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New RP-VITA robots now in hospitals

By Frank Miller

Imagine needing an emergency stroke consultation in the hospital, when time is of the essence, and a qualified specialist is not available. Receiving help is now as simple as booting up an iPad app that sends a robotic presence to your bedside, ready to remotely beam in a licensed professional who is suited to help with your needs.

In the Mercy Telehealth Network, the state-of-the-art RP-VITA robot patrols the intensive care units of Mercy General, Mercy San Juan and Mercy Folsom, ready to provide emergency consultations at a moment's notice.

"We use these robots because we're a highly specialized unit," said Alan Shatzel, DO, Medical Director, Neurology, of the Mercy Telehealth Network. "If the person we need right now is a 25 minute drive away, we can get them here right now. [Those 25 minutes], it's life and death. If you don't make the right decision, right now, that can change the outcome for that particular scenario."

Developed by InTouch Health, in conjunction with iRobot (creators of the Roomba vacuum), the RP-VITA has a variety of features that assist a physician in consulting with a patient. The robot is 5'6" with a flat-screen monitor "head" so the patient can speak to the doctor, face-to-face. The robot is also equipped with a zoom-lens camera, microphone, speakers, and a handset for



private conversations. There is even an attachment for a stethoscope.

"We want everything to be as seamless as possible," said Jason Close, manager, Mercy Telehealth Network.

The RP-VITA can be controlled remotely via an iPad interface or a Windows computer desktop application. The floor is digitally mapped into the robot's memory so that it knows where to go when needed. However, it also has sensors that allow it to re-route if something or someone gets in its way.

The robot can "see" people and objects and avoid bumping into them. During a recent demonstration, the RP-VITA was asked to go to one of the hospital rooms

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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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http://www.dca.ca.gov/jobs/mcenforce.pdf

Interested in becoming an expert reviewer?

The Medical Board of California established the Expert Reviewer Program in July 1994 as an impartial and professional means by which to support the investigation and enforcement functions of the Board. Experts assist the Medical Board by providing reviews and opinions on Medical Board cases and conducting professional competency exams, physical exams and psychiatric exams. For more information regarding compensation and how to apply please visit: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/licensee/expert_reviewer.html

Editor's Spotlight

by Frank Miller

With this edition of the Newsletter, I wanted to take time to redesign some elements of the publication to make them more modern and improve its readability. The cleaner and updated design will hopefully only serve to make the Newsletter more accessible. I would like to solicit your feedback about the updated design and get your thoughts on any improvements you think the Board should make. Please take a moment to offer your thoughts via our Newsletter survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mbc_newsletter_survey

As part of that survey, readers have suggested that the Board take time to spotlight CME courses to take. As part of the ongoing effort to meet that demand, please take time to read about the SCOPE of Pain program currently being offered by Boston University. This program focuses on safe and competent opioid prescribing and, given the ongoing problems with prescription drug abuse, it is recommended that physicians keep themselves educated when it comes to prescribing controlled substances.

Along with the summer heat comes an increased risk of UV exposure. On page 12, we've highlighted a few resources that can help keep people informed about the UV index and what kind of harm exposure to UV rays can cause. Please take time to familiarize yourself with these resources and help spread the word about using caution when spending time in the sun.

There are a few excerpts from the Board's Web site that are important to highlight as well. On page 15, you will find information about what to be mindful of when terminating the physician/patient relationship. Also on page 15, we've provided a sample of the FAQ section dealing with Outpatient Surgery Settings. And, on page 10, we've provided a link to the Pain Management Guidelines.

Also, the Board is welcoming a new Board member as well as new staff members. You can read their bios and obtain information about what their function is with the Board on pages 13 and 17.

As always, I welcome your feedback. If you have a good story or want to drop me a line with feedback, you can reach me at *Frank.Miller@mbc.ca.gov*.

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President's Message



On February 21-22, 2013, the Medical Board of California (Medical Board), together with the Board of Pharmacy, hosted a Forum in San Francisco to examine the alarming epidemic of prescription drug abuse – nationally and in California – and to identify the elements of an action plan to address the abuse and misuse of prescription drugs. This issue is critically important for the Medical Board in carrying out its primary mission of consumer protection. Over the course of two days, representatives from multiple organizations, including the Drug Enforcement Administration, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Office of the Attorney General, and licensees and representatives from both the Medical and Pharmacy Boards, discussed the root causes of this problem. The speakers identified actions that policy makers, prescribers, dispensers and members of the public can take to address the multidimensional problem.

The Forum included presentations on the role of federal and state

governments in public policy related to prescription drug abuse, prescription drug trafficking/diversion, prosecutors' perspectives about abuse and diversion of narcotics and the hidden motivation for fraud. Several speakers emphasized that collaboration between pharmacists and physicians is essential, as we each carry out our separate but related responsibilities to prevent prescription drug abuse. Materials from the Forum are currently available on the Medical Board's Web site (www.mbc.ca.gov/pain forum february_2013.html) including links to video recordings of the various speakers, their corresponding PowerPoint presentations, and handout materials. The Forum was very well-received by attendees and a large majority indicated that the presentations were effective and enhanced their knowledge base.

In follow up, the Medical Board will be convening a Prescribing Task Force to identify successful approaches to prescribing controlled substances, to revisit the pain management guidelines, and to address, in collaboration with the Board of Pharmacy, appropriate communication and information sharing between prescribers and dispensing pharmacists regarding prescriptions for controlled substances.

The task force will be co-chaired by Medical Board Members Barbara Yaroslavsky and Michael Bishop, M.D., and will involve prescribers – physicians, nurse practitioners, dentists, etc.; pharmacists; prescribing and dispensing associations; law enforcement agencies, such as the Drug Enforcement Administration, the District Attorney's office, Sheriff's

office, etc.; State agencies such as California Department of Public Health, Department of Health Care Services and Department of Insurance; consumer and advocate groups; other healing arts boards (pharmacy, dental, registered nursing, etc.); insurance companies; and Senate and Assembly Committees. The meetings of the Task Force will be open to the public, and the meeting times and locations will be posted on the Medical Board Web site: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/board/meetings/Index.html

One of the important sources of misuse and abuse of prescription drugs, particularly among adolescents and teens, is unused medications in home medicine cabinets. On April 27, the Drug Enforcement Administration, working with local law enforcement agencies, held another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. In total, 742,497 pounds of unused prescription medication was collected from more than 5,829 locations. Officials also provided information to the public about the potential for abuse of medications. The Medical Board will continue to post dates of future Take-Back Day events on the Web site and in the Newsletter.

In this issue you will find a story about the SCOPE of Pain CME program available through Boston University (see page 10). This course provides education on the safe and effective use of opioids in the management of chronic pain. The Medical Board strongly encourages physicians to take advantage of available CME programs on the evolving field of medication management for patients with chronic

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Legislator Profile - Assemblyman Brian Jones



Since his election to the Assembly in 2010, Assemblyman Brian Jones quickly earned a reputation as a strong fiscal conservative and a vocal advocate for a smaller, more responsible government. His articulate commentary and leadership abilities earned him the appointment as Chairman of the Assembly Republican Caucus.

Brian's deep convictions in free market principles, the need for

government reform and tax relief, comes from his service in both the public and private sector. His background as a businessman and his service as Councilmember and Vice Mayor of Santee strengthened his resolve to restore decision making to the local level and to insure that tax monies meet community needs. He has been a fierce opponent of the rural fire "fee" (tax) because of its disproportionate impact on East San Diego County residents and rural citizens of California. He has challenged special favors for public sector labor unions, and his robust defense of the Constitution and the Second Amendment has garnered state-wide attention.

In his position as the Republican Caucus Chair, Brian plays an integral role on the Assembly Republican leadership team. The Caucus Chair assists the Leader in advancing the Republican policy agenda and achieving the Caucus' political goals. Additionally, the Caucus Chair regularly communicates with

leaders throughout California on key legislative policy issues. During his second term in office, Brian is serving on four committees: Assembly Legislative Ethics, Governmental Organizations, Utilities and Commerce, and Business Professions and Consumer Protection, where he fulfills the duties as the Vice-Chair.

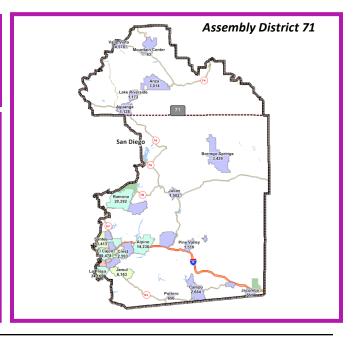
Brian has been a Santee resident since 1978; he attended Santee Elementary, Cajon Park Jr. High, and Santana High School. After graduating, Brian attended San Diego State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He and his wife Heather both grew up in Santee, chose to begin their family there 17 years ago and have lived in the same community ever since. In his spare time, Brian enjoys mountain biking, off-roading, swimming, and spending time with his family.

Brian has made it a priority to reclaim California's status as the Golden State of opportunity, innovation, and jobs.

Committee on Business, Professions and Consumer Protection

Primary jurisdictions are consumer protection;
Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) occupational licensing (medical and non-medical), including private postsecondary and vocational education; creation and elimination of regulatory agencies, boards and commissions under DCA; Department of General Services, charitable solicitations; and product labeling (excluding agriculture and medical).

Link: http://abp.assembly.ca.gov/committeehome



You Asked For It

Questions received from the Web

by Chris Valine, Public Information Analyst

Q. I have a small laboratory as part of my medical office. Am I required to register as a clinical laboratory?

Yes. A physician office laboratory (POL) is considered a clinical laboratory if any patient testing is done, such as urine dipstick tests, fingerstick blood tests, or Pap smear review and reporting. Your POL must either be licensed or registered. For more information, please call the Department of Public Health-Laboratory Field Services at (510) 620-3796.

Q. How many Physician Assistants and/or Nurse Practitioners is a physician allowed to supervise?

Current law allows a physician to supervise no more than four physician assistants or four nurse practitioners at any moment in time. A physician may supervise a combination of nurse practitioners and physician assistants as long as the stated limits are not exceeded.



Q. I am having a difficult time finding opportunities to earn CME hours. Can you provide me with some suggestions?

There are many educational activities, which can qualify for CME credit. You can contact any of the following accrediting organizations for specific information about qualifying programs and activities: California Medical Association--Institute for Medical Quality (CMA/IMQ) (415) 882-5151; the American Medical Association (AMA) (800) 621-8335; the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) (312) 527-9200; or the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) (800) 906-6000.

Q. I believe a patient stole a prescription pad from my office. Am I required to report this and to whom?

If your tamper-resistant prescription forms are lost or stolen, you must first report the theft to your local law enforcement agency to obtain the report number that must be included in your report to the State Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, CURES Program. You must also report the theft to the Drug Enforcement Administration's regional office in your area, and a written narrative should be provided to the Medical Board's Central Complaint Unit.

Q. I just began practicing and was told I need to display a sign in my office regarding my education.

There are actually two signs you are mandated by law to display in a prominent area in your medical office: (1) a Notice to Consumers which states that medical doctors are licensed and regulated by the Medical Board of California, and (2) a sign stating your name, highest level of academic degree, and your board certification, if any. These signs may be placed individually or as one sign. Please click on the following link for complete information regarding the exact wording and examples. http://www.mbc.ca.gov/licensee/notices.html.

Have a question?

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

Link to your profile

Did you know you can link to your Medical Board of California profile from your Web site? It's a great idea and it allows current and future patients to check your license status and feel secure that they have chosen you as their physician.

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but an employee walked in front of it with a handcart. The robot stopped, rotated, and continued on to the room while maneuvering around the cart.

When called, the RP-VITA can either travel automatically or it can be controlled manually by the user. When it arrives at its destination, it waits for someone to open the door for it. When the RP-VITA is no longer needed, it makes its way back to the docking station on its own and plugs itself back in to recharge.

The robot is used primarily for neurology, nephrology and neonatology purposes and increasingly for mental health. Shatzel said that in cases of stroke response, every minute lost is critical and that, in some areas, there are not enough neurology specialists to be everywhere at once.

However, with the RP-VITA and various other telemedicine robot devices, patients do not have to lose precious time, waiting for a specialist to travel to them.

"Patients have strokes at all times of the day. It's not fair if you're the person who comes in at 9 p.m. and you don't have that specialty expertise," Shatzel said. "But if you come in at 3 p.m. you do. Telemedicine is being used to even it out and get someone to the bedside right now who can make those decisions and take care of you."

The RP-VITA is being used at three Mercy locations, but there are other models and devices that are used throughout California right now as well, Close said.

The RP-7, which is the current model's predecessor, is controlled via joystick and doesn't have some of the same

bells and whistles. The RP-Lite does not have the platform that helps drive the device and is cart-based, allowing someone to push the robot where it is needed. There is also a hand-held device, the RP-Xpress, which Close describes as a workhorse robot because it's inexpensive, portable and is useful in many different applications, such as meeting attendance and pre-hospital screenings.

Shatzel lauded the strengths of the telemedicine robots, improving access to care that otherwise would not be readily available. However, one of the limitations is that you cannot physically touch somebody.

"There are conditions in neurology and other fields where you have to be able to physically touch somebody," Shatzel said. However, he said that there is a nurse at the bedside with the RP-VITA at all times and that they can assist with certain aspects of a consultation or with tests.

Shatzel said that patients are initially surprised to see the robot and there is a "wow" factor when dealing with a doctor through the RP-VITA, but that it quickly turns to appreciation when they recognize the level of expert care they are receiving.

He said that people do not realize there still is not that level of consistency throughout every hospital and that some smaller or remote facilities just do not have access to the specialists they need.

"If you go to that 20-bed hospital, there's a high probability that they won't be able to take care of most things that are wrong with you," Shatzel said. "Telemedicine, I think, is changing all of that though, in a good way."

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pain. The science and art of navigating the dual challenge of appropriate and adequate pain management while simultaneously avoiding the risks and harms of creating opioid dependence and addiction are rapidly changing, and the Medical Board will be using all its communication and education resources to keep physicians and members of the public informed, including posting notices of CME programs on the Web site. For course listings visit: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/licensee/continuing_education_classes.html.

Pending legislation, Senate Bill 809 (DeSaulnier), will fund modernization of the CURES system to improve licensee access and use of the system to obtain real-time

information about patients' prescription history in order to identify doctor or pharmacy shopping, as well as enable the Medical Board to identify potentially problematic prescribing patterns. The Medical Board believes this bill is very important to enhance the system and optimize its utility and responsiveness.

The Medical Board is planning a similar prescribing forum in the future in Southern California, as well as identifying other venues and vehicles to educate, inform and engage physicians, other prescribers and members of the public in a meaningful effort to turn the tide on the devastating epidemic of prescription drug abuse and misuse.

Living Donation California launched to inspire and inform potential living kidney donors

Donate Life California

On May 14, Living Donation California was launched as a first-of-its-kind, state-authorized information and referral service to inspire and inform people to be altruistic living kidney donors. Through its Web site, www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org, the free service provides information about the risks and benefits of living donation, and facilitates the referral of potentially eligible individuals for a full evaluation by a transplant center – all with the hope of increasing the number of living donor transplants and lessening both the number of Californians on the organ transplant waiting list and the time that they wait for their lifesaving gift.

The news conference at the California State Capitol was an opportunity for members of the transplant community to come together and recognize living kidney donors for their lifesaving gifts. Many speakers had a personal connection to organ donation: transplant surgeon Dr. Jeffrey Veale of UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center; State Senator Tom Berryhill, 12-year heart transplant survivor; Kelly Wright, living kidney donor; JePahl White, kidney recipient, who along with his wife, participated in a lifesaving kidney chain; and Tad Suwa, Sacramento firefighter waiting for a kidney transplant.

Currently, more than 17,000 Californians are waiting for a kidney transplant. The waiting list for those in need is ten years – twice as long as the national average. With such a shortage of kidneys available for transplant, living kidney donation is increasing in popularity. The vast majority of living kidney donors are family members or close friends; however, a growing number of altruistic kidney donors are stepping forward to offer the gift of life.

On April 2, Kelly Wright, who was inspired while watching the 2012 Donate Life Rose Parade Float, donated a kidney to a Boston man she met on Facebook in January. She said she has no regrets.



"I will never have a bigger accomplishment in my life than having one of my kidneys working inside of another human who may have died without it. Living donation is a blessing for both donor and recipient," Wright said.

While altruistic donors may be matched to single recipients, they also play a key role in "kidney chains" which link a series of incompatible pairs of donors and recipients who are compatible with each other. (For example, an altruistic donor gives a kidney to Wife 1, then Husband 1 donates to Wife 2, and Husband 2 donates to Wife 3, and so on). Altruistic donors are key to starting kidney chains because they are not linked to a specific recipient.

Living Donation California was inspired by Apple founder Steve Jobs, who in 2009, during his battle with pancreatic cancer, received a liver transplant. However, during that process he grew frustrated over the shortage of organs in the United States. In cooperation with then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Donate Life California, The Altruistic Living Donor Registry Act of 2010 (SB 1395) was signed into law, authorizing the state's organ procurement organizations (OPOs) to establish a service designed to "promote and assist live kidney donations." Living Donation California is that service.

Physicians encouraged to discuss patients' end-of-life wishes

California Medical Association

Physicians, families and other health care providers continually struggle to interpret the intent of patients who have failed to complete an advance directive. Physicians are encouraged to talk with their patients about important documents that will make their medical treatment wishes clear, if they are incapacitated or face a terminal illness.

In California, a document called an Advance Health Care Directive is the legally recognized format for a living will. A traditional living will only states a patient's desire not to receive lifesustaining treatment if he or she is terminally ill, or permanently unconscious. But an Advance Health Care Directive allows patients to state their wishes about refusing or accepting life-sustaining treatment, in any situation.

Without a directive, many families find themselves in the agonizing position of having to make a decision on how their loved one wishes to be cared for, particularly if there have been no prior discussions on the topic.

The Advance Health Care Directive also has replaced the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (DPAHC) as the legally recognized document for appointing a "health care agent" in California. A health care agent has legal authority to make decisions about a patient's medical care if the patient becomes unable to make these decisions.

When appropriate, physicians are encouraged to discuss Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) with patients. POLST forms are

used for patients with a serious illness or whose life expectancy is a year or less and outlines a plan of care reflecting the patient's wishes concerning medical interventions at life's end. POLST complements an advance directive by turning a patient's treatment preferences into actionable medical orders.

CMA's Advance Health Care Directive and POLST kits, available in English and Spanish, include legal forms and wallet identification cards, and answer many of the most frequently asked questions about these issues.

CMA encourages physicians to keep a supply of forms in their office for patient use. Members can purchase Advance Health Care Directive and POLST kits for \$5 each at CMA's online bookstore (nonmember price is \$6). Members who order 10 or more receive a 30 percent discount and member orders of 500 or more receive an additional discount of 25 percent.

For more information about Advance Health Care Directives see CMA On-Call document #3451, "Decisions Regarding Life-Sustaining Treatment: Advance Directives and POLST." This document, as well as the rest of CMA's health law library, is available free to members in CMA's online resource library at www.cmanet.org/cma-on-call. Nonmembers can purchase documents for \$2 per page.

Contact: CMA Legal Information Line, (800) 786-4262 or *legalinfo@camnet.org*.



The Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) Program

Department of Health Care Services

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) wishes to notify all California Medi-Cal providers of the Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) review that is being conducted in California by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The purpose of PERM is to identify erroneous payments made to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in all 50 states and report the improper payment estimates to Congress.

CMS has contracted with the Review Contractor (RC) A+ Government Solutions, Inc. to perform the review. The RC will collect the medical records from the providers via secure fax and mail for the sampled claims and will perform the medical and data processing reviews to determine if the claims were paid correctly.

Approximately 167 Medi-Cal claims will be selected per quarter, between October 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013. Providers whose medical records have been selected for review will begin receiving requests from the RC for copies of the medical records beginning in June 2013 and ending in July 2014.

Providers will also be required to send a duplicate copy of the medical records requested by the RC to

DHCS. DHCS is taking this proactive step in order to review the submitted documentation and determine if further information is needed to support the claim. In cases where DHCS determines that the medical records have not been submitted or further information is needed, providers will be contacted by a DHCS representative, either by phone or in person, to help facilitate obtaining copies of this important documentation.

DHCS is urging all providers to comply with requests for medical records from the RC and DHCS. Failure to comply with the request from the RC will result in an error being counted against California, and DHCS will be required to recover the claim payment amount from providers. Your cooperation will help ensure that the payment measurement rate is accurate and that California retains its much needed federal match monies for the Medi-Cal Program.

For further information about the FY 2013 PERM, visit the CMS PERM Web site located at https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/ Monitoring-Programs/PERM/Providers.html or the DHCS PERM Web site located at http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Pages/AI_MRB_PERM.aspx. Questions about PERM can be directed to the DHCS email address at PERM@dhcs.ca.gov.

Fascinating Fun Facts

In 2012, what was the gender breakdown of the 134,450 California licensed physicians?

In 2012, what was the female age group breakdown?:

- Younger than 30 years old
- 30-50 years old
- Older than 50 years

In 2012, what was the male age group breakdown?:

- Younger than 30 years old
- 30-50 years old
- Older than 50 years old

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Answers!

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Available pain management education

SCOPE of Pain: Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education

Prescription drug abuse is an ongoing problem throughout the nation. It is important that physicians familiarize themselves with safe practices when it comes to opioid prescribing. A new course from Boston University, offered in collaboration with the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) and the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), aims to help educate prescribers in the safe use of these medications.

Launched on March 1, 2013 with the first phase – an online educational

activity – the program addresses many key elements of the physician education component of the Obama Administration's prescription drug abuse prevention plan on



prescriber education released in April 2011.

This program, titled SCOPE of Pain, is a series of continuing medical education activities addressing the safe and competent use of opioids for managing chronic pain. The program consists of:

- A free 3-module web-based activity;
- 10 live conferences held around the U.S. that will include Policy and Resource panels; and
- Train-the-trainer workshops.

To learn more about the program, please visit: **www.scopeofpain.com**.

With regards to staying informed about prescribing practices, physicians should also familiarize themselves with the Guidelines for Prescribing Controlled Substances for Pain, which are posted on the Medical Board's Web site. You can view them by using this link: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/pain_guidelines.html

2013 Network of Ethnic Physician Organizations Leadership Summit

The purpose of the Leadership Summit (September 14-15, 2013 at The Green Valley Resort & Spa in Henderson, NV) is to strengthen the capacity of Ethnic Physician Organizations and ethnic physician leaders to work in their respective communities and collectively across communities, to reduce health disparities and increase access to health and health care services for diverse underserved communities.

Title of Workshop: Health Disparities in Pain Management (1.5 CME)

Sunday, September 15th 8:45a.m-10:15a.m.

Workshop panelists will include physicians and health care leaders who are implementing best practices in Pain Management, including promoting safe/less opiate use, and addressing cultural perceptions of pain.

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Participants will learn current regulations and policies pertaining to pain management and patient safety.
- Participants will be able to identify best practices for improving health disparities in pain management and increase patient safety while providing culturally competent health care to their patients.
- Participants will be able to identify best practices to create change in their community via grass-root community based prevention methods: Participating in 'prescription drop-offs' and advocating for policy change.

Title of Workshop: Cultural Competency in Palliative/End of Life Care (1.5 CME)

Sunday September 15th, 8:45a.m.-10:15a.m.

- 1. Identify ways to be culturally competent in talking about palliative care in different ethnic communities.
- 2. Understand different cultural perceptions and approaches of life and end of life care.

Register online at www.ethnicphysicians.org.

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Extended Release/Long Acting Opioids: Achieving Safe Use While Improving Patient Care

October 19, 2013 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina

In response to the growing problem of the abuse, misuse and diversion of extended-release and long-acting (ER/LA) opioid drugs, the FDA approved a risk evaluation and mitigation strategy (REMS) for ER/LA opioid medications. This initiative will provide a unique opportunity to reach and provide effective prescriber-focused education on the safe and effective prescribing of ER/LA opioids to safely manage pain.

FDA statistics indicate that more than 33 million Americans, teens and older, misused ER/LA opioids during 2007, up from 29 million in 2002. Yet these drugs have long been a major tool in the management of chronic pain or to help those who suffer from a painful injury or surgery. Highly effective yet highly addictive, the challenge posed by ER/LA opioids-patient assessment, prescribing guidelines, managing treatment and addressing alternatives when opioids fail are the critical issues addressed by this workshop.

CME for ER/LA opioids will be jointly sponsored by the American Society of Addiction Medicine and the California Academy of Family Physicians and the Collaborative for REMS Education (CO*RE) and will be free for all physicians. Registration is limited and pre-registration is required. A box lunch will be included.

Credit: Up to 3 units of AMA-PRA Category 1 Credit.

For more information or to register, visit:

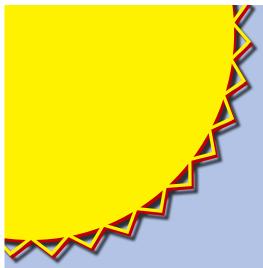
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Photos from the July 18-19 Quarterly Board Meeting in Sacramento









UV profession resources

Along with the rising temperatures this summer comes the increased risk of exposure to harmful UV rays. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Web site has a variety of resources available that can help you stay informed about the UV Index, which indicates the strength of solar UV radiation on a scale from 1 (low) to 11+ (extremely high).

You can sign up for alert emails, download smartphone apps, or look up the UV index for a geographical location by visiting the EPA Web site: http://www.epa.gov/sunwise/uviresources.html.

Too much exposure to UV rays can change skin texture, cause the skin to age prematurely, and can lead to skin cancer. UV rays also

have been linked to eye conditions such as cataracts. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 65 - 90% of melanomas are caused by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) has a number of resources available on its Web site regarding skin cancer information, research, treatments, and steps to take for prevention. You can access NCI's Web site by visiting: http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/skin.

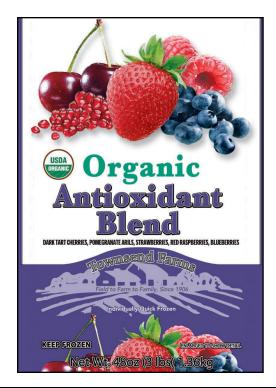
Sources: CDC, NCI

Recall: Townsend Farms Organic Anti-Oxidant Blend

On June 4, Townsend Farms, Inc. announced that it was voluntarily recalling certain lots of its frozen Organic Antioxidant Blend because it has the potential to be contaminated with Hepatitis A virus. Townsend Farms is recalling all products sold at Costco warehouse stores under the name Townsend Farms Organic Antioxidant Blend. This product was also sold at Harris Teeter stores from April 19 – May 7 under the product name Harris Teeter Organic Antioxidant Berry Blend

Consumers should not consume the product. The product should be disposed of immediately. Please keep proof of purchase and contact Townsend Farms Customer Service by phone (800) 875-5291 or email, *townsendfarms5148@stericycle.com*.

Physicians can access the Key Resources section of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site by visiting: http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/Outbreaks/2013/A1b-03-31/key-resources.html. You will find helpful information about the recall and the Hepatitis A virus.



National Immunization Awareness Month

August is recognized as National Immunization Awareness Month. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a dedicated Web site about vaccines, which contains useful information for providers regarding a variety of topics.

Among the topics covered are:

- Immunization schedules
- Recommendations
- Vaccines in the United States
- Vaccines & Preventable Diseases
- Basic & Common Questions
- Vaccine Side Effects & Safety
- Vaccination Coverage and Surveillance
- Requirements & Laws
- Education & Training
- Partners

CDC has immunization materials available that can be used in outreach and education efforts, including posters, video PSAs, social media posts and links to education materials.

To learn more, visit the Web sites at: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/events/niam.html and http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/

FDA Patient Safety Network

FDA recently launched a Patient Safety Network (http://www.patientnetwork.fda.gov), which is a portal for patients and their advocates to find essential health information. This patient-friendly site provides links to enable the visitor to become an active participant in decisions about the approval and safety of medical products. These links include:

- Learn how decisions are made about the approval of drugs, devices, and other medical products;
- Get timely information about product safety and new product approvals;
- Use interactive tools to find Approved Drugs at FDA and Search for a Clinical Trial;
- Comment on a regulation and make your opinion matter; and
- Join a live chat with FDA experts and get your questions answered.

Check out the FDA Commissioner's Blog on the new Patient Safety Network: http://blogs.fda.gov/fdavoice/index.php/2013/04/help-fda-help-patients-have-a-bigger-voice

Please help spread the word and add a web badge to your internet site:

http://patientnetwork.fda.gov/get-involved/fdapatient-network-partners

New Board Member - Phil Tagami



Phil Tagami, of Oakland, was appointed to the Medical Board of California by Governor Jerry Brown in May 2013. Mr. Tagami has worked at California Capital and Investment Group since 1992, including serving as president and chief executive officer since 2009.

Mr. Tagami has twenty years of public service on various state and municipal appointments including Commissioner of the Oakland Environmental Affairs Commission (1992-1994), Commissioner of the Oakland Landmarks Preservation Review Board (1994-1996), Commissioner of the California State World Trade Commission (2002-2003), Commissioner of the California State Park and Recreation Commission (2003-2006), Commissioner of the California Transportation Commission (2008-2009), and Chair of the California Lottery Commission (2012-2013).

Medical Board outreach at Franchise Tax Board



On Wednesday, May 29, the Medical Board of California participated in a Wellness Fair, sponsored by the Franchise Tax Board for their more than 1,000 employees. This outreach event gave the Medical Board the opportunity to educate California consumers about the Medical Board, in an effort to ensure that consumers know of the existence of the Board and what services are available to them.

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.

The booth was staffed by two Medical Board employees, Chris Valine, Outreach Coordinator, and Cassandra Hockenson, Public Affairs Manager. Consumers were provided with information explaining the Medical Board's role, how to access information about a physician, and how to file a complaint. Additionally, staff provided information about cosmetic treatments, medical spas, Internet prescribing, medical records, and responded to consumer questions.

The Wellness Fair was a huge success and provided the Medical Board with an opportunity to gain visibility and educate consumers about the resources available to them.

Fascinating Fun Facts Answers

In 2012, the gender breakdown for the 134,450 California licensed physicians were:

- 43,014 Female (32%)
- 91,436 Male (68%)

In 2012, the female age group breakdown was:

- Younger than 30 years old: 1,261 (3%)
- 30-50 years old: 26,525 (62%)
- Older than 50 years old: 15,228 (35%)

In 2012, the male age group breakdown was:

- Younger than 30 years old: 1,001 (1%)
- 30-50 years old: 35,304 (39%)
- Older than 50 years old: 55,131 (60%)

Physician Survey Disclaimer -

All information provided by the Medical Board of California is made available to provide immediate access for the convenience of interested persons. While the Board believes the information to be reliable, human or mechanical error remains a possibility, as does delay in the posting or updating of information. The information is self-reported by the physician and the Board does not verify the information. Therefore, the Board makes no guarantee as to the accuracy, completeness, timeliness, currency, or correct sequencing of the information. Neither the Board, nor any of the sources of the information, shall be responsible for any errors or omissions, or for the use or results obtained from the use of this information.

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Outpatient Surgery Settings Frequently Asked Questions

The Medical Board has developed a series of Frequently Asked Questions on the subject of Outpatient Surgery Settings. Here is a sample of the questions that are answered in this document.

Q: What is an Outpatient Surgery Setting or an Outpatient Ambulatory Surgery Setting?

A: It's any facility, clinic, center, office or other setting that is not part of a general acute care facility, where anesthesia, except local anesthesia or peripheral nerve blocks, or both, is used in compliance with the community standard of practice in doses that, when administered, have the probability of placing a patient at risk for the loss of the patient's life-preserving protective reflexes.

Q: Who can own an Outpatient Surgery Setting?

A: An Outpatient Surgery Setting can be owned by an association, corporation, firm, partnership, or individual person.

Q: Does an Outpatient Surgery Setting need to be licensed or accredited?

A: Anytime a medical procedure is performed under anesthesia that places patients at risk of losing their life-preserving protective reflexes, the medical procedure must be done in a licensed, certified, or accredited setting.

For the full text of the FAQs, please visit: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/outpatient_surgery_faq.pdf.

For more information regarding Outpatient Surgery Settings, please visit the Board's Web site at: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/outpatient_surgery.html.

Ending the physician/patient relationship

While a physician may end the physician/patient relationship, there are several steps one should take in order to avoid allegations of patient abandonment, which is considered unprofessional conduct. By following these guidelines, you are taking the appropriate steps to ensure that the patient can make a steady transition for continuous treatment.

A physician should notify patients of the following in writing when the physician wishes to discontinue care:

- 1. The last day the physician will be available to render medical care, assuring the patient has been provided at least 15 days of emergency treatment and prescriptions before discontinuing the physician's availability.
- 2. Alternative sources of medical care, i.e., refer patient to other physicians, by name, or to the local medical society's referral service.
- 3. The information necessary to obtain the medical records compiled during the patient's care (whom to contact, how and where).

Regarding the last step pertaining to medical records, there is a Frequently Asked Questions section on the Medical Board's Web site to help patients and physicians alike understand their rights/obligations when it comes to acquiring and providing copies of medical records. You can view that information by visiting: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/consumer/complaint_info_questions_records.html

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Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Program Recipient

Tan Nguyen, M.D. is currently working at the Family Health Centers in Santa Ana and Anaheim. His experiences of living in Vietnam and training for primary care at Michigan State University-College of Human Medicine had made a major impact in his decision to work in a health care shortage area. For Dr. Nguyen, the privilege of taking care of the whole family is tremendously rewarding. It is not infrequent that his patients will say, "This is the very first time I get to see a doctor." His care for a population of largely underinsured Hispanic and Vietnamese patients allows him to continue planting a deeper root in his community.

Dr. Nguyen recently completed his fellowship training in Patient Centered Medical Home to help his clinic become ready for the coming changes to healthcare delivery. Currently, he is collaborating with various community organizations in providing education and improving access of care for Vietnamese children with asthma. He is also working with the Family Medicine Interest Group at UC Irvine to help encourage and provide support for students going into primary care. Dr. Nguyen has a long term goal of continuing to help those in need in the community and reach out to other underserved areas similar to where he grew up.



FDA – Two inhalers containing CFCs off the market at year's end

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

The last two inhalers in the United States that contain ozone-damaging chloroflurocarbons (CFCs) - Combivent Inhalation Aerosol and Maxair Autohaler - will both be taken off the market by the end of this year. People with asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) who use these inhalers will need to talk to their health care providers about a prescription for an alternative.

Most inhalers using CFCs have already been phased out. The most widely used—albuterol CFC inhalers—were phased out in 2008 and replaced with alternatives that use propellants called hydrofluoroalkanes (HFAs). The most recent phaseout was of over-the-counter epinephrine inhalers sold under the brand name Primatene Mist, which were phased out at the end of 2011.

While all FDA-approved inhalers currently on the market have been shown to be effective, there are some differences between the products. For example, products propelled by HFA may taste and feel different than the spray from CFC-propelled inhalers. Although some consumers note that the spray from an HFA inhaler feels less forceful, this does not mean that the medicine is not working. Other alternative medications may use no propellant at all.

On its Web site, FDA maintains a list of inhalers for asthma and COPD that do not use CFCs and adds the names of new non-CFC inhalers as they become available. See: http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/InformationbyDrugClass/ucm082370.htm

From FDA Consumer Updates

MBC Staff Annoucements

Kimberly Kirchmeyer

Kimberly Kirchmeyer has been appointed as interim executive director of the Medical Board of California. Ms. Kirchmeyer has been with the Medical Board since 1999, and in the position of deputy director since 2005. In late 2009, Ms. Kirchmeyer left the Medical Board for approximately two years and served as deputy director of Board and Bureau Relations for the Department of Consumer Affairs. She returned to the Medical Board in June 2011 in her prior position as deputy director. Kimberly Kirchmeyer succeeds Linda Whitney, who retired in May after 37 years of state service.





Kerrie Webb

In April, the Medical Board welcomed new staff counsel, Kerrie Webb. In her role, Ms. Webb advises the Board on many issues including compliance with the Medical Practice Act, Administrative Procedure Act, Open Meeting Act, Public Records Act, and regulations applicable to the Medical Board's duties, among other things. Prior to joining the Medical Board, Ms. Webb was a partner at Kershaw, Cutter & Ratinoff, LLP. Ms. Webb attended McGeorge School of Law, where she graduated with distinction in 2000. Ms. Webb has a B.S. in Criminal Justice from California State University, Sacramento.

Cassandra Hockenson

In March, the Medical Board welcomed Cassandra Hockenson as the new public affairs manager. Ms. Hockenson manages all aspects of media and outreach on behalf of the Medical Board in addition to handling the press. Ms. Hockenson has a BA in Journalism and a BA in Communications Studies from California State University, Sacramento, as well as a JD from Lincoln Law School in Sacramento. She became involved in Consumer Advocacy Journalism and is a multiple Emmy nominee, having spent a several years working in television. She later joined State service and was at the California Air Resources Board before coming over to the Medical Board.



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iHealthBeat (iHealthBeat.org)
Survey Says More Than 90%
of U.S. Physicians Now Use
Electronic Health Records (EHRs)
Harris Interactive conducted
the online survey for Accenture.
In November and December of
2012, researchers polled 3,700
physicians in eight countries.
(May 10, 2013)
http://www.ihealthbeat.org/
articles/2013/5/10/survey-saysmore-than-90-of-us-physiciansnow-use-ehrs

Drug Enforcement

Public Response to DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Days Keeps Growing
The sixth annual event collected more than 50 percent more pills than previous events, demonstrating the American public's continued appreciation and need for the opportunity to discard unwanted and expired prescription drugs. (May 2, 2013) http://www.justice.gov/dea/divisions/hq/2013/hq050213. shtml

Administration (justice.gov/dea)

California Healthline

(californiahealthline.org)
California Faces Several Unique
Challenges in Affordable Care Act
(ACA) Implementation
According to federal officials,
California has the largest health
insurance market and about
six million uninsured residents,
making it a crucial place for ACA
implementation. (June 17, 2013)
http://www.californiahealthline.
org/articles/2013/6/17/
california-faces-severalunique-challenges-in-acaimplementation

Tech Med Corner

iHealthBeat (iHealthBeat.org)
Study: Use of iPads for Patient
Care Fell Short of Residents'
Expectations
Internal medicine residents are
generally satisfied with the use
of iPads in clinical settings but

generally satisfied with the use of iPads in clinical settings but say that the tablet computers fell short of their expectations for performing certain tasks, according to a study published in the Journal of Medical Internet Research.

(May 14, 2013)

http://www.ihealthbeat.org/ articles/2013/5/14/studyuse-of-ipads-for-patientcare-fell-short-of-residentsexpectations iHealthBeat (iHealthBeat.org)
New Guide Offers Best
Practices for Choosing Mobile
Health Apps
The American Health
Information Management
Association has released a
best practices guide to help
consumers evaluate mobile

health applications. (May 08, 2013)

http://www.ihealthbeat.org/ articles/2013/5/8/new-guideoffers-best-practices-forchoosing-mobile-health-apps **iHealthBeat** (iHealthBeat.org) Report Says Text4Baby Program Bolstered Maternal, Infant Care Text4Baby was launched in February 2010 and provides pregnant women and new mothers with no-cost text messages about pregnancy and infant care. As of December 2012, the service had more than 300,000 subscribers and was available in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. (May 15, 2013) http://www.ihealthbeat.org/ articles/2013/5/15/reportsays-text4baby-programbolstered-material-infant-care

Administrative Actions: February 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013

Physicians and Surgeons

ANDERSON, GREGORY MORSE, M.D. (G 33010)

San Pedro, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions

March 22, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=33010

ARCOTTA, KAREN FRANCES (G 46164)

Las Vegas, NV License Surrendered April 26, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&I icenseNumber=46164

BARKER, BRUCE C., M.D. (G 57849)

Arcata, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years probation with terms and conditions

April 5, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=57849

BERGER-DUJMOVIC, CATHERINE A., M.D. (A 80123)

Santa Clara, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions

April 5, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=80123

BONNER, ERNEST LINCOLN JR., M.D. (A 30477)

Alameda, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions

April 18, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=30477

BRAUN, JUDITH SAPERSTEIN, M.D. (G 26720)

La Jolla, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions, including 30 days actual suspension

February 14, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&li censeNumber=26720

Explanation of disciplinary language and actions

"Effective date of decision" — Example: "March 14, 2012" at the bottom of the summary means the date the disciplinary decision goes into operation.

- "Gross nealigence" An extreme deviation or departure from the standard of care.
- "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 with probationary terms

and conditions. This is done when cause exists to deny the license application, but limitations can be put in place to protect the public.

- "Public Letter of Reprimand" A lesser form of discipline that can be negotiated after or in lieu of the filing of formal charges. The reprimand may include educational and clinical training requirements.
- "Revoked" The right to practice is ended due to disciplinary action. The license is invalidated, voided, annulled, or rescinded.
- "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 any term of probation may result in the revocation that was postponed.

"Stipulated Decision or Settlement"

- A form of plea bargaining. The case is formally negotiated and settled prior to hearing.
- "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.

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BRENNAN, H. GEORGE, M.D. (C 27484)

Newport Beach, CA Public Reprimand March 15, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=27484

BUCKWALTER, KEVIN RAY, M.D. (A 63401)

San Clemente, CA Public Reprimand April 19, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=63401

CHAO, LIKANG, M.D. (G 85087)

Barstow, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions

February 3, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=85087

CHASAN, PAUL ELLIOTT, M.D. (G 68600)

Del Mar, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

April 8, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=68600

DAVIS, DEAN L., M.D. (G 59907)

Bakersfield, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions

March 15, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=59907

DAY, RICHARD GRAHAM, M.D. (G 55683)

Cambridge, OH

Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions February 19, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=55683

DIBDIN, JAMES DONALD, M.D. (A 39483)

Santa Monica, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

March 15, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=39483

DOAN, DOMINIQUE GIA-GIA, M.D. (A 38598)

San Gabriel, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions

March 21, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=38598

ECK, CHARLES ALAN (G 64411)

Sacramento, CA

License Surrendered

April 11, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=64411

EL-TOUKHY, MOHAMED SAMY (A 41652)

Panorama City, CA

License Revoked

April 5, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=41652

EMERSON, DEREK KIM (A 109882)

San Diego, CA

License Revoked

April 19, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=109882

EUBANKS, CHARLES AUBREY, M.D. (C 33728)

Cameron Park, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions

April 5, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=33728

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FRANCIS, JO ANN GUY (G 41849)

Natchez, MS License Revoked March 29, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=41849

FURMANSKI, STANLEY (A 25499)

Los Angeles, CA License Revoked April 29, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=25499

GABER, TAMER M. (A 114864)

Morgantown, WV License Revoked March 7, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=114864

GALIZIA, JAMES JOSEPH, M.D. (G 60491)

Tyler, TX

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions

April 17, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=60491

GEIER, MARK ROBIN (G 88736)

Silver Spring, MD License Revoked February 22, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=88736

GOLDBERG, MARSHALL PHILLIP (G 23273)

Coos Bay, OR

License Surrendered

April 11, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=23273

GOTTSTEIN, CAROL (G 80758)

Alameda, CA License Revoked Judicial Review Pending March 8, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=80758

GROSSMAN, HERBERT M., M.D. (G 12361)

Tucson, AZ

Public Letter of Reprimand pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233

February 12, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=12361

GULICK, ALAN CHRISTENSEN (G 41985)

Benicia, CA

License Surrendered

February 13, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=41985

HANSEN, LAWRENCE H. (G 7513)

Los Alamitos, CA License Surrendered April 2, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=7513

HARKONEN, W. SCOTT (G 44814)

San Francisco, CA License Revoked Judicial Review Pending February 17, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=44814

HAYES, DAWN MARIA, M.D. (G 70038)

Orangevale, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 2 years probation with terms and conditions

March 1, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=70038

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HIRSCH, KENNETH ROBERT (A 63898)

Hillsborough, NC License Revoked April 10, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=63898

HO, HOAI-KY VU, M.D. (A 102385)

Santa Ana, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 April 8, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=102385

HOFFMAN, STACEY LYNNE (A 62148)

Sonora, CA License Surrendered April 29, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=62148

HOLLAND, ROMIE HILTON, M.D. (G 36922)

Woodland, CA Public Reprimand with conditions February 27, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=36922

HOUTEN, LORNE (A 39450)

Woodland Hills, CA License Revoked March 15, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=39450

HULTER, HENRY NELSON, M.D. (G 28193)

San Rafael, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions April 5, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=28193

INGRAM, JONATHAN DAVID (A 100809)

Beverly Hills, CA License Revoked February 22, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=100809

ISRAELSTAM, DAVID M. (C 26177)

Madison, WI

License Surrendered

April 22, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=26177

KAPOOR, SANDEEP, M.D. (A 65873)

Studio City, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions

February 15, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=65873

KENNY, KATHERINE ANN, M.D. (A 105752)

Santa Cruz, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions

March 7, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=105752

KOLNIK, SARAH E. (A 115948)

San Mateo, CA License Surrendered

March 1, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=115948

KUEMMERLE, NATHAN BRIAN, M.D. (A 89368)

Temecula, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years probation with terms and conditions, including 1 year actual suspension

February 1, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=89368

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LAMONICA, CAROLYN ANN, M.D. (G 87283)

Beloit, WI

Public Letter of Reprimand pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 March 1, 2013

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LEMUS, JAMES ALFRED, M.D. (G 42274)

Commerce, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years probation with terms and conditions, including 30 days actual suspension

February 8, 2013

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LIN, YUAN H., M.D. (A 43050)

Chula Vista, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

March 15, 2013

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MACLEAN, STEVEN BRYAN (A 108590)

Torrance, CA License Revoked April 3, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=108590

MALOOF, MOLLY CHRISTINE, M.D. (A 125383)

San Francisco, CA

Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions April 15, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=125383

MAMMO, REBECCA BABULE, M.D. (A 77573)

Stockton, CA Public Reprimand March 1, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=77573

MANSUBI, FEREYDUN (A 26289)

San Jose, CA

License Surrendered

March 29, 2013

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MARSH, BRENDA JOANNE, M.D. (A 125384)

San Diego, CA

Probationary License issued with 5 years probation and terms and conditions April 15, 2013

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MOHAMED, EHAB ALY (A 72575)

Encino, CA

License Surrendered

February 21, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=72575

MOORE, PATRICK JAMES (G 33453)

Ashland, OR

License Surrender

March 19, 2013

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MORGAN, MAX GORISHEK, M.D. (G 28112)

Price, UT

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http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=28112

MORRILL, MICHELLE YVETTE, M.D. (A 87998)

San Francisco, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 1 year probation with terms and conditions

March 27, 2013

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NASHED, EZZAT A., M.D. (A 48771)

Victorville, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions

February 27, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=48771

NYMAN, KENNETH EDWARD, M.D. (G 27055)

Tarzana, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions

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http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=27055

PAK, BYUNG HO (A 40989)

Orange, CA

License Surrendered

April 4, 2013

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PANACEK, EDWARD ALAN, M.D. (G 47762)

Sacramento, CA Public Reprimand

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PAYNE, BROWNELL HILLIARD, M.D. (A 26350)

Culver City, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on an additional 2 years probation for a total of 8 years probation with terms and conditions, including actual suspension pending the completion of the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program

March 21, 2013

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PFUPAJENA, HOWARD TENDAI, M.D. (G 29345)

Walnut, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

March 15, 2013

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PHAM, CO DANG LONG, M.D. (A 34091)

Westminster, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

February 28, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=34091

PHAM, DAI T. (A 50227)

San Jose, CA

License Revoked

April 4, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=50227

POPOV, ALEXANDER (A 78244)

Los Angeles, CA

License Surrendered

March 6, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=78244

ROBINSON, FELIPE CONSTANTINO (G 37041)

Bethesda, MD

License Surrendered

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http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=37041

ROBINSON, WAYNE L. (C 24438)

Irvine, CA

License Surrendered

April 18, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=C&li censeNumber=24438

ROSALES, GILBERT, M.D. (A 53868)

Pacoima, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions

February 22, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=A&li censeNumber=53868

ROSE, EDWARD ALLEN (G 88082)

Santa Rosa, CA License Surrendered

April 19, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=88082

ROSE, KAREN EILEEN (C 52911)

Santa Rosa, CA License Surrendered

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ROSENBERG, ROBERT D., M.D. (A 43166)

Glendale, CA

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February 22, 2013; and

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SANGHA, ANOOP PALSINGH, M.D. (A 95928)

Tulsa, OK

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with conditions to be met precedent to returning to the practice of medicine

March 1, 2013

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SCHAFLE, MICHAEL F., M.D. (C 42249)

Fortuna, CA

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SCHULTZ, MICHAEL D. (G 42430)

Loma Linda, CA License Revoked April 19, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=42430

SENECHEK, DAVID ROBERT, M.D. (G 67317)

San Francisco, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions

March 8, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=67317

SEREBRIN, JONATHON HARRY, M.D. (G 36895)

Rolling Hills Estates, CA

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SHERMA, ARUN KUMAR, M.D. (A 114267)

New Orleans, LA

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SIDDIQUI, RUBY (C 50414)

Los Angeles, CA License Surrendered

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SINGER, JOEL BARNETT (G 65205)

Westport, CT License Revoked Judicial Review Pending February 28, 2013

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SMITH, DAVID HARLAN (G 67850)

San Pedro, CA License Revoked April 19, 2013

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TORRES, NOEL JR., M.D. (A 93526)

La Habra, CA

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TSAO, CHIALIN (A 49304)

Berkeley, CA Licensed Surrendered March 19, 2013

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TUBBS, JEFFREY VERNON, M.D. (G 50562)

Santa Paula, CA Public Reprimand with conditions February 27, 2013

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VANGEEM, THOMAS ARTHUR, M.D. (G 54706)

Thousand Oaks, CA Revoked, stayed, placed on 1 year probation with terms and conditions April 4, 2013

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WEIL, WILLIAM S., M.D. (G 7720)

Los Angeles, CA Public Reprimand with conditions February 8, 2013

http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/LicenseLookupSystem/ PhysicianSurgeon/Lookup.aspx?licenseType=G&l icenseNumber=7720

WHITE, SUZANNE JANETTE, M.D. (A 64192)

San Francisco, CA

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WIEGAND, TIMOTHY JOSEPH, M.D. (A 88509)

Webster, NY

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WIN, TIN TIN (A 73053)

Lake Havasu City, AZ License Revoked April 26, 2013

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WITANA, SARATH CHULA (A 50338)

Moreno Valley, CA License Revoked Judicial Review Pending March 8, 2013

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YAKEL, DONALD LEROY JR. (G 77682)

Springfield, IL License Revoked Judicial Review Pending April 4, 2013

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YANDLE, SUSAN HELEEN (G 74588)

Neptune Beach, FL
License Revoked
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74588

ZEGARRA, J. PETER, M.D. (G 52872)

Sacramento, CA
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52872

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BERRYHILL, JASON ALAN, P.A., (PA 22877)

Roseville, CA
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Doctors of Podiatric Medicine

GAROFALO, JOSEPH THOMAS, D.P.M. (E 1384)

Santa Barbara

Revoked, stayed, placed on 2 years and 364 days probation with terms and conditions March 15, 2013

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MOXLEY THOMAS, JOYCE (LM 239)

Chino, CA
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