. November 23, 2011

ASGHAR, FAYAZ, M.D. (A 41499), San Jose, CA
Stipulated Decision. Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of 6 cardiac care patients, and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records by failing to document a complete neurologic examination following a carotid angiogram and stent procedure. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical training program. January 13, 2012

BAE, WON HYOK, M.D. (G 83362), Los Angeles, CA
Stipulated Decision. Convicted of two misdemeanors for driving under the influence of alcohol. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol, and submitting to biological fluid testing. December 9, 2011

BAUMAN, ROSELIE ANN, M.D. (A 67234), Riverside, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and incompetence in the care and treatment of an obstetrical patient for failing to perform an adequate abdominal and pelvic examination to evaluate a possible flawed pregnancy. Revoked, stayed,

(Note: See Editor's spotlight on page 2 for proposed changes to this section of the newsletter.)

Explanation of disciplinary language and actions

"Effective date of decision" — Example: "January 10, 2012" at the bottom of the summary means the date the disciplinary decision goes into operation.

"Gross negligence" — An extreme deviation from the standard of practice. "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 on probationary terms and conditions. This is done when good cause exists for denial of the license application.

"Public Letter of Reprimand" — A lesser form of discipline that can be negotiated for minor violations, usually before the filing of formal charges (Accusations). The licensee is disciplined in the form of a public letter.

"Revoked" — The license is canceled, voided, annulled, rescinded. The right to practice is ended.

"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 probation may result in the revocation that was postponed.

"Stipulated Decision" — A form of plea bargaining. The case is formally negotiated and settled prior to trial.

"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.

placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an educational course and a clinical training program. December 30, 2011

BLICKER, ILENA JOYCE (G 19424), Glendale, CA
Default Decision. Failed to pay a fine imposed by the Board for failure to provide medical records within 15 days of receiving a patient's written request. Revoked. December 1, 2011

BURKE, PETER THOMAS, M.D. (A 118994), Napa, CA
Stipulated Decision. Disclosed a conviction for driving under the influence on his application for licensure. Probationary license granted, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, submitting to biological fluid testing, and abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances.
November 9, 2011

BUSTER, ROBERT W., M.D. (A 24799), Orange, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2233 for failing to document pertinent history, physical examination and treatment plan in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course.
November 23, 2011

CASTRO, WILLIAM RAFAEL, M.D. (A 119270)
Huntington Beach, CA
Stipulated Decision. Failed to disclose a misdemeanor conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol/ drugs on his application for licensure. Probationary licensed issued, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course, and providing 120 hours of free non-medical services to a community or non-profit organization service during the first 2 years of probation. December 5, 2011

CHAN, JOSEPH LING-HANG, M.D. (G 50691), Oakland, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, excessive prescribing, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of six board and care patients, and violating his Board-ordered probation by failing to comply with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, obeying all laws. Revoked, stayed, original 7 years probation is extended for an additional 2 years, with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a professional enhancement program and obtaining a practice monitor.
January 18, 2012

CHAN, KIMBERLY MING YEE (A 96998), Olympia, WA
Default Decision. Disciplined by Washington based on findings pertaining to the care and treatment provided to two patients who underwent laparoscopic surgical hernia repair. Revoked. December 30, 2011

CHEN, DANIEL SHU-ENG, M.D. (A 34002), Richardson, TX
Stipulated Decision. Disciplined by Texas for failing to maintain adequate medical records and failing to perform appropriate lab studies to monitor and assess effects of medication prescribed for treatment of patient's arthritis. Public Reprimand. January 27, 2012

DEICKEN, RAYMOND, M.D. (G 56007), San Francisco, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, dishonesty, excessive prescribing, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in his care and treatment of three patients with chronic pain. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, 60 days actual suspension, completing an educational course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a professional boundaries program. January 5, 2012

DELL, JEFFREY R., M.D. (G 39875), Fullerton, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with sexual misconduct with a patient, prescribing dangerous drugs without a prior medical examination, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, violating laws regulating dangerous drugs and controlled substances, making or signing false documents, dishonesty, gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and general unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of a patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, a professional boundaries course, and a third party chaperone for female patients. January 26, 2012

DEWANJEE, SUMIT (A 82775), Tempe, AZ
Stipulated Decision. Disciplined by Arizona for being impaired when he presented for surgery. Surrender of license. January 6, 2012

ELLENBOGEN, RICHARD, M.D. (G 31078)
Los Angeles, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. November 24, 2011

EPSTEIN, MATTHEW DAVID, M.D. (A 119143)
Seattle, WA
Stipulated Decision. Disclosed information on his application for licensure regarding substance addiction, diagnosis, and treatment. Probationary license issued, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, submitting to biological fluid testing, and abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances. November 23, 2011

ESHRAGHI, HOSSEIN, M.D. (A 41308), Glendale, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2233 for gross negligence and incompetence in performing colonoscopies too frequently and without justification. November 23, 2011

FAIGUS, MELVIN S., M.D. (G 11324), Los Angeles, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2233 for gross negligence in that he generated reports on mammograms that were of insufficient quality. December 7, 2011

FARAZ-ESLAMI, PARASTOO, M.D. (A 84163)
Ladera Ranch, CA
Stipulated Decision. Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and incompetence in the care and treatment of a patient for performing a dilation and evacuation (D&E) procedure without the appropriate skills, knowledge and training to perform the procedures safely and correctly. Revoked, stayed, placed on 1 year probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical training program, and prohibition against performing any D&E procedure on any patient whose pregnancy has reached 13 weeks gestation. November 23, 2011

GARNER, WILLIAM BRANDT (A 103679), Fresno, CA
Default Decision. Disciplined by Washington for purposefully forging a prescription for the controlled substance Ambien for his own self-use. Revoked. January 6, 2012

GHOSH, KRIS, M.D. (G 80421), San Marcos, CA
Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient for failing to obtain the patient's written consent and failing to adequately document his examination of the patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a medical record keeping course and an informed consent course. November 21, 2011. Judicial Review Pending

GLICK, DAVID G., M.D. (G 53604)
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Stipulated Decision. Committed acts of unprofessional conduct by placing silicone implants without providing the patient with the written information as required by law, and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records. Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a medical record keeping course, and an educational course. January 26, 2012

GLOBERSON, TERRY LEE, M.D. (G 36071), Irvine, CA
Stipulated Decision. Practiced medicine while under the influence of alcohol. Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, submitting to biological fluid testing, and obtaining a practice monitor. January 19, 2012

GOHARI, GEETI PARSA, (A 78241), Arlington, VA
Disciplined by Virginia for failing to properly monitor and manage 26 chronic pain patients. Revoked. January 27, 2012. Judicial Review Pending

GOLDSTEIN, ARKADY, M.D. (A 47751), Encino, CA
Stipulated Decision. Committed acts of repeated negligent acts and incompetence in the care and treatment of three obstetrics and gynecological patients and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a medical record keeping course, a clinical training program, and prohibited from practicing obstetrics and gynecology.
December 30, 2011

GOULD, MURRAY (C 28453), Castro Valley, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License.
November 11, 2011

GRACIA-OLEA, EDGARDO, M.D. (A 33843)
Chula Vista, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in his care and treatment of a patient with infiltrating ductal carcinoma. Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an educational course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical training program. January 5, 2012

GRIER, BARNETT JOHN W., M.D. (A 23617)
Los Angeles, CA
Stipulated Decision. Convicted of a misdemeanor for failing to file income tax returns. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, 45 days actual suspension, completing 300 hours community service and an ethics course. November 23, 2011

GUPTA, PUNAM, M.D. (A 94990), San Jose, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2233 for failing to lighten a patient's sedation to perform a complete neurologic evaluation, and failed to include an order for continuation of the patient's cervical spine immobilization. November 29, 2011

HARDMAN, JOHN ROLIN (A 95527), Denver, CO
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, excessive prescribing, excessive use of drugs, practicing while under the influence of drugs, and dishonesty in the care and treatment of a patient with chronic pain. Surrender of License.
December 28, 2011

HIBBARD, JOHN (G 37140), Santa Rosa, CA
Stipulated Decision. Admits to unprofessional conduct. Prescribed controlled substances without an appropriate prior examination, and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient with chronic pain. Surrender of License. January 18, 2012

HO, IRENE, M.D. (A 74470), Santa Clara, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2233 for gross negligence in performing a sigmoidoscopy on a patient and reporting an external hemorrhoid. The patient was later diagnosed with rectal cancer.
December 30, 2011

IMANI, PARVIZ (A 39169), Beverly Hills, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License.
November 11, 2011

JAVANSHIR, DARIUSH (A 42017), Irvine, CA
Default Decision. Committed gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in his care and treatment of a patient in that he excessively prescribed Propoxyphene and Lorazepam to an addict. Revoked. December 30, 2011

KACHINAS, MATTHEW JAY (G 79674)
Longboat Key, FL
Disciplined by Florida for inappropriately transporting and handling the anesthetic Propofol, failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records necessary to track drugs, and gross negligence in the care and treatment of a patient with a twin pregnancy in which one of the fetuses had Down Syndrome. Revoked. December 9, 2011

KALMANOWITZ, STUART M., M.D. (G 34660)
Fullerton, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of a patient for performing a procedure without ultrasound guidance or direct visualization which resulted in perforation of the patient's uterus and small bowel. Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an educational course, and prohibited from engaging in hospital based and outpatient surgery center based procedures. December 9, 2011

KAMSON, ADETOKUNBO (A 43596)
Manhattan Beach, CA
Violated his Board-ordered probation by failing to comply with terms and conditions, including but not limited to, failed to obey all laws governing his medical license, failed to have a female third party chaperone present while consulting, examining or treating female patients, failed to have a work-site monitor present when working, and failed to notify the Board of additional places of employment on his quarterly reports. Revoked. November 14, 2011.
Judicial Review Pending

KHORSANDI, MEHRAN, M.D. (G 61809)
Beverly Hills, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records by failing to document what records were reviewed to support implantation of an automatic implantable cardioverter defibrillator. Physician must complete an educational course in patient care and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand.
January 6, 2012

KOO, CHOON WON, M.D. (AFE 32373), Corona, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2233 for failing to counsel a patient about the risks of fetal macrosomia and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records with respect to the intrapartum progress notes. Physician must complete a clinical training program and a continuing medical education course in informed consent or adequate disclosure of risks. December 21, 2011

KUMRA, RAJIV, M.D. (C 50114), Toronto, Canada
Stipulated Decision. Disciplined by Canada for making false representations to collect disability insurance regarding his capacity to function as a physician. Physician must complete an ethics course.
Public Reprimand. November 18, 2011

KURESHI, SOHAIB AHMAD, M.D. (A 63235)
San Diego, CA
Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in his care and treatment of a patient in that he performed a wrong site, wrong side microlumbar discectomy. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course and an ethics course. Public Reprimand. December 2, 2011

LANDSMAN, HENRY REINHOLD, M.D. (G 44389)
Las Vegas, NV
Disciplined by the United States Department of the Army for failing to address unstable vital signs, review pertinent nursing notes and appropriately recognize, diagnose and treat a trauma patient with life-threatening injuries. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probations with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical training program. December 2, 2011

LAWSON, ANGELA DAWN, M.D. (G 78740)
Santa Cruz, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2233 for failing to abandon a laparoscopic approach to hysterectomy when the task of removing the uterus was inhibited by a large pelvic mass, dense adhesions and distorted pelvic anatomy, leading to an excessively prolonged operating time, resulting in neurological complications. December 21, 2011

LEWONOWSKI, KRIS (A 43927), Wichita, KS
Default Decision. Disciplined by Kansas for committing conduct likely to deceive, defraud and harm the public. Revoked. November 23, 2011

LUXENBERG, MATTHEW B., M.D. (G 61964)
Los Alamitos, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, dishonesty and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a prescribing practices course related to dermatology, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course. January 6, 2012

MARSHALL, LARRY JOE, M.D. (A 52344), Lakeside, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient for failing to evaluate, examine and treat patient's complaint of right foot cramps and swelling and failing to inform patient of her abnormal serum glucose test results. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. December 9, 2011

McCAIN, SKEET E., M.D. (A 64111)
Hermosa Beach, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence and incompetence in the care and treatment of a patient for failing to diagnose preeclampsia. Public Letter of Reprimand. November 23, 2011

McLAIN, JENNIFER LYNN, M.D. (A 85109)
Boston, MA
Stipulated Decision. Disciplined by Massachusetts for failing to meet the standard of care in her treatment of a patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, obtaining a practice monitor, and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. November 23, 2011

McPHERSON, SCOTT ALAN (G 48715), Edina, MN
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine by approving and continuing the practice of having a standing order for all adult patients to receive the pediatric dose of Engerix Hepatitis B vaccine and having non-medically trained persons interpreting laboratory results and determining the necessity of further vaccinations, failing to follow the manufacturer's recommended dose for prescribing Engerix Hepatitis B vaccine to adult patients, and failing to evaluate and inform patients they were receiving an off-label dose. Surrender of License. December 5, 2011

MEILMAN, JEFFREY GREGORY, M.D. (G 20971)
Williamsville, NY
Stipulated Decision. Disciplined by New York for dispensing controlled substances that were not contained in a properly labeled container, failing to electronically submit dispensing information to the Department of Health, failing to produce an inventory of controlled substances or patient medical records that documented all the dispensing of controlled substances to patients between June 16, 2005 and February 27, 2007, and failing to prepare and maintain a biennial inventory of controlled substances between May 24, 2004 and March 13, 2007. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. December 30, 2011

MILLNER, CARL, M.D. (G 81910)
North Hollywood, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of six patients at Salinas Valley State Prison. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an educational course and a medical record keeping course. December 22, 2011

MITCHELL, THOMAS EVANS (G 54207)
Pasadena, CA
Violated his Board-ordered probation by failing to comply with terms and conditions, including but not limited to, failed to submit quarterly reports, failed to appear in person for interviews, failed to pay probation monitoring costs, and failed to successfully complete a clinical training program. Revoked. November 23, 2011

MOTWANI, MANOJ V., M.D. (A 69391)
San Diego, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three ophthalmology patients, convicted of two misdemeanors for driving under the influence of alcohol, battery, and violating state laws regulating drugs in that he made, created, and signed a fraudulent prescription. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an educational course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical training program. November 23, 2011

NGUYEN, NGAI X., M.D. (A 39057), San Jose, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2233 for failing to document the standard indications for placement of an Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator device in a 54 year old patient and failed to maintain completed records of ICD follow-up visits. Public Letter of Reprimand. November 29, 2011

O'NEIL, STEPHEN BLAIR (A 49517), Beaumont, TX
Default Decision. Disciplined by Texas for prescribing medication, including controlled substances, to a patient with a 30 year history of pain, without adequate examination and indication. Revoked. December 1, 2011

PARDO, FRANCISCO S., M.D. (G 57474), San Diego, CA
Committed repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of three radiation therapy patients. Public Reprimand. November 18, 2011

PATEL, BAKULKUMAR, M.D. (A 45267)
Foothill Ranch, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in his care and treatment of a patient for failing to recognize symptoms of a cervical esophageal or hypopharyngeal perforation, failing to refer the patient for emergency treatment, and failing to adequately interpret x-rays. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an educational course, a medical record keeping course, a clinical training program, obtaining a practice monitor, and restricted from performing any gastroenterological procedure until he has successfully completed a clinical training program. November 18, 2011

PETRAKIS, STEVEN JOHN, M.D. (GFE 35401)
Albuquerque, NM
Disciplined by New Mexico for failing to maintain timely, accurate, legible and complete medical records. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course. Public Reprimand.
November 18, 2011

PRIMERO, CAMILO Q. (A 31170), San Dimas, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in providing anesthetic care to two patients. Surrender of License. November 11, 2011

RAMIREZ, GABRIEL FERNANDO, M.D. (G 81222)
Long Beach, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2233. Disciplined by Colorado for failing to adequately interpret a CT angiogram for a patient who reported to the emergency room with complaints of chest pain and shortness of breath. The patient was discharged from the emergency room and died from a pulmonary embolism after his discharge. November 3, 2011

RANGARAJ, RAJESH RAMALINGAM, M.D. (C 52695)
Albany, GA
Stipulated Decision. Disciplined by Georgia for failing to conform to the minimal standards of an acceptable and prevailing medical practice when he performed a bilateral subpectoral MP memory gel breast augmentation on a 30-year old female patient, failed to have appropriate assistance during the surgical procedure, failed to prepare accurate consent forms and failed to maintain accurate medical records. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course and an educational course of 8 hours relating to providing/obtaining/documenting informed consent. Public Reprimand. January 13, 2012

breast augmentation on a 30-year old female patient, failed to have appropriate assistance during the surgical procedure, failed to prepare accurate consent forms and failed to maintain accurate medical records. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course and an educational course of 8 hours relating to providing/obtaining/documenting informed consent. Public Reprimand. January 13, 2012

RASHID, AHSAN U., M.D. (A 48233), Irvine, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, excessive prescribing and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient by failing to properly manage the prescribing of controlled substances to a patient exhibiting signs of addiction, and violating his Board-ordered probation by failing to obey all laws. Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered or possessed and any recommendation or approval for marijuana, completing an educational course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and obtaining a practice monitor. November 1, 2011

REDDY, MUNI NANJUNDA, M.D. (A 37982)
Mission Hills, CA
Stipulated Decision. Convicted of two misdemeanors for driving under the influence of alcohol. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances, submitting to biological fluid testing, and completing an ethics course. January 13, 2012

RETINO, ROSARIO B., M.D. (A 51896), Ontario, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2233 for Failing to refer a patient with findings of acute renal failure to a specialist within a timely manner. Physician must complete a clinical training program with an emphasis in the treatment of renal failure, lab follow-up and well child visits. January 5, 2012

REZAI, REZA (A 98535), Cornelius, NC
Stipulated Decision. Disciplined by North Carolina for improperly prescribing Ritalin to himself. Surrender of License. November 3, 2011

ROBLES, ROLANDO DIA, M.D. (A 65715), Delano, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of four patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical training program. January 19, 2012

ROSENFELD, IRWIN IRA, M.D. (G 34731)
Laguna Hills, CA
Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, violated labeling requirements of the Pharmacy Law, and violated statutes regulating dangerous drugs and controlled substances in the care and treatment of eight patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an educational course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course and a clinical training program.
December 23, 2011

ROULAKIS, NICHOLAS STEVE (G 42046)
Marina Del Rey, CA
Stipulated Decision. Convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and misuse of a controlled substance, marijuana, in a manner dangerous to himself or others. Surrender of License. December 13, 2011

ROWELL, RAYMOND JOSEPH, M.D. (G 81772)
Livermore, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, excessive prescribing and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of six chronic pain patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from treating patients for intractable pain, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, or possessing Schedule II controlled substances, maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed,

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from treating patients for intractable pain, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, or possessing Schedule II controlled substances, maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered or possessed, completing an educational course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and obtaining a practice monitor. January 19, 2012

SARKISSIAN, VAHE, M.D. (A 90620)
Walnut Creek, CA
Committed unprofessional conduct by failing to comply with a Board ordered exam. Revoked, stayed for a period of 1 year and is ordered to comply with the Order Compelling Mental Examination. November 30, 2011

SRIDHAR, CANDE, M.D. (A 37471), Sylmar, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2233 for repeated negligent acts in the accuracy of interpreting various radiologic studies. Physician must complete an educational course. November 23, 2011

SLUTSKY, ROBERT ALLEN (G 30527), Bellport, NY
Default Decision. Disciplined by New York for committing negligence on more than one occasion and professional misconduct for failing to provide adequate follow-up care to two patients. Revoked. December 16, 2011

SORENSEN, RONALD BJORNDAHL (C 51733)
Windsor, Canada
Default Decision. Disciplined by Washington for unprofessional conduct or inability to practice. Revoked. December 30, 2011

SOUSTER, JENNY DAWN, M.D. (A 119636)
Los Angeles, CA
Stipulated Decision. Disclosed information on her application for licensure regarding a substance addiction, diagnosis and treatment. Probationary license issued, placed on 7 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, submitting to biological fluid testing, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine, and obtaining a practice monitor. January 6, 2012

SPENCER, EDWARD L. (G 11138), Petaluma, CA
Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked. December 1, 2011

STRICK, RICHARD A., M.D. (G 27468)
Santa Monica, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of a patient with skin cancer. Physician must complete an educational course. Public Reprimand. November 25, 2011

SUTTON, PATRICK M., M.D. (G 53929)
Pasadena, CA
Stipulated Decision. Failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records by failing to document a discussion of human sexuality with a patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a professional boundaries course, medical record keeping course, and obtaining a third party chaperone while consulting, examining or treating female patients. November 14, 2011

TAN, RICHARD M., M.D. (A 56298), Vacaville, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and incompetence in the care and treatment of seven patients for failing to obtain necessary vital signs, failing to recognize abnormal vital signs, failing to conduct appropriate and timely testing, and failing to recognize and appropriately treat the conditions causing symptoms. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical training program, obtaining a practice monitor or participate in a professional enhancement program, and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. December 16, 2011

TARDELLI, GEORGE PETER, M.D. (G 43528)
Inglewood, CA
Stipulated Decision. Violated drug laws regulating

prescribing dangerous drugs and/or controlled substances, prescribed controlled substances to himself, and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, or possessing any controlled substance except for those drugs listed in Schedule(s) III, IV and V, maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered or possessed, and any recommendation or approval for marijuana, abstaining from use or possession of controlled substances and alcohol, submitting to biological fluid testing, completing a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine.
December 9, 2011

TOHIDI, BEHROOZ (A 40405), Rancho Santa Fe, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of a patient for failing to evaluate and document hip stability and range of motion during surgery, failing to properly assess and document leg length discrepancies following surgery, and failing to properly evaluate patient's post-surgical complaints of leg length discrepancy. Surrender of License. December 15, 2011

WAHLSTROM, HAKAN ERIK, M.D. (A 37140) Redlands, CA
Stipulated Decision. Committed acts of gross negligence and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient by performing a wrong site surgery which resulted in the removal of patient's right kidney instead of the cancerous left kidney. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a medical record keeping course and a clinical training program.
January 5, 2012

WATANABE, ARTHUR SHINCHIRO, M.D. (G 69221) Liberty Lake, WA
Stipulated Decision. Disciplined by Washington for failing to provide patient with adequate follow-up care for the treatment of chronic neck and back pain following MRI studies that were ordered showing positive findings. Public Reprimand.
November 18, 2011

WEINBERG, DAVID L., M.D. (C 29491), Daly City, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence and incompetence in his care and treatment of two patients for failing to recognize and excise melanoma. Physician must complete 40 hours of Category I education courses in the diagnosis, treatment and management of skin disorders including lesions and malignancies, in addition to the 25 hours of CME required for licensure. Public Reprimand. January 5, 2012

WINDLAND, JOHN MICHAEL (A 79946), Whittier, CA
Stipulated Decision. Disciplined by Tennessee for writing prescriptions for controlled substances without maintaining medical records documenting an appropriate history and physical examination or diagnosis. Surrender of License. November 29, 2011

WONG, KAI WAI, M.D. (G 64403), Bakersfield, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients for failing to record their ocular status during each patient's post-operative visit. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand.
January 6, 2012

ZHU, MARY MING, M.D. (A 52298), Davis, CA
Committed acts of gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of three patients for failing to consider and exclude acute coronary syndrome and myocardial infarction in a monitored environment, failed to understand the significance of the relief of chest pain with the administration of nitroglycerine as a diagnostic tool, failed to administer treatment until the acute coronary syndrome and myocardial infarction were ruled out, failed to take appropriate measures to evaluate patient for thoracic aortic dissection, failed to follow up on the administration of tests ordered for patient, and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records of five patients. Revoked, stayed,

placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical training program. December 29, 2011

ZWEIFACH, MARK (G 48626), La Jolla, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with unprofessional conduct for engaging in conduct that breached the rules or ethical code of the medical profession, or conduct that is unbecoming to a member in good standing of the medical profession, and that demonstrates an unfitness to practice medicine. Surrender of License. December 13, 2011

Physician Assistants

HUNTER, MARYSA S. (PA 50917), Los Angeles, CA
Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence and dishonesty for possession of controlled substances obtained with forged prescriptions for herself and others, and convicted of a misdemeanor for vehicle theft. Revoked. December 1, 2011

RANCOURT, LORA MINA, P.A. (PA 22045)
Encinitas, CA
Stipulated Decision. Convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence. Probationary license issued, placed on 1 year probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol. December 29, 2011

ROSAASEN, HEATHER ANN, P.A. (PA 22044)
Redlands, CA
Stipulated Decision. Convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence. Probationary license issued, placed on 1 year probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol. December 29, 2011

SHARMA, SUDHA, P.A. (PA 12831), Modesto, CA
Stipulated Decision. Violated her Board ordered probation by failing to abstain from use or possession of drugs, failed to obey all laws, dishonesty, and convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from administering, issuing a drug order, or hand to a patient or possess any controlled substances as defined by the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, except for those drugs listed in Schedules(s) IV and V of the Act, abstaining from use or possession of controlled substances, surrender of DEA permit, maintaining a record of all controlled substances administered, transmitted orally or in writing on a patient's record or handed to a patient, abstaining from use of alcohol, submitting to biological fluid testing, enroll and participate in the Physician Assistant Committee's Diversion Program, providing free medical services to a community or charitable facility for at least 4 hours a month for the first 12 months of probation, completing an educational course, an ethics course, obtaining a practice monitor, and maintenance and review of drug records by a supervising physician. December 21, 2011

VEATER, EMELY I., P.A. (PA 12899), Los Angeles, CA
Stipulated Decision. Convicted of a misdemeanor for improper use of Medi-Cal information. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions. November 25, 2011

Podiatrists

HERNANDEZ, VIRGIL THEODORE, D.P.M. (E 3884)
Santa Ana, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, excessive use of surgical procedures, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient. Revoked, stayed, extending probation for an additional 2 years, for a total of 6 years probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course, a clinical training program, and obtaining a practice/billing monitor. December 27, 2011

RUTAN, JOYCE LYNN (EFE 2582), Fair Oaks, CA
Stipulated Decision. No admissions but charged with acts of dishonesty and corruption, unlawful possession of controlled substance without a prescription, furnishing controlled substances to herself, obtaining a controlled substance through fraud, deceit, misrepresentation of subterfuge, possessing, and convicted of a misdemeanor for failure to file Income Tax. Surrender of License. December 1, 2011

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The Medical Board is in the process of updating our computer system that receives and tracks information you provide on the physician survey. We also are revising the physician and surgeon survey to include additional information about certifications that were not previously listed on the survey and have been requested.

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