



# News Release

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## **BE AN INFORMED PATIENT – VERIFY YOUR PHYSICIAN’S LICENSE STATUS**

“The Medical Board of California wants you to be an informed patient.” Executive Director Kimberly Kirchmeyer said. “The Board’s website is an excellent resource that can be used to verify whether a physician is licensed and in good standing with the Medical Board.”

To check on a physician, go to [www.mbc.ca.gov](http://www.mbc.ca.gov). From the homepage, click on the “Verify a License” button. Choose the license type by clicking the checkbox for “Physician and Surgeon” and then “Search by Name.” Enter the physician’s last and first name, then click the “Search” button.

Once you click on the physician’s name a profile can be viewed that provides license details, including verifying whether any disciplinary actions have been taken.

Anyone who would like more information, including a demonstration, is invited to Arden Fair Mall in Sacramento on Friday, October 23 from 5-8 p.m. or Saturday, October 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Medical Board representatives will be available on the first floor, between J.C. Penney’s and Macy’s. The goal is to show patients how to use the website to check on their physicians.

A person with no computer access can call the Medical Board from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1-800-633-2322 or 916-263-2382 for assistance with reviewing a physician’s information.

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

*If you have a question or complaint about the health care you are receiving, the Board encourages you to visit its website at [www.mbc.ca.gov](http://www.mbc.ca.gov) or call (800) 633-2322.*

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