

Medical Memo

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

A report on Board activities prepared as an information service for physician and surgeon licensees

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS / 1020 N STREET, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814

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New Speech Pathology Committee Is Named By Governor Reagan

The Speech Pathology and Audiology Examining Committee is a new responsibility for the Board of Medical Examiners. Members of the new committee were sworn in June 29 by the State Department of Consumer Affairs.

The committee consists of three speech pathologists, three audiologists and three public members. The members appointed by Governor Reagan recently are: Donald A. Belt, Ph.D., Atherton; Katherine G. Butler, Ph.D., Cupertino (Chairman); Richard M. Flower, Ph.D., San Francisco; Jacquelyn W. Green, Foster City; A. Chris Hagen, Ph.D., La Habra; Ester L. Herbert, Los Angeles; Charles K. Passerian, Jr., Santa Ana; Henry D. Schmitz, Ph.D., Redlands; and Mansfield F. W. Smith, M.D., Saratoga.

License Requirements

The Speech Pathology and Audiology Licensure Act requires that speech pathologists and audiologists be licensed unless they are registered school audiometrists, credentialed speech and hearing specialists, credentialed teachers of the deaf or employed by accredited colleges and universities or federal agencies. Proposed legislation would make licensure for speech pathologists and audiologists effective by July 1, 1974.

Inquiries about the new Speech Pathology and Audiology Examining Committee should be directed to Robert H. Powell, Assistant Executive Secretary, 1020 N Street, Room 434, Sacramento 95814.

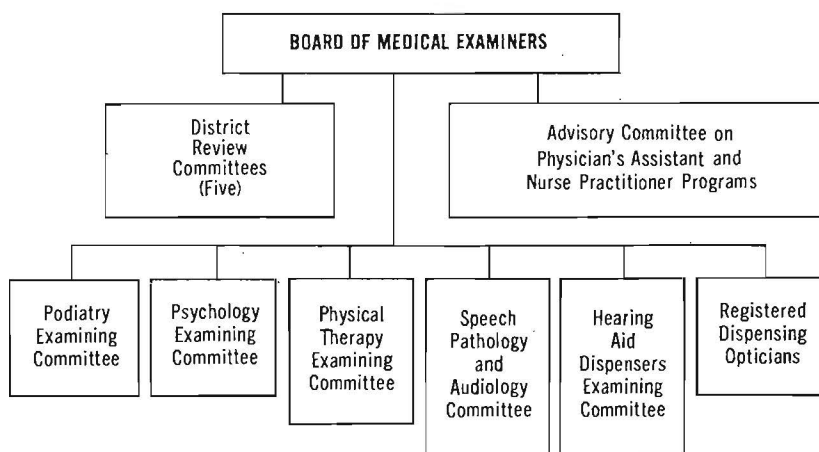
Dr. Robert Quillinan Is New Board Watchdog

Robert H. Quillinan, M.D., of Sacramento, has been appointed medical consultant to the Board of Medical Examiners, succeeding Forest J. Grunigen, M.D., of Los Angeles. Dr. Grunigen, who served as a member and President of the Board from 1966-70, recently retired.

The medical consultant serves as liaison to the Board and directs investigations and evaluations into the professional conduct of licensees. He serves as an expert witness in legal actions of the Board and inspects medical records to assure compliance with the Business and Professions Code.

WHAT WE DO

Our Functions and Responsibilities. The Board of Medical Examiners has statutory authority for licensee activities in a wide range of health care areas. This organization chart graphically portrays our various activities. It is presented for the information of Physician and Surgeon licensees.



Dr. Gary Nye Elected Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. Gary S. Nye, of Orinda, has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. Dr. Nye has been a member of the Board since May, 1971 when he was appointed by Governor Ronald Reagan.

Dr. Nye, 39, is a bay area psychiatrist. He has a degree in philosophy from Pomona College and earned his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He served in Vietnam as a battalion flight surgeon with the U.S. Army.

He was a resident psychiatrist on the staff of the Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric Institute in San Francisco.

Dr. Quillinan is a 1942 graduate of the Stanford University Medical School. He has been in private practice of surgery in Sacramento for 23 years. In addition to receiving a number of honors in the field, Dr. Quillinan has served on the Board of Governors of the Stanford Alumni Association. He was chairman of the District #3 Review Committee to the Board from 1965 through 1970.

How You Prescribe Makes a Difference

An amendment to section 4036 of California's Pharmacy Law became effective July 1, 1973. In addition to all previous requirements, the new section requires that the prescriber's name, address and telephone number be printed on every legal prescription.

The new information may be stamped, typed, hand printed clearly, or pre-printed by type-set. This new requirement is intended to force the providing of legible information identifying the prescriber. Any prescription not complying with these regulations will be an invalid prescription and cannot legally be filled, compounded or dispensed by a pharmacist.

The statute is intended to prevent forged prescriptions from being filled.

FINAL PODIATRIST'S HEARING SET

The Podiatry Examining Committee will hold its final hearing concerning development of a new health manpower category, the Podiatrist's Assistant, October 26, 1973. The hearing will be in Sacramento, 1020 N Street, Room 102.

BOARD BUSINESS**MEETING AND EXAMINATION DATES****OCTOBER-NOVEMBER**

Board Meetings, November 12, 13, 14	San Diego and Los Angeles	
Hearing Aid Exam, November 28	Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Francisco	
PT Meeting, October 26, Sacramento	November 30, Los Angeles	December 1, Palm Springs
P/S Oral Exam, November 10	San Diego	
P/S Oral/Clinical Exam, November 11	San Diego	
Physician Asst. and Nurse Pract. Meeting, October 23, Sacramento	November 9, San Diego	
Podiatry Meeting, October 25, 26, 27	Sacramento	
Psychology Exam (written and oral), October 27	San Francisco	
Psychology Exam (oral), October 28	San Francisco	

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

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**July 5, 1973 to September 12, 1973**

Frank Patty, M.D., Los Angeles	April 19, 1973	License fully restored
Robert W. Fick, M.D., Beverly Hills	July 5, 1973	Revoked
Benjamin F. Walker, M.D., Los Angeles	July 5, 1973	Revoked
Robert W. Zaslow, Ph.D., Los Gatos	Aug. 6, 1973	Revoked
Robert F. Crockett, M.D., Kingsburg	Aug. 15, 1973	Revoked, stayed, probation 5 years, T & C—Suspended 1 year from effective date
Joseph Kramer, M.D., Glen Ellen	Aug. 15, 1973	Revoked, stayed 1 year
Lionel McAllep, D.S.C., Huntington Park	Aug. 15, 1973	Revoked, stayed, probation 5 years, T & C
Julian R. Burnham, M.D., Santa Cruz	Aug. 16, 1973	Restoration denied
Alfred Carney, M.D., Tustin	Aug. 16, 1973	Restored, T & C, probation 10 years
Charles R. Cotham, M.D., Yuba City	Aug. 16, 1973	BNDD No. restored with no restrictions
Julius G. Wehfritz, M.D., Pasadena	Aug. 16, 1973	Termination probation denied
Loretta E. Grossi, M.D., Lompoc	Sept. 12, 1973	Revoked, stayed, probation 5 years, T & C
Bertram D. Schulman, M.D., Long Beach	Sept. 12, 1973	Revoked, stayed, probation 5 years, T & C
Arthur Singer, M.D., Los Angeles	Sept. 12, 1973	Revoked

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 St., Sacramento.

**Patient's Rights
Stressed by Board**

The Board of Medical Examiners has been concerned about informed consent in California and has worked closely with the California Hospital Association and the California Medical Association on the subject over the past year.

As a result of its concern, the Board of Medical Examiners passed the following resolution at a recent meeting in Los Angeles.

Due to the important effect this may have on your institution, we are asking that this resolution be given wide circulation.

Resolution

"Since the Board of Medical Examiners approved programs in California teaching institutions and is responsible for seeing that high standards of teaching and practice are maintained, the Board requests and expects that all professional personnels' medical positions be clearly identified to the patient by lapel name plates and that an informed consent form be used whenever these professional personnel perform any medical procedures on patients in these institutions.

"The identification plates and informed consent forms should clearly differentiate between various levels of personnel such as licensed physicians, interns, residents, physician's assistants, nurses, etc.

"The procedure should be explained thoroughly to all patients in a language easily understandable to them. Where large numbers of patients in an institution customarily speak a language other than English, the informed consent form should be available in such other language.

"The desire of the Board is to have an informed patient, aware as to what is being done and by whom.

"The failure to comply with the above request may require the Board to re-evaluate programs and institutions heretofore approved."

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