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**Please see page 8 regarding
a new requirement to submit
an email address to the
Medical Board no later than
July 1, 2014**

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Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Video



The Medical Board of California has created a Public Service Announcement (PSA) video that urges physicians and consumers alike to “Spread the Word ... One Pill Can Kill.” The video, featuring Medical Board Member Dr. Michael Bishop, gives some basic information about the increase of drug overdose deaths and their relation to prescription drugs. It also provides some key information for physicians about what they should do when prescribing powerful pain medication.

You can view the video by clicking the picture above (which will open up the YouTube page on your computer's web browser) or by using this URL:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Unt-RjFWJcl&list=UUFE65eB4G_rBNGFR4PCUmyw.

The Medical Board urges you to watch the video and share it with colleagues, patients and consumers. There are additional educational opportunities and resources highlighted within this Newsletter as well.

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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Medical consultants needed

Are you interested in being an integral part of the Medical Board of California as a medical consultant? Do you have the ability to conduct effective interviews, exercise sound judgment in reviewing conflicting medical reports and preparing opinions, and analyze problems and take appropriate action? This is an excellent opportunity to help your community and obtain valuable experience. The Medical Consultant (Enforcement) exam is a continuous filing and once enough applications are received, an examination will be conducted (<http://jobs.ca.gov/JOBSGEN/1CADD.PDF>). If you have any questions, please contact John Hirai, Supervising Investigator II, at (562) 402-4668.

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. *The Board is currently looking specifically for experts in Pain Management, Addiction, Psychiatry, and Neurosurgery.* For more information regarding compensation and how to apply please visit: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Enforcement/Expert_Reviewer/

Editor's Spotlight

By Frank Miller

The Spring edition of the Newsletter brings with it a focus on prescription drug awareness and resources for physicians and consumers in order to educate themselves about prescription drug abuse.

March was designated as Prescription Drug Awareness Month by Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 8 and the Board created a Public Service Announcement (PSA) that can be found on the front page of this Newsletter.

There is information on page 12 regarding the DEA's next National Take-Back Initiative that provides a safe way for the public to get rid of their unwanted prescription drugs.

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) has new CME opportunities for physicians regarding the use of opioid analgesics in the treatment of chronic pain and treatment of opioid addiction in the medical office. More information can be found on page 10.

There is information from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) recommendation that health care professionals discontinue prescribing medication containing more than 325 mg of acetaminophen on page 11. Also from the FDA, companies have been ordered to stop manufacturing and distributing unapproved prescription drug products containing codeine and dihydrocodeine. That article can be found on page 13.

The Board is welcoming a new Executive Director. Kimberly Kirchmeyer, who was previously the Deputy Director and Interim Executive Director, has been hired for the position. Information on her appointment can be found on page 9.

Have you provided your email address to the Board? Pursuant to SB 304, all applicants and licensees who have an email address must give this information to the Board by July 1, 2014. The email address will remain confidential and will not be available to the public. For more information visit page 8.

I hope you have a great spring and as always, drop me a line at Frank.Miller@mbc.ca.gov to provide feedback or content submissions.

President's Message



Sharon Levine, M.D.

Over the last two years we have seen an unprecedented focus on the growing threat of prescription drug abuse and misuse – with particular emphasis on opioids – by consumers, the media and the professions. California legislators have responded with their own efforts to put in place both safeguards for consumers and for prescribers, as well as an effort to raise awareness in the community about the problem.

Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 8, introduced by Senator Mark DeSaulnier and passed in the 2013 legislative session, designated March as Prescription Drug Awareness Month, and the Medical Board of California (Board) took advantage of the opportunity to use the vehicles we have to raise the profile of this issue with licensees and consumers. Addressing the harms of prescription drug abuse, misuse and dependency, and implementing strategies to curtail the problem, is at the forefront of the Board's

priorities as we remain focused on our mission of consumer protection. We are committed to ensuring that licensees have the information and educational resources available to them to enable practitioners to safely address the very real challenge of balancing effective treatment of acute and chronic pain while avoiding the consequences of opiate overuse, dependency, and addiction.

Senator Mark DeSaulnier's resolution encourages all citizens to participate in prevention programs and activities to increase awareness of the problem. The theme of the public awareness campaign has been "Spread the Word ... One Pill Can Kill." It is imperative that we educate ourselves and our patients regarding the risks inherent in the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs. While awareness and education alone is not sufficient it is a necessary first step to begin to reverse the very troubling trend of deaths from prescription drugs which we have seen over the last decade.

The full text of SCR 8 can be found here: http://leginfo.ca.gov/80/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140SCR8

The Board's Public Affairs Department put together a Public Service Announcement (PSA) video for Prescription Drug Awareness to help spread the word. There is a link to the video on the front page of this Newsletter. We hope that you will share it with your colleagues and patients as well. The PSA features Medical Board Member Dr. Michael Bishop and covers basic principles that physicians must follow for prescribing

opioid medication such as:

- Perform an appropriate examination
- Develop a treatment plan
- Obtain informed consent
- Review the course of treatment
- Determine if the patient needs a referral
- Keep accurate and complete medical records, including
 - Treatments
 - Medications
 - Lab results
 - Periodic review of treatment plans
- Provide ongoing and follow up care at appropriate intervals.

The Board will also continue to identify resources for physicians and consumers that we hope will prove useful. Continuing medical education (CME) opportunities are available on the Board's website and will continue to be highlighted in the Newsletter. Also, presentation materials from the Medical and Pharmacy Boards' Joint Forum to Promote Appropriate Prescribing and Dispensing, held on February 21-22, 2013 in San Francisco, are also available on the Board's website: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/Pain_Forum_February_2013.aspx

The Drug Enforcement Administration's Office of Diversion Control is holding another National Take-Back Initiative that provides a safe and efficient way to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs, while also providing education on the harms and potential for abuse of medications. The event will be held

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Legislator Profile

Senator Tom Berryhill



Senator Tom Berryhill is a father, husband, heart transplant survivor, and fourth generation farmer. Today, in good health, he is a member of the California State Senate working on behalf of his constituents and enjoying time with his family. He is believed to be the only elected official in the United States who is a heart transplant recipient.

Senator Berryhill was elected to represent the 14th Senate District in 2010 after serving four years in the Assembly. His district includes the counties of Amador, Calaveras, Mono, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Madera, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Fresno and parts of Sacramento. It is a large district, rich in natural resources and beauty. It contributes billions to the state's economy through agriculture, wine production, tourism and dairy.

Senator Berryhill is a member of the Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Finance, and Business and Professions. He is vice chairman of both the Governmental Organization and Human Services committees.

Having served as vice chair of the Rural Caucus and chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Senator Berryhill is very committed to making sure rural California has a voice in Sacramento. He has been a strong advocate

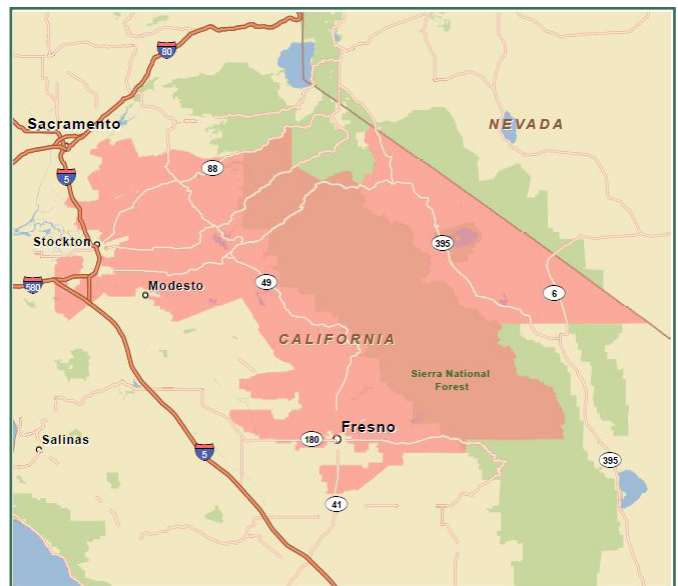
of establishing a medical school at the University of California, Merced as a way to address the physician shortage and access to care issues that plague rural communities. As California implements the changes to federal health care, Senator Berryhill has been a stalwart advocate for his district.

He authored legislation to address the critical nursing shortage by ensuring that those admitted to nursing school are adequately prepared to complete the programs and graduate. He received the California Legislator of the Year award from the American Nurses Association in 2008.

A tireless advocate for organ donation, Senator Berryhill was a co-author and vocal supporter of the legislation that created Living Donation California, a program designed to promote and assist live kidney donations. Currently more than 20,000 Californians are awaiting an organ transplant, and 75 percent of those waiting are in need of a kidney transplant.

When Senator Berryhill is not in Sacramento or working on the family ranch, he is home in the beautiful foothills of California with his wife and daughters.

District Map



You Asked For It

Questions received from the Web

By Christine Valine, Public Information Analyst

Q. Recently, I heard that a physician who owes back taxes will have his/her medical license suspended by the Medical Board of California.

A. You are referring to a law (Business and Professions Code section 494.5) that went into effect in July 2012. The Medical Board of California (and other licensing entities) is required to suspend the license of any licensee or refuse to issue a license to any applicant who has outstanding tax obligations due to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) or the State Board of Equalization (BOE) that appear on their list of top 500 tax delinquencies over \$100,000 (Revenue and Taxation Code section 7063).

Q. What is the best way to change my address of record with the Medical Board of California?

A. At this time, to update your address of record, telephone number, or email address, the request must be in writing, signed and dated, and either faxed or mailed to the Medical Board of California. The change should be on a "Change of Address" form, which can be downloaded [here](#).

Q. What is the Physician Sunshine Act?

A. This is a provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; requiring any payments made to doctors by the manufacturers of drugs, devices, biological, or medical supplies that are reimbursed by Medicare, MediCal, or the Children's Health Insurance Program to be publicly reported under the Physician Payments Sunshine Act.

Q. Is it legal for me to establish a physician-patient relationship through telehealth?

A. The physician-patient relationship may be established via telehealth, provided that the use of a telehealth exam to establish the relationship is within the standard of care for the particular situation, and provided the telehealth exam complies fully with [Business and Professions Code section 2290.5](#). Some situations and patient presentations are appropriate for the utilization of telehealth as a component of, or in lieu of, in-person provision of medical care, while others are not. Ultimately, if the Board investigates a complaint about how a physician is using telehealth, the physician's actions will be reviewed by his or her peers to determine whether the standard of care is met.

Q. Is my medical assistant required to have a phlebotomy certificate from the California Department of Public Health to draw blood in my office?

A. No. Medical assistants are permitted to draw blood in a physician's office as long as they have received the proper training and are deemed by the supervising physician to be proficient in performing the procedure.

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.



Patient-Centered Labels Help With Adherence

California Board of Pharmacy

A 2005 State Senate resolution sought to study the causes of medication errors and make recommendations for changes in the health care system that would reduce errors associated with the delivery of prescription and over-the-counter medication to consumers.

Results from this study prompted the California Legislature in 2007 to enact SB 472, which directed the California State Board of Pharmacy to develop parameters for “patient-centered labels.”

This legislation, enacted as Section 4076.5 of the California Business and Professions Code, applies to any prescription medication dispensed to patients in the state.

The law provides that patient-centered labels contain standardized directions for use whenever possible; larger and simpler font types and sizes; and placement of information that considers the needs of patients with limited English proficiency and senior citizens. The labels should feature the information patients or caregivers most often seek out or need in order to understand how to safely take the medication.

Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 1707.5, establishes specific parameters for patient-centered labels on prescription drug containers and went into effect in January 2011.

The resulting label requirements apply to pharmacies; mail order pharmacies outside of the state that ship to patients in California; and to physicians and other prescribers who dispense medication to patients.

At least fifty percent of the prescription label must include only the following items:

- Name of the patient
- Strength and name of the drug; name being either the drug’s trade name or generic name and manufacturer
- Directions for use of the drug
- Condition or purpose for which the drug was prescribed, if it is indicated on the prescription

Other required label elements can appear elsewhere on the label in a manner not to detract from the patient-centered element. This includes the name of the prescriber; date of issue, name and address of the pharmacy and prescription number or other identifying means; quantity dispensed; expiration date of the

effectiveness of the dispensed drug; and the physical description of the dispensed medication including its color, shape and any identification code that appears on the tablets or capsules.

When a physician includes the medication purpose on a prescription, such as “to treat infection,” or “for blood pressure” it not only helps the pharmacist dispensing the medication, but also helps patients understand why they are taking the medication.

According to the Institute for Safe Medication Practices, improper use, overuse or underuse of medications can occur when patients don’t understand the instructions on how to take their medications.

Pharmacist Stanley Weisser, Board of Pharmacy president, said studies have found that 46 percent of patients misunderstand one or more instructions on prescription labels. This is especially true for older adults.

Studies have also shown that older adults are among those most vulnerable to medication misuse because they use more prescription and over-the-counter medications than other age groups. They are likely to experience more problems with relatively small amounts of medications because of increased medication sensitivity as well as slower metabolism and elimination.

The label regulation also has a provision that requires pharmacies to have interpreters available for patients with limited English skills. If such interpreter services are not available in the pharmacy from staff, they can be secured via telephone service.

Part of the patient-centered labeling requirements also includes standardized directions for use that are to be used “when appropriate.” These directions for use were developed by national researchers over the last few years. The Board of Pharmacy’s website includes translations of these directions for use in Russian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish and Korean.

Physicians and pharmacists working together can help with patient medication adherence.

Samples of patient-centered prescription labels can be found at <http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/licensing/labels.shtml>

Medical Board Addresses ENOUGH! Rally at State Capitol

The 2nd Annual ENOUGH! rally, sponsored by The National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse (NCAPDA), was held on March 24 at the south steps of the State Capitol.

April Rovero, founder and CEO of NCAPDA, contacted the Medical Board of California (Board) after seeing the recent Public Service Announcement video and invited the Board to attend and present at the rally.

The rally attracted multiple people and many organizations, including the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the HOPE2GETHER Foundation, Mothers With a Purpose, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the California Health Collaborative, the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC), and Harm Reduction Services.

Medical Board Executive Director Kimberly Kirchmeyer addressed the crowd, along with parents who have lost children to this epidemic, various legislative representatives, and Assemblyman Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica).

Ms. Kirchmeyer stressed the Board's mission of consumer protection, and the development of the Prescription Drug



Medical Board of California Executive Director, Kimberly Kirchmeyer (far right), addresses the rally.

Task Force and the Prescription Drug Strike Force, as well as last year's Joint Forum on appropriate prescribing. Ms. Kirchmeyer explained that the Board (through its Task Force) is currently working on revising its Pain Management Guidelines.

The Board also hosted a table with information about the Board. Many stopped by the Board's table with questions and to pick up information. Most importantly, the Board has an ongoing working relationship with NCAPDA and its various support organizations to combat the ongoing issue of prescription drug abuse.

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on April 26, 2014 from 10 am to 2 pm. Previous efforts for prescription drug disposal have proved to be very successful and information on where to locate a collection site can be found on the DEA's website: http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/.

In addition to informing physicians and consumers about education opportunities, the Board's Prescribing Task Force has begun the process of revising and updating the Guidelines for Prescribing Controlled Substances for Pain, which were initially adopted by the Board in 1994 and last revised in 2007. The Task Force met on February 19, and will be meeting again this summer to continue the work. The guidelines in their current iteration are available on the Board's website here: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/Pain_Guidelines.aspx.

The Board's Executive Director and I will be participating in a meeting on May 7, the Bay Area Prescription Drug Abuse Summit, sponsored by the US Attorney's office, to share with the attendees the efforts being made in California to reverse the epidemic of morbidity and mortality resulting from prescription drug abuse.

While March has been designated as Prescription Drug Awareness Month, it is essential that efforts to address this issue must be year round. The Medical Board staff and Board members are committed to doing our part by providing useful resources for education and outreach, and working with the legislature on their efforts to contribute to the solution. The Board hopes to equip physicians and consumers alike with the tools we all need in order to stem the tide of prescription drug abuse.

Pink Dot Plate Promotes Organ, Eye & Tissue Donation

Donate Life California

How do you help the more than 22,000 Californians on the transplant waiting list in need of a life-saving organ transplant? How about mini “billboards” on thousands of cars driving on California roads and freeways?

In October 2013, Donate Life California – with the Medical Board of California (MBC) as its honorary partner – began taking reservations for its Pink Dot Plate. The special interest license plate features the same pink “DONOR” dot on California driver licenses and IDs to indicate an individual’s wish to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor.

Funds earned from sales of the Pink Dot Plate will go towards organ and tissue donation education programs and could ultimately save someone like Tad Suwa (pictured). Tad is one of nearly 18,000 Californians with end stage renal disease (ESRD) waiting for a life-saving kidney transplant. The 12-year veteran with the Sacramento Fire Department was diagnosed with kidney disease shortly after high school. Despite his illness, he achieved his dream of becoming a firefighter. However, in 2012 his kidney function had deteriorated, and in August of that year his sister donated a kidney to him. Unfortunately the kidney did not work following transplant, and Tad began dialysis. While life-sustaining, dialysis is an artificial means of cleansing the blood and does not effectively perform the many functions of the kidneys. As a result, Tad lacks the energy required to respond to rescue calls and is limited to a desk job. His lack of energy and time spent connected to a dialysis machine limit his ability to help manage the day-to-day needs of his family - a girlfriend and their four children.

To date, nearly 11 million Californians are on the Donate Life California Organ & Tissue Donor Registry. That means



Tad Suwa holding the Pink Dot Plate.

about 20 million more are not. The Pink Dot Plate will inspire more Californians to register as donors so that someday they too can heal and save lives. One of those people could be the one to help Tad.

To reserve a plate and support organ, eye and tissue donation, go to www.PinkDotPlate.org. Once 7,500 plates have been sold, the DMV will begin production of the plate, and the mini Pink Dot Plate “billboards” will appear at stop lights and freeway on-ramps across the state, creating awareness and giving hope to those on the transplant waiting list.

Email Address Requirement and Deadline

Pursuant to Senate Bill 304, Business and Professions Code section 2021 was amended to require that each applicant and licensee who has an electronic mail address (email address) shall report that information to the Board no later than **July 1, 2014**. Please be advised that this email address shall be considered confidential and will **not** be subject to public disclosure.

Licensees can add an email address by accessing the Board's 'Change of Address' form available here: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Address_of_Record.aspx.

New Executive Director - Kimberly Kirchmeyer



The Medical Board of California announces the appointment of Kimberly Kirchmeyer as its new Executive Director. Ms. Kirchmeyer has been with the Medical Board since 1999, and has been serving as its Interim Executive Director since June of 2013.

Prior to that she served as Deputy Director from 2005 until December of 2009 when she was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to serve as Deputy Director of Board and Bureau Relations for the Department of Consumer Affairs. She returned to her prior position as Deputy Director with the Medical Board in 2011.

"Ms. Kirchmeyer's talent and experience are of great value to our Board, and we have every confidence in her ability to successfully lead the Medical Board of California in carrying out our mission of consumer protection and insuring a high quality workforce to care for the people of California," said Board President Dr. Sharon Levine.

Upon being sworn in, Ms. Kirchmeyer said, "I consider it a privilege to be appointed as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California. In this position I look forward to advancing and promoting the mission of consumer protection."

Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Program Recipient



Tipu V. Khan, M.D., is the Lead Obstetrics provider at UMMA Community Clinic in South Los Angeles. He is a Family Physician

who completed an OB Fellowship and provides full spectrum care to his patients. He received his Medical Degree from the University of Washington with a certificate of additional training in the Underserved Pathway. Dr. Khan is dedicated to working with the underserved domestically and internationally. He is an accomplished writer having authored the book *Where's Haiti?* which recounts touching stories of hope and pain in Haiti (the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere) after the earthquake (www.DocTipu.com).

Dr. Khan enjoys teaching and has undergraduates and USC/UCLA medical students rotate with him in

clinic. He serves as CAFP (California Academy of Family Physicians) CME faculty and as an executive committee member representing the CAFP to the CMQCC (California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative) whose goal is to lower maternal morbidity/mortality in the state. He is the Founding Medical Director and Board Chair for the Shifa of Orange County Student Run Mobile Free Clinic (www.ShifaOC.org). Dr. Khan recently completed the 2013 Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence Protecting Children and Families from Tobacco: Leadership Advocacy Training and aims to work on policy changes around tobacco use in underserved communities.

Information Regarding Zohydro Prescription

Drug Enforcement Administration

On October 25, 2013, the FDA approved Zohydrotm ER, a schedule-II controlled substance. Zohydrotm ER is a name-brand analgesic (extended-release formulation of pure hydrocodone) manufactured for the San Diego-based pharmaceutical company Zogenix, INC. by Alkermes Gainesville LLC. The Zohydrotm ER formulation contains significantly greater amounts of hydrocodone than currently available immediate-release hydrocodone products, specifically those formulations which have combined hydrocodone with other analgesics, such as acetaminophen. Previous experience with similar extended-release narcotics indicate there is a high potential for abuse and possible overdose.

The Zogenix website provided the following information about Zohydrotm ER:

“Zohydrotm ER is indicated for the management of pain, severe enough to require daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment for which alternative treatment options (e.g. non-opioid analgesics or immediate-release opioids) are inadequate. The dosage strengths and administration are 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 50 milligrams (mg) of hydrocodone bitartrate capsules and twice-daily (q12h)

administration. Zohydrotm ER is indicated for severe pain that requires continuous, around-the-clock, opioid therapy and is not indicated for acute pain or PRN analgesia.”

Use in opioid non-tolerant patients may lead to overdose, particularly acute and fatal respiratory depression. Instruct patients not to consume alcoholic beverages, as well as prescription and over-the-counter products that contain alcohol, during treatment with Zohydrotm ER. The co-ingestion of alcoholic beverages with Zohydrotm ER may result in increased plasma levels and a potentially fatal overdose of hydrocodone.

The Zohydrotm ER capsules must be swallowed whole and must not be chewed, crushed, or dissolved. Taking chewed, crushed or dissolved Zohydrotm ER capsules or contents can lead to rapid release and absorption of a potentially fatal dose of hydrocodone.

The distribution of this product is anticipated to begin in the March to mid April 2014 time frame. As always, act to protect the patient and provide detailed instructions regarding the specific warnings prior to prescribing or dispensing this controlled substance.

FSMB CME Opportunity

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) created learning activities to educate the state medical boards and the physicians and other health care providers they license on recently revised pain policies.

These continuing medical education learning activities serve as a valuable resource to physicians seeking education related to opioid addiction as well as the appropriate use of opioid analgesics in the treatment of pain.

Course	Maximum CME Credit	Expiration Date	Information/Link to Activity
Model Policy for the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain	1.00	February 28, 2016	information
Model Policy on DATA 2000 and Treatment of Opioid Addiction in the Medical Office	1.00	February 28, 2016	information

Both activities are accredited for 1 AMA PRA Category 1[™] credit and the CME is **FREE** to the learner. The activities can be found on their website at <http://www.fsmb.org/cme/pain-resources.html>.

FDA Recommendation Regarding Acetaminophen

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

ISSUE: FDA is recommending health care professionals discontinue prescribing and dispensing prescription combination drug products that contain more than 325 milligrams (mg) of acetaminophen per tablet, capsule or other dosage unit. There is no available data to show that taking more than 325 mg of acetaminophen per dosage unit provides additional benefits that outweighs the added risks for liver injury. Further, limiting the amount of acetaminophen per dosage unit will reduce the risk of severe liver injury from inadvertent acetaminophen overdose, which can lead to liver failure, liver transplant, and death.

Cases of severe liver injury with acetaminophen have occurred in patients who:

- Took more than the prescribed dose of an acetaminophen-containing product in a 24-hour period;
- Took more than one acetaminophen-containing product at the same time; or
- Drank alcohol while taking acetaminophen products.

BACKGROUND: In January 2011 FDA asked manufacturers of prescription combination drug products containing acetaminophen to limit the amount of acetaminophen to no more than 325 mg in each tablet or capsule by January 14, 2014. FDA requested this action to protect consumers from the risk of severe liver damage which can result from taking too much acetaminophen. This category of prescription drugs combines acetaminophen with another ingredient intended to treat pain (most often an opioid), and these products are commonly prescribed to consumers for pain, such as pain from acute injuries, post-operative pain, or pain following dental procedures.

Acetaminophen is also widely used as an over-the-counter (OTC) pain and fever medication, and is often combined with other ingredients, such as cough and cold ingredients. FDA will address OTC acetaminophen products in another regulatory action. Many consumers are often unaware that many products (both prescription and OTC) contain acetaminophen, making it easy to accidentally take too much.

More than half of manufacturers have voluntarily complied with the FDA request. However, some prescription

combination drug products containing more than 325 mg of acetaminophen per dosage unit remain available. In the near future FDA intends to institute proceedings to withdraw approval of prescription combination drug products containing more than 325 mg of acetaminophen per dosage unit that remain on the market.

RECOMMENDATION: FDA recommends that health care providers consider prescribing combination drug products that contain 325 mg or less of acetaminophen. FDA also recommends that when a pharmacist receives a prescription for a combination product with more than 325 mg of acetaminophen per dosage unit that they contact the prescriber to discuss a product with a lower dose of acetaminophen. A two tablet or two capsule dose may still be prescribed, if appropriate. In that case, the total dose of acetaminophen would be 650 mg (the amount in two 325 mg dosage units). When making individual dosing determinations, health care providers should always consider the amounts of both the acetaminophen and the opioid components in the prescription combination drug product.

Health care providers and pharmacists who have further questions are encouraged to contact the Division of Drug Information at 888.INFO.FDA (888-463-6332) or druginfo@fda.hhs.gov.

Health care professionals and patients are encouraged to report adverse events or side effects related to the use of these products to the FDA's MedWatch Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program:

- Complete and submit the report online: www.fda.gov/MedWatch/report.htm
- [Download form](#) or call 1-800-332-1088 to request a reporting form, then complete and return to the address on the pre-addressed form, or submit by fax to 1-800-FDA-0178

NOTE: The current maximum recommended adult dose of acetaminophen is 4,000 milligrams per day. Acetaminophen is used in many commonly prescribed medications in combination with pain relievers such as codeine, oxycodone and hydrocodone, amongst others.

Vial of Life Program Useful In Emergencies

The Vial of Life project allows individuals to have their complete medical information ready and available in their home in case of an emergency. This can provide needed information to first responders when an individual is incapacitated or unable to remember specifics about their medications and health needs. The program can be used by anyone, is typically free, and comes with decals, medical information forms, and other materials available to download and/or print from the following websites: www.VialOfLife.org and/or www.VialofLife.com. The information is gathered together and placed on an individual's refrigerator door. A decal is placed on the front door of the residence identifying the resident as a Vial of Life participant, and directing medical responders to the refrigerator door where medical forms are in a Ziploc bag with a Vial of Life decal on it.

This program is especially valuable for seniors, and is recommended by many senior center organizations. The amount of detail given on the medical forms is optional, however the more information provided the better. Information like allergies, medical conditions, blood type, and current medications is a must, in addition to insurance information and emergency contacts. Even advance health care directives are suggested, as well as a Health Care Power of Attorney. For patients with complicated medical histories it is recommended that they get the help of their doctor in filling out the information.

Although there are now many variations of the program nationwide, the overall goal is the same. In California, Vial of Life became a Public Charity in 1998 through the efforts of Jeff Miller the Founder and CEO of Vital-Link, Inc. The Vial of Life Project supplies many Red Cross Chapters, hospitals, governmental agencies, pharmacies, senior centers, municipalities, etc. with the free Vial of Life kits. Free decals for the project are paid for by the American Senior Safety Agency.

This program is a practical and "free" way to keep helpful medical information visible and in one place.

DEA National Take-Back Day For Prescription Drugs

On April 26, 2014, the Drug Enforcement Administration's Office of Diversion Control will hold another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, which aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. The previous event, held last October, yielded 324 tons of expired and unwanted medications from the 5,683 take-back sites available in all 50 states.

In California, there were 425 collection sites that resulted in 72,886 pounds of medication.

To locate a collection site near you, please visit http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/.

Additional information regarding drug disposal can be accessed by using this link: http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/index.html.

New Hospital Reporting Form

The Medical Board of California has a new reporting form for hospitals to use to report the transfer by a licensed midwife of a planned out-of-hospital birth. The licensed midwife is required to provide records and speak with the receiving physician. Here is a link to the form: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Licensees/midwives_out-of-hospital_delivery.pdf

Business & Profession's Code section 2510:

*"If a client is transferred to a hospital, the licensed midwife shall provide records, including prenatal records, and speak with the receiving physician and surgeon about labor up to the point of the transfer. **The hospital shall report each transfer of a planned out-of-hospital birth to the Medical Board of California and the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative using a standardized form developed by the board.**"*

Unapproved Prescription Drugs Containing Codeine and Dihydrocodeine

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

FDA has ordered companies to stop manufacturing as of February 24, 2014, and distributing as of April 10, 2014, unapproved prescription drug products containing codeine and unapproved prescription drug products containing dihydrocodeine.

The drugs covered by this action lack the required FDA approval and are:

- Single-ingredient codeine sulfate oral tablets;
- Single-ingredient codeine phosphate injections;
- Combination products containing codeine phosphate; and
- Combination products containing dihydrocodeine bitartrate.

FDA is taking this action as part of its continuing effort to ensure that prescription drugs marketed in the U.S. have the required FDA approval, which means that they have been found to be safe, effective, of good quality, and appropriately labeled.

There will be little, if any, impact on patients. There are several FDA-approved drug products on the market that patients can take for symptom relief. There are approximately 55 prescription codeine/dihydrocodeine products with FDA approval. Patients should consult a health care professional for detailed guidance on their treatment options.

Please note that legally marketed over-the-counter (OTC) medications that contain codeine for use as a cough suppressant are not affected by this notice and such drug products are the subject of individual state restrictions regarding their sale.

If you have further questions regarding this action, please contact the Division of Drug Information at: 888-INFO.FDA (888-463-6332), or email at: druginfo@fda.hhs.gov.

ER/LA Opioid Analgesics Education Opportunity

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has required a shared Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for all extended-release (ER) and long-acting (LA) opioid medications. If you prescribe ER/LA opioid analgesics, the FDA encourages you to take a REMS-compliant continuing education program.

These programs provide updated training on the risks and safe use of ER/LA opioids. A listing of REMS-compliant training can be found at <https://search.er-la-opioidrems.com>.

Providers of REMS-compliant CE adhere to the standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or other CE accrediting bodies.

There is also a one-page document available that helps prescribers counsel patients regarding the risks and safe use of ER/LA opioid analgesics that can be found here: <http://www.er-la-opioidrems.com/lwgui/remspcd.action>.

Medical Board Outreach Opportunities

The Medical Board of California (Board) has been meeting with various groups, organizations and colleges in an effort to inform licensees and the public about the Board's functions and role in consumer protection.

Topics covered have ranged from how to file a complaint with the Board and what is within the Board's jurisdiction, to how to fill out a license application and what is needed in order to complete the application process.

If you would like the Board to provide a speaker to do a presentation, please put your request in writing and submit it to the Webmaster email: Webmaster@mbc.ca.gov

Sacramento Business Journal (bizjournals.com)

Big news: California Is The Eighth Skinniest State

The study of all 50 states found Mississippi the fattest, with 35.4 percent of its people obese. Montana was the slimmest state, with a 19.6 percent obesity rate. California had 23.6 percent of its people considered obese. (March 7, 2014)

http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/news/2014/03/04/california-eighth-skinniest-state.html?ana=RSS&s=article_search

San Francisco Business Times (bizjournals.com)

University of California Grants \$2.5 Million for Health Care Improvement Projects

The University gave \$2.5 million total to four projects at its campuses -- two of them at UC San Francisco -- to improve health care and lower its cost. (March 11, 2014)

http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/news/2014/03/10/university-california-grants-ucsf-ucdavis.html?ana=RSS&s=article_search

Journal Watch (jwatch.org)

A Second Infant Reportedly Cleared of HIV After Early Therapy

A California baby is apparently the second case of an infant infected perinatally with HIV and showing no signs of infection after beginning early antiretroviral therapy. (March 7, 2014)

<http://www.jwatch.org/fw108570/2014/03/07/second-infant-reportedly-cleared-hiv-after-early-therapy?query=pfw>

California Healthline (californiahealthline.org)

Kaiser Ranks Highest in California for Health Plan Satisfaction

For the seventh year in a row, Kaiser Permanente ranked highest in member satisfaction among California health plans, according to a J.D. Power and Associates' study released this week. (March 11, 2014)

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/articles/2014/3/11/kaiser-ranks-highest-in-california-for-health-plan-satisfaction>

Tech Med Corner

iHealthBeat (ihealthbeat.org)

Rx Drug Developers Increasingly Using Social Media for Outreach

Developers are using social media to interact with consumers and distribute information about medications, according to a recent analysis by the Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development. (March 10, 2014)

<http://www.ihealthbeat.org/articles/2014/3/10/rx-drug-developers-increasingly-using-social-media-for-outreach>

iHealthBeat (ihealthbeat.org)

Google, Other Firms Working To Address Illegal Online Pharmacies

According to National Journal/NextGov, illegal online pharmacies present a growing and dangerous problem. (March 6, 2014)

<http://www.ihealthbeat.org/articles/2014/3/6/google-other-firms-working-to-address-illegal-online-pharmacies>

iHealthBeat (ihealthbeat.org)

Rhode Island Hospital Launches First Real-Time ED Study of Google Glass

Under a six-month feasibility study, Rhode Island Hospital's emergency department became the first in the U.S. to test Google Glass technology's ability to transmit real-time images to remote medical specialists. (March 10, 2014)

<http://www.ihealthbeat.org/articles/2014/3/10/ri-hospital-launches-first-real-time-ed-study-of-google-glass>



Administrative Actions: November 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014

Physicians and Surgeons

ABDEL-HAMEED, MOHAMMAD FATHI (A 46630)

Orlando, FL

License Revoked

November 22, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/breezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=46630>

ANDERSEN, JARON ROSS, M.D. (A 97202)

Glendale, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with terms and conditions, including 30 days actual suspension

November 14, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=97202>

ANDERSON, DONOVAN JOHN, M.D. (G 48061)

Mohave Valley, AZ

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

January 10, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=48061>

Reminder! Email address requirement and deadline

Pursuant to Senate Bill 304, Business and Professions Code section 2021 was amended to require that each applicant and licensee who has an electronic mail address (email address) shall report that information to the Board no later than **July 1, 2014**. Please be advised that this email address shall be considered confidential and will **not** be subject to public disclosure.

Licensees can add an email address by accessing the Board's 'Change of Address' form available here:
www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Address_of_Record.aspx.

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 negligence" — 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.

BARAHONA, JOAQUIN ANTONIO (G 61084)

San Francisco, CA

License Revoked

January 17, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=61084>

BEORIS, PETER ANTHONY (G 35111)

Montague, CA

License Surrendered

November 13, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=35111>

BIANCHI, ANTHONY STEVEN, M.D. (A 63365)

Fallbrook, CA

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

January 17, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=63365>

BITER, ROBERT MICHAEL (A 77870)

Encinitas, CA

License Surrendered

November 26, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=77870>

BOOTH, GEOFFREY ALLAN, M.D. (A 74560)

Los Angeles, CA

Revoked, stayed, probation is extended for 1 additional year with terms and conditions

December 13, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=74560>

BOSSINGHAM, ELISABETH ANN (G 69388)

Duarte, CA

License Surrendered

December 9, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=69388>

BRYSK, MARCEL, M.D. (C 32654)

San Diego, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions, including 30 days actual suspension

November 25, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=32654>

CALLAHAN, BARBARA T., M.D. (C 41130)

Malibu, CA

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

November 27, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=41130>

CALVERT, JAMES FRANCIS, JR. (G 82181)

Klamath Falls, OR

License Surrendered

December 17, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=82181>

CARUSO, VITO JAMES, M.D. (G 50688)

Menifee, CA

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

November 27, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=50688>

CASSIM, A. HANIFFA, M.D. (A 61999)

Temple City, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

December 6, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=61999>

CHAO, LAWRENCE LOTUNG, M.D. (A 55511)

San Francisco, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 2233

January 31, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=55511>

COHEN, HARRY BERNARD (C 51177)

Oro Valley, AZ

License Surrendered

January 7, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=51177>

DIAB, MOHAMMAD, M.D. (G 86439)

San Francisco, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years probation with terms and conditions, including 60 days actual suspension

November 1, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=86439>

DICARLO, GREGORY PAUL (G 38130)

Merced, CA

License Surrendered

November 1, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=38130>

DIXON, GREGORY JAY (A 23749)

Placerville, CA

License Surrendered

November 20, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=23749>

ELHABASHY, BASIM IBRAHIM (A 86983)

Boca Raton, FL

License Surrendered

November 20, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=86983>

ENTIN, ALLEN M. (G 32015)

Tarzana, CA

License Surrendered

December 17, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=32015>

GARCIA, JERRY STEVEN, M.D. (G 86442)

Anaheim, CA

Revoked, stayed, probation is extended for 1 additional year with terms and conditions

November 1, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=86442>

GARG, MADHU YAMINEE (A 30879)

West Covina, CA

License Revoked

December 6, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=30879>

GERSON, SAMUEL JEFFREY, M.D. (A 116916)

La Jolla, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 6 years probation with terms and conditions

January 10, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=116916>

GOHARI, ABOLGHASSEN MASUD (C 50604)

College Park, MD

License Surrendered

December 20, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=50604>

GONZALEZ, EFRAIN DIEGO (C 52340)

Rocklin, CA

License Surrendered

January 6, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=52340>

GORELIKOVA, SVETLANA VIKTOROVNA, M.D. (A 102339)

Cupertino, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions, including 60 days actual suspension

January 10, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=102339>

GRAVICH, ANNA (A 40805)

Los Angeles, CA

License Revoked

January 22, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=40805>

GROSS, MICHAEL LEE, M.D. (G 63112)

Westwood, NJ

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

December 12, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=63112>

GUDEMAN, DAVID MARK (G 69799)

Simi Valley, CA

License Revoked

December 6, 2013

Judicial Review Pending

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=69799>

GULLION, GUY ROGERS, M.D. (A 50284)

Occidental, CA

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

January 10, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=50284>

GURRALA, JOSEPH PARIMAL, M.D. (C 128171)

Herndon, VA

Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions

December 18, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/PDL/mbc.aspx>

HA, PHUNG VO (A 41020)

Sacramento, CA

License Surrendered

November 7, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=41020>

HAFEZI, FRED FARHAD (G 19337)

Covina, CA

License Revoked

January 17, 2014

Judicial Review Pending

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=19337>

HARRIS, STEVEN JEFFREY, M.D. (A 72195)

Redwood City, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

December 5, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=72195>

HASAN, ANTHONY TAYCER (A 69514)

Miramar, FL

License Revoked

November 25, 2013

Judicial Review Pending

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=69514>

HASSAN, JEAN-MICHEL E. (C 50452)

Liberal, KS

License Revoked

December 5, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=50452>

HENDLER, JOEL A. (G 12552)

La Quinta, CA

License Surrendered

November 7, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=12552>

HELSEBY, THOMAS WILLIAM, M.D. (A 128172)

Stony Brook, NY

Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions

December 18, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/PDL/mbc.aspx>

HENDRICKS, JAMES GREGORY, M.D. (G 84825)

Napa, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with terms and conditions

December 5, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=84825>

HICKS, DAVID LAWRENCE, M.D. (A 78818)

Concord, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with terms and conditions

December 6, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=78818>

KARSH, RICHARD BRUCE, M.D. (C 35808)

Colorado Springs, CO

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

November 1, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=35808>

KIBLER, GEORGE KENT, M.D. (C 37172)

Lone Pine, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

December 20, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=37172>

KILLEN, RONALD HUGH (C 40053)

Sandy, OR

License Surrendered

December 20, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=40053>

KNIGHT, GEORGE FREDERICK (G 87926)

St. Petersburg, FL

License Revoked

January 27, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=87926>

KOSH, DAVID LAWRENCE, M.D. (G 40670)

Sacramento, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

December 6, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=40670>

KRAUS, BRUCE ALLAN, M.D. (G 30793)

Columbus, WI

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 2233

December 26, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=30793>

KWAKO, JAMES LAWRENCE, M.D. (C 37727)

Santa Barbara, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 2233

November 5, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=37727>

LAMBA, AMIT, M.D. (A 86480)

Fremont, CA

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

December 6, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=86480>

LARSEN, ANDREW CHARLES, M.D. (42058)

Colusa, CA

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

November 15, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=42058>

LI, YIH-CHANG, M.D. (A 85725)

Katy, TX

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to
California Business and Professions Code
Section 2233

November 15, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=85725>

LIANG, PETER CHI-YUE, M.D. (A 75106)

Rochester, MN

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

December 18, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=75106>

LOBO, CAROLYN MARY, M.D. (A 63239)

Mission Hills, CA

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

January 3, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=63239>

McREYNOLDS, LAWRENCE LYNCH (C 36331)

Ridgway, CO

License Surrendered

December 31, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=36331>

MARKMAN, ROBERT STEVEN, M.D. (G 27953)

Northridge, CA

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

December 23, 2013

Judicial Review Pending

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=27953>

MATSUMURA, BEN, M.D. (A 21780)

Long Beach, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to
California Business and Professions Code
Section 2233

November 12, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=21780>

MAZER, NEAL STUART, M.D. (G 86314)

Santa Barbara, CA

Revoked, stayed, probation is extended for 3 years
with terms and conditions

November 1, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=86314>

MOJADDIDI, HAROON MOHAMMED, M.D. (A 79061)

Vallejo, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

November 15, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=79061>

MUTTALIB, AZHAR, M.D. (A 45240)

Torrance, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

November 22, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=45240>

NASHED, ASHRAF NAGI, M.D. (A 55581)

Thousand Oaks, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

December 27, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=55581>

NEEL, ELIZABETH ELAINE, M.D. (C 32201)

Panama City, FL

Public Reprimand

January 10, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=C&licenseNumber=32201>

NICOLAOU, DAEMEON ACHILLES, M.D. (A 111473)

Sacramento, CA

Public Reprimand

January 31, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=111473>

NOONAN, KEVIN BERNARD (G 37792)

Venice, CA

License Revoked

January 31, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=G&licenseNumber=37792>

OWENS, MICHAEL WESLEY, M.D. (A 128388)

Fall River Mills, CA

Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions

January 7, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/PDL/mbc.aspx>

PASCALI, ALFREDO, M.D. (A 33673)

Inglewood, CA

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

December 27, 2013

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=A&licenseNumber=33673>

PATEL, ASHIQ V., M.D. (A 66156)

Lancaster, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

November 15, 2013

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Los Angeles, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years probation with terms and conditions, including 90 days actual suspension

November 15, 2013

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PETERSON, RALPH LAURENCE, M.D. (G 49099)

Oakland, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

January 17, 2014

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PYLE, IAN ROGER (A 22476)

San Francisco, CA

License Surrendered

November 26, 2013

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QUEST, CHARLES FREDERICK JR. (C 33972)

Half Moon Bay, CA

License Surrendered

November 1, 2013

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REYES, RODOLFO CONSTANTINO, M.D. (A 48777)

Lillington, NC

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RIZZO, AMILCAR EZEQUIEL, M.D. (A 128391)

Sacramento, CA

Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions

January 7, 2014

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ROSENFELD, JOANN, M.D. (G 88377)

Ukiah, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

January 10, 2014

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RUNDALL, FRED HENRY, M.D. (G 50482)

Yucaipa, CA

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

December 31, 2013

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RUST, GARY ALAN, M.D. (G 84324)

San Francisco, CA

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

January 17, 2014

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SCHLAERTH, ALAN CHARLES, M.D. (A 72436)

Pasadena, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

November 8, 2013

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SCHUMACHER, ROBERT MAYO (G 13195)

Ridgecrest, CA

License Surrendered

January 9, 2014

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SEABROOKS, FRANKLYN E., II (G 77341)

Fairfield, CA

License Revoked

November 22, 2013

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SHEU, WUJENG ERIC, M.D. (C 50614)

Diamond Bar, CA

Public Reprimand with terms and conditions

November 27, 2013

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SICIGNANO, JOSEPH RALPH, M.D. (G 21095)

Woodland Hills, CA

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

November 22, 2013

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SILLS, SHAWN MICHAEL, M.D. (A 75674)

Medford, OR

Revoked, stayed, placed on 10 years probation with terms and conditions, including 60 days actual suspension

November 27, 2013

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SINGER, JOEL BARNETT, M.D. (G 65205)

Westport, CT

Placed on a term of probation to run concurrent with the probation ordered by the State of Connecticut with terms and conditions

December 20, 2013

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SIVIERI, MARK VINCENT, M.D. (A 88347)

Laurel, MD

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SMYLE, BERNARD ALAN, M.D. (G 54868)

Ventura, CA

Revoked, stayed, probation is extended for 1 additional year with terms and conditions

November 15, 2013

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SOLIS, ARNALDO (A 19908)

Salinas, CA

License Revoked

December 13, 2013

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SONG, DONALD HWASUP (G 67199)

Tacoma, WA

License Revoked

November 27, 2013

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SONG, JONG EON (A 34264)

Moreno Valley, CA

License Revoked

January 30, 2014

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STEIGER, RALPH N., M.D. (C 24174)

West Covina, CA

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Section 2233

November 6, 2013

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SUNSHINE, IAN (A 29011)

Baltimore, MD

License Surrendered

November 22, 2013

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SUSOTT, DANIEL CAMPBELL (G 49257)

Honolulu, HI

License Revoked

November 15, 2013

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TERAN, GUY R., M.D. (A 53014)

Ukiah, CA

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

December 27, 2013

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TINCOPA-MINAN, LUIS FELIX, M.D. (A 31264)

Whittier, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with
terms and conditions, including 150 days actual
suspension

January 31, 2014

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TZENG, YU-YEA MIMI, M.D. (A 68367)

Manteca, CA

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

December 20, 2013

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VAUGHN, JANICE MARIE (G 88563)

West Linn, OR

License Surrendered

January 3, 2014

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VOLKOVA, IRINA, M.D. (A 101170)

Schenectady, NY

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

January 31, 2014

Judicial Review Pending

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WASHBURN, ERIK ROBERT, M.D. (A 105631)

Vallejo, CA

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

January 17, 2014

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WEINSTEIN, WILFRED MAX, M.D. (A 31553)

Los Angeles, CA

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

November 15, 2013

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WENNEKER, WENDELL WARREN, M.D. (G 37197)

Napa, CA

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

January 10, 2014

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YEAMANS, ROBERT JAMES (A 24373)

Scottsdale, AZ

License Surrendered

December 17, 2013

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YORK, STEVEN W., M.D. (A 42563)

Northridge, CA

Public Reprimand with conditions

November 15, 2013

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ZIEGLER, ROSS ELLIOT, M.D. (G 40394)

Palo Alto, CA

Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years probation with terms and conditions

January 10, 2014

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ZINNANTI, WILLIAM J., M.D. (A 118089)

Santa Cruz, CA

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

January 10, 2014

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ZORMEIER, MICHELE MARIE, M.D. (A 76795)

Healdsburg, CA

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December 27, 2013

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Physician Assistants

DEAN, MAQSUD AHMED (PA 16072)

Yuba City, CA

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

November 27, 2013

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GALLARES, ANDRE G. (PA 21239)

San Diego, CA

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

December 12, 2013

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INABA, RIE (PA 51367)

El Sobrante, CA

Probationary License issued with 2 years probation and terms and conditions

December 19, 2013

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JEMISON, BRIDGET RENEE (PA 51360)

Inglewood, CA

Probationary License issued with 2 years probation
and terms and conditions

November 1, 2013

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KAVIANI, ASHKHAN NICHOLAS (PA 51300)

Monrovia, CA

Probationary License issued with 3 years probation
and terms and conditions

October 25, 2013

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KOEHLER, PAMELA RAE (PA 13556)

Fort Bragg, CA

License Surrendered

November 25, 2013

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RESSLER, JAMES PAUL (PA 11610)

Sacramento, CA

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

November 27, 2013

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ROGERS LISA DEANNE (PA 51334)

Riverside, CA

Probationary License issued with 5 years probation
and terms and conditions

October 25, 2013

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VARTANIAN, JOHN JOSEPH (PA 12358)

Whittier, CA

License Surrendered

November 11, 2013

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VIVO, KYLE (PA 18774)

Los Angeles, CA

Public Reproval with conditions

September 27, 2013

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Doctors of Podiatric Medicine

COLBURN, MICHAEL WARREN, DPM (E 2942)

LaFayette, CA

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

October 28, 2013

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KARASON, MICHAEL CAL (E 4538)

Lincoln, CA

License Revoked

January 2, 2014

<http://www2.mbc.ca.gov/BreezePDL/default.aspx?licenseType=E&licenseNumber=4538>

SPECTACLE LENS DISPENSER

CHOBAN, ALEKSANDR (SL 6029)

Orangevale, CA

Registration Revoked

December 6, 2013

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