

Medical Memo

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

A bi-monthly report
on Board activities
prepared as an
information
service for its
physician and surgeon
licensees in California

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COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSUMERISM

Following is a statement by John T. Kehoe, Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs, prepared especially for our first issue:

"The new wave of consumerism depends on communications as a key ingredient in its formula for effectiveness. Passing laws and making administrative decisions that benefit the public and maintain the quality of professional services is one thing. But *communicating* policy decisions to professional licensees, and to the people, is another matter.

"That's why those of us in government are pleased by efforts being made by the Board of Medical Examiners—through this newsletter—to keep its licentiates informed. When news about the Board's diverse activities is communicated to its licensees, the members of the medical profession—and, in the final analysis, the people—are the better for it."



MESSAGE From The PRESIDENT

For some time, your Board has been exploring ways to improve communications with our licensees. With the medical profession now in a transitional period, it is important for us to communicate effectively.

We believe that MEDICAL MEMO will provide valuable information for you. It should help you interpret aspects of the Medical Practice Act, and keep you current on legislative changes that can affect your practice.

MEDICAL MEMO will be published every two months. It will contain items of interest to all physicians and surgeons, including legislative activity, regulations and disciplinary actions of the Board, and news about the health care field. We hope you will look forward to receiving MEDICAL MEMO as we are very enthusiastic about its prospects.



The Board:

WHAT IT DOES

Since its creation, the Board of Medical Examiners has been primarily engaged in the process of licensing and regulating physicians and surgeons and other health professionals.

Board members and staff administer the State Medical Practice Act, including podiatry, and similar statutes covering hearing aid dispensers, physical therapists, psychologists, registered dispensing opticians, physician assistants, physical therapy assistants, psychological assistants, professional corporations, fictitious name certificates (medical clinics), medical student loans, approvals of educational curricula, malpractice insurance settlements, hospitals for narcotic addiction and hospital staffing reports.

The Board is assisted by five district review committees, which hear cases and recommend decisions.

Also under the Board's jurisdiction are the Podiatry Examining Committee, Physical Therapy Examining Committee, Psychology Examining Committee, Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee and the Advisory Committee for Physicians Assistants.



CALIFORNIA MEDICAL EXAMINERS — Members of the California State Board of Medical Examiners are shown at a recent meeting. They are, from the left, Dr. Harold E. Wilkins, Downey; Dr. Harry A. Oberhelman, Jr., Stanford; Dr. James C. MacLaggan, San Diego; S. Stephen Nakashima, Secretary-Treasurer, San Jose; Dr. Tirso del Junco, President, Los Angeles; Dr. Paul J. Dugan, Vice President, Roseville; Dr. John E. Vaughan, Bakersfield; Dr. R. Theodore Nussdorf, Whittier; and Dr. Gary S. Nye, Orinda. Dr. Julius Levine, of Hayward, and Dr. Kay Toma, of Bell, were not present when the picture was taken. All members of the Board were appointed by Governor Ronald Reagan.

BOARD BUSINESS

November-December

Activities

Full Board Meeting, November 13, 14, 15 San Diego
 P/S Written Exams, (including FLEX), December 5, 6, 7.. Los Angeles, San Francisco
 P/S Oral Exams, November 11 San Diego
 P/S Oral & Clinical Exams, November 12 San Diego
 RPT Exams, December 8 Los Angeles

Eligible applicants will be notified several weeks before every examination about the date, days, time and place where each test will be held.

November Hearings

Peter Dunn, M.D.	November 16,17	Los Angeles
John D. Good, M.D.	November 13	San Diego
Ebbe Hartelius, M.D.	November 14,16	Los Angeles
Robert C. Robb, M.D.	November 13	Los Angeles
Alfred G. Robinson, M.D.	November 16	Los Angeles

Disciplinary Actions (Jan.-May, 1972)

Allen L. Shackelford	Earlier decision set aside, accusation dismissed - 1/11/72
Thomas V. Brennan, M.D.	License revoked, stayed, probation 5 years - 2/3/72
Nicholas G. Boosalis, M.D.	Reprimand - 2/9/72
Zed Aydelott, M.D.	License revoked - 2/10/72
Stephen A. Cech, M.D.	Accusation dismissed - 2/10/72
Salvatore J. Contristano, M.D.	Accusation dismissed - 2/24/72
Samuel R. Frazier, M.D.	Accusation dismissed - 3/8/72
John Koning, M.D.	Accusation dismissed - 3/8/72
Theodore Petroff, M.D.	Revocation terminated - 3/21/72
Herman Ring, M.D.	Respondent deceased, accusation dismissed - 3/8/72
Hilliard E. Smallberg, M.D.	License revoked, stayed, probation 3 years - 4/10/72
Mohindar Sambhi	Granted permission to take written examination - 5/3/72
Joseph S. Kootsey, M.D.	Accusation dismissed - 5/22/72
Paul M. Smith, M.D.	Respondent deceased, accusation dismissed - 5/24/72

For additional information about accusations, decisions and other aspects of disciplinary actions, consult official records of the Board at the Department of Consumer Affairs, 1020 N Street, Sacramento.

Survey Shows Education Scope

At the end of 1971, during license renewal time, the Board surveyed 65,000 licensees on the subject of continuing medical education.

Some 80 per cent of the licensees responded to the questionnaire we sent out - a remarkable rate of return for any survey. Of those who returned the questionnaire - about 50,000 licensees - 51 per cent indicated they are enrolled in some form of continuing education. Response to the questions we asked was as follows:

Persons enrolled in a continuing medical education program ... over 25,000;

Persons enrolled in a California Medical Association-sponsored program ... 12,580;

Persons enrolled in a non-CMA sponsored continuing education program ... 12,631; (some were enrolled in both CMA and non-CMA courses).

Cal P & S Licensees Total Over 63,000

More than 63,000 active physicians and surgeons have been licensed in California through a variety of methods (as of the end of September, '72). About 24,000 have obtained valid state licenses through reciprocity.

Some 21,000 have taken and passed the examination prepared and administered by the state Board. Another 18,000 took and passed the national board licensing examination.

During the month of September, 448 persons received California physicians and surgeons licenses.

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