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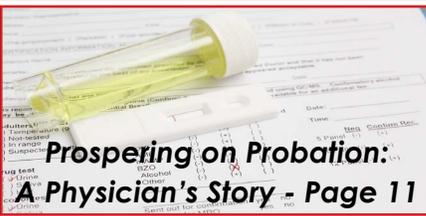
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Are You Reporting Communicable Diseases and Conditions As Required?

It has been brought to the attention of the Medical Board of California (Board) that some physicians and surgeons are not reporting certain communicable diseases and conditions to authorities within specific timeframes, as legally required.



Failure to report or delayed reporting can result in the unnecessary spread of disease and preventable illness. It can also result in discipline for physicians. Failure to report communicable diseases and conditions listed in the [California Code of Regulations, Title 17, section 2500](#) is a misdemeanor pursuant to [Health and Safety Code section 120295](#). California law punishes violations by a fine of \$50 to \$1,000, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than 90 days, or by both. Each day that the violation continues is a separate offense.

In general, conditions that require urgent public health action require immediate reporting by telephone. Examples include: meningococcal infections, anthrax, rabies, plague, measles, botulism, Domoic acid poisoning (amnesic shellfish poisoning), diphtheria, cholera, Zika virus, *Escherichia coli*, Shiga toxin, and others.

Infections and diseases such as amebiasis, babesiosis, campylobacteriosis, listeriosis, malaria, and others require reporting by electronic transmission (fax, telephone or email) within one working day of identification. Less urgent conditions, such as hepatitis C, Lyme disease, mumps, Coccidioidomycosis, and others can be reported within one week.

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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 the proper licensing and regulation of physicians and surgeons and certain allied health care professions and through the vigorous, objective enforcement of the Medical Practice Act, and to promote access to quality medical care through the Board's licensing and regulatory functions.

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Editor's Spotlight

By Susan Wolbarst

Please read President Dev GnanaDev's message on [page three](#) to learn more about upcoming changes contained in the Medical Board of California's Sunset Bill, extending the Board's administrative and regulatory functions through January 1, 2022. As an example of one impending change, the postgraduate training requirement for California physicians will increase from one or two years to three years, regardless of where the applicant attended medical school. This lengthened postgraduate training requirement takes effect on January 1, 2020.

Stem cell "clinics" have popped up around the country, offering untested treatments for everything from cancer to macular degeneration, sometimes with tragic outcomes. Please see the article on page eight to learn how the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is taking action to protect consumers from unproven and potentially dangerous stem cell "therapies." An article on [page nine](#) describes California's new stem cell-related health law, [Senate Bill 512, Chapter 428](#) (Hernandez).

Got debt? Learn a potential way to ease the medical school debt burden on [page 10](#). Physicians have until January 31, 2018 to apply to the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program for up to \$105,000 in student loan repayment funding.

Read one doctor's introspective analysis of how everything changed for him after he was disciplined by the Board, beginning on [page 11](#).

Finally, get to know the newest member of the Board's executive management team, Deputy Director Christine Lally, on [page 16](#).

Need A Speaker?

If you would like a speaker from the Medical Board of California to address your organization, please contact Information Officer Carlos Villatoro at carlos.villatoro@mbc.ca.gov.

President's Message



Dr. Dev GnanaDev

I'm very happy to report that Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 798, (Hill, Chapter 775, the Medical Board of California's (Board) Sunset Bill) into law on October 13, 2017.

The bill extends the administrative and regulatory functions of the Board until January 1, 2022. In addition, this bill includes many of the new issues requested by the

Board in its 2016 Sunset Review Report, including language to make changes to accommodate the continuing evolution of medical training, to improve the efficiencies of the Board's Licensing and Enforcement Programs, and most importantly, to enhance consumer protection. Here are some of the changes that take effect January 1, 2018, unless noted otherwise:

- Amends existing law to allow the Board to post information in a more consumer friendly manner on notice to consumers' postings.
- Amends existing law regarding the prompt revocation of physicians who are required to register as sex offenders, and changes it to an automatic revocation to allow the revocations to be processed in a more expeditious manner.
- Allows the Board to issue a two-year license to its licensees beginning July 1, 2018, instead of using

a physician's birth date to calculate license expiration dates. Licenses issued before July 1, 2018 will continue with the same expiration dates.

- Beginning January 1, 2020, changes the postgraduate training requirement from one or two years to three years for all applicants, regardless of where they went to medical school. Creates a postgraduate training license to allow an individual in a postgraduate training program in California to continue in that program. Deletes the requirement for the Board to approve international medical schools.

The Board would like to thank Senator Hill and his staff for their diligent work on this bill and Governor Brown for signing this bill into law. In addition, the Board would like to thank Board staff members for their hard work on the bill. Good job, everyone.



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Doctors are also required to report outbreaks or “unusual diseases” to the Local Health Officer in the jurisdiction where the patient lives. Local Health Officers must then report specified diseases and conditions to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

Reportable Diseases: When and How to Report Them

Information about which diseases and conditions are reportable, when to report, and how to report is available on the CDPH website at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Information-for-Health-Professionals.aspx>. The list of the diseases and conditions that must be reported by health care providers is in the [California Code of Regulations, Title 17, section 2500](#), which also lists the reporting time for each disease and condition.

Disease reporting enables public health officials to carry out three important tasks:

1. Some conditions require immediate public health action. For example, public health officials follow up on cases of meningococcal disease to identify contacts and provide post-exposure prophylaxis.
2. Local health departments and CDPH monitor a range of conditions and use disease reports to determine disease incidence, groups at risk, and disease trends. These data inform health care providers and the public about disease risks and inform disease control policy. For example, reports of pertussis are used to determine when there are cyclical peaks of disease; the information collected can help health care providers assess the risk of pertussis in their patients and guide vaccination outreach.
3. Disease reports from health care providers are often the first indication that there is an outbreak or public health emergency. Failure to report or delayed reporting can result in inaccurate disease information for health care providers and the public.

Reporting Requirements

Health care providers must report to the local health officer where the affected patient resides. Those working in settings with multiple providers should inquire about the reporting procedures in their facility. The administrator of a facility where multiple providers practice is responsible for establishing procedures to ensure diseases are reported. Many hospitals and clinics have systems for centralized reporting. However, **it is ultimately the responsibility of the health care provider to ensure that reporting occurs.**

Health care providers should contact the local health department(s) in their area to determine the appropriate phone/fax numbers and mailing addresses for reporting. A list of local health departments is available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCLHO/Pages/CCLHOLandingPage.aspx>.

Electronic reporting is possible via the Provider Portal, a CDPH tool that enables health care providers to log on to a secure, web-based system and submit case reports online. More information about the Provider Portal is available from local health departments. In addition, CDPH is currently working with local health departments, electronic health record system vendors, and health care systems to establish mechanisms for automated, electronic disease reporting from electronic health records. This is part of a national effort to enable “meaningful use” of electronic health records. Beginning in January 2018, health care providers will be able to register their intent to submit electronic case reports to CDPH. The shift to electronic reporting systems will enable more rapid and more efficient disease reporting. More information is available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Electronic-Case-Reporting-eCR.aspx>.

Board Enforcement for Failure to Report

If the Board receives a complaint alleging that a licensee failed to report communicable diseases or conditions, a complaint is opened against the licensee as part of the Board’s standard enforcement

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Expert reviewer applications are accepted continuously

If you live in California and have a full-time active practice in California, **the Medical Board of California (Board) encourages you to apply to be an expert reviewer (expert)**. The Board established its Expert Reviewer Program in July 1994 as an impartial and professional means to support its investigation and enforcement functions. **Experts assist the Board by providing reviews and opinions on Board cases and conducting professional competency, medical and psychiatric evaluations.**

The Board is currently looking for experts in the following specialties:

allergy and immunology; addiction medicine with added certification in family or internal medicine or psychiatry; colon/rectal surgery; dermatology; family medicine; gastroenterology; neurological surgery; neurology; pathology (preferably from the following counties: Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, and Ventura); pain medicine; pediatric gastroenterology; pediatric surgery; pediatric cardiac surgery; pediatric pulmonology; plastic surgery (with expertise in Neograft hair transplant and gender reassignment); psychiatry (forensic and addiction); surgery (general and endocrine surgery); thoracic and cardiac surgery; urology (general and gender reassignment); and vascular surgery; as well as licensed midwife reviewers.

Actively practicing physicians from all other specialties not listed above are also welcome to apply and participate in the program. **Physicians must be board certified, have been practicing their specialty for a minimum of three years after board certification, have no current complaints, no prior discipline, and must be willing and available to testify in court.**

The Board also needs midwife expert reviewers throughout the state of California. Licensed midwives must have an active midwifery practice for the past two years, have no current complaints, have no prior discipline, and must be willing and available to testify in court.

For more information regarding compensation and how to apply, please visit: www.mbc.ca.gov/enforcement/expert_reviewer/ or email the Board's expert program at MBCMedicalExpertProgram@mbc.ca.gov.



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process. Evidence is gathered and evaluated to determine whether the licensee has violated the law. If a violation is confirmed, it is likely to lead to issuance of a citation and fine. A citation and fine is an alternative method by which the Board can impose a sanction and take an administrative action against a licensed individual found in violation of a law or regulation governing the practice of medicine. The Board has authority to issue citations and fines to physicians and allied health licensees for specified violations of law. Citations are not discipline, although they are public record. A copy of

the citation is posted on the physician's profile on the Board's website and must be provided to the public for three years from the date of resolution. Failure to report communicable diseases or conditions may result in the issuance of a citation for a violation of Health and Safety Code sections [120250](#), [121362](#) or [121363](#), or [California Code of Regulations, Title 17, section 2500](#).

Additionally, [Business and Professions Code section 2236](#) states that the conviction of any offense substantially related to

the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician constitutes unprofessional conduct that can be cause for disciplinary action. Therefore, if it is reported to the Board that a licensee failed to report communicable diseases or conditions in violation of the California Code of Regulations and was convicted of a misdemeanor, disciplinary action against the physician's license may also be taken. Discipline could include suspension or revocation of the physician's license, or the licensee could be placed on probation with the Board.

Legislator Profile: Mike A. Gipson



Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson

Born in Watts, Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson was elected in November 2014 to represent California's 64th Assembly District, including the communities of Carson, Compton, Gardena, Harbor Gateway, Lynwood, North Long Beach, Rancho Dominguez, South Los Angeles, Torrance, Watts/Willowbrook and Wilmington.

During his first Assembly year, he was appointed chair of the powerful Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC). Under his leadership, JLAC convened nine hearings and 21 audit requests.

In 2016, Assemblymember Gipson was appointed (and re-appointed in 2017) by Speaker Anthony Rendon as Democratic Caucus Chair. As part of the Speaker's leadership team, Assemblymember Gipson is responsible for driving the legislative decision-making process for the Democratic Caucus, holding weekly meetings to discuss and set the caucus's priorities. He is a member of several standing

committees including the Assembly Business and Professions Committee, which has jurisdiction over health care professional licensing, occupational licensing, vocational education, and more.

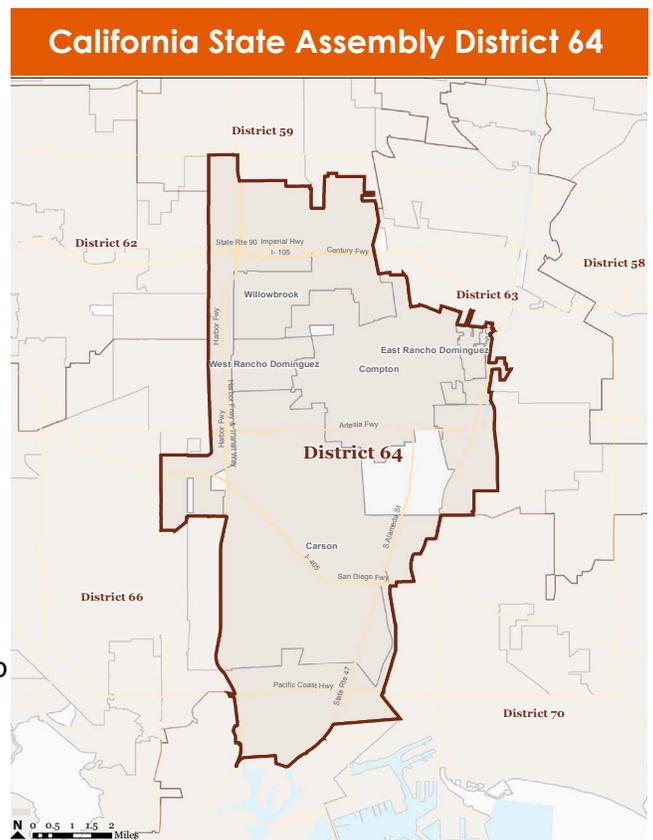
Assemblymember Gipson began his second term by authoring legislation to close a deadly loophole in the California Penal Code, providing internet-related services for foster and incarcerated youth, and establishing a working group to bring back Career Technical Education for grades K-12. He was also successful in securing \$11.3 million for Compton Community College to support the college's transition into an independent institution.

As part of the 2016-2017 state budget, Chairman Gipson was able to assist in establishing the first-ever state earned income tax credit for working families, repeal the maximum family grant to lift 135,000 children out of poverty, and approve a path to a \$15/hour minimum wage in California. As Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Infectious Diseases in High Risk Disadvantaged Communities, Gipson led the effort to develop a statewide "Getting to Zero" campaign for zero new HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) infections, zero

HIV deaths, and zero stigma and discrimination in California.

Most recently, Assemblymember Gipson led the effort as Democratic Caucus Chair to pass a \$52 billion transportation package focused on road safety improvements, pothole and highway repair, and job creation. Along with bipartisan effort, he was able to help spearhead a comprehensive cap and trade package of air quality provisions to address emissions from multiple sources that impact public health.

Gipson currently lives in Carson with his wife, Le Cresha. They have two sons and two grandchildren. Their third son, D'Ance, passed away at three years old as a result of a hit-and-run incident.



Questions Received from the Web



Q. Who is allowed to administer Botox and other dermal fillers in my medical office?

A. As a licensed physician, you may inject Botox and other dermal fillers. A registered nurse or physician assistant may inject Botox under your supervision and/or direction. Botox and other dermal fillers may not be administered by either a licensed vocational nurse or a medical assistant.

Q. My hospital pays to have my name embroidered on my lab coat. I would like to have my nickname added. Is this permitted?

A. You must use your name as it appears on your California medical license so patients and other staff are able to properly identify you. You may add a nickname beneath your legal name.

Q. Is my medical assistant permitted to draw up lidocaine to have a prefilled syringe ready for my administration?

A. No. Medical assistants are not permitted to administer any type of anesthetic, nor are they permitted to draw up or reconstitute any anesthetic for use by another medical provider.

Q. I understand my medical assistant is not permitted to insert a catheter. Is he/she permitted to remove a catheter?

A. No. A medical assistant is not permitted to insert or remove a catheter from a patient.

Q. I am getting married and changing my legal name to my husband's last name. However, I have been licensed for many years under my maiden name and want to keep using this name professionally. Am I allowed to legally continue using my maiden name?

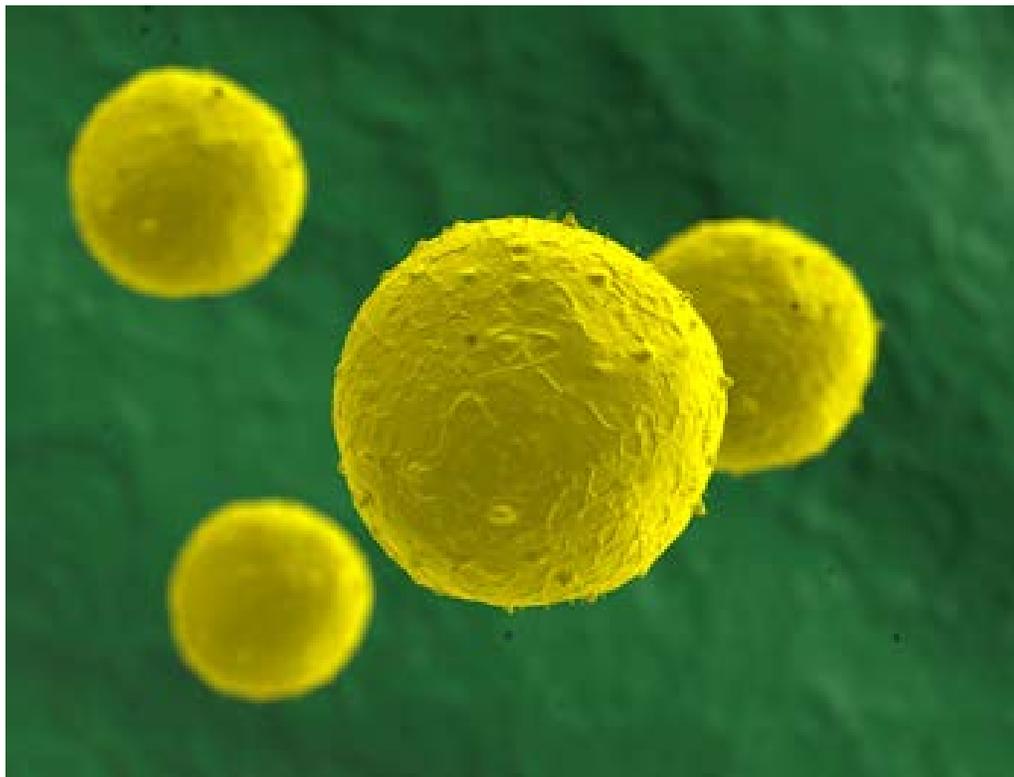
A. *California Business and Professions Code section 2021(c)* states: "Each licensee shall report to the board each and every change of name within 30 days after each change, giving both the old and new names." There is no exception in the law for the continued use of a maiden name professionally after a licensee legally changes the name upon marriage.

Have a question?

If you have a question, write to Webmaster@mbc.ca.gov. Although only some questions may be featured here in "YOU ASKED FOR IT," all questions will receive an email response, so let us hear from you.

FDA Taking Action to Protect the Public from Unproven and Potentially Dangerous Stem Cell Therapies

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, M.D., affirms that “One of the most promising new fields of science and medicine is the area of cell therapies and their use in regenerative medicine. These new technologies ... hold significant promise for transformative and potentially curative treatments for some of humanity’s most troubling and intractable maladies.” That said, the FDA is stepping up enforcement actions against those providing unproven and potentially dangerous products and putting patients at risk. The FDA has taken recent actions to protect public health.



While stem cells may hold tremendous promise for future treatments, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is taking action to prevent the use and marketing of unproven and potentially dangerous stem cell “therapies.”

Marketing stem cell products without FDA approval may be a violation of the Food Drug & Cosmetic Act. The FDA

recently inspected US Stem Cell Clinic in Sunrise, Florida and found that the clinic was processing adipose tissue into stromal vascular fraction and administering the product intravenously or directly into the spinal cord of patients to treat a variety of serious diseases/conditions, including Parkinson’s disease, ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease), COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), heart disease, and pulmonary fibrosis. The FDA had not reviewed nor approved any biological products manufactured by US Stem Cell Clinic for any use. A warning letter was issued on August 24, 2017, to the company and the Chief Scientific Officer for using the unapproved product and for significant deviations from current good manufacturing practices, including some that could impact the sterility of their products, putting patients at risk. The company has been advised to take prompt action to correct all deviations and that failure to do so may result in regulatory action (e.g. seizure and/or injunction). See: <https://www.fda.gov/ICECI/EnforcementActions/WarningLetters/2017/ucm573187.htm>.

The FDA also took action to prevent the use of a potentially dangerous and unproven treatment from StemImmune, Inc., in San Diego, California. The treatment was administered to cancer patients at the California Stem Cell Treatment Centers in Rancho Mirage and Beverly Hills, California. The U.S. Marshals Service seized five vials of Vaccinia Virus Vaccine (Live) – a vaccine that is reserved only for people at high risk for smallpox (e.g. some members of the military). Each vial contained 100 doses of the vaccine; one vial

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was partially used. The vaccine is not commercially available – cause for concern. The seizure came after recent FDA inspections confirmed that the vaccine was used to create an unapproved stem cell treatment and administered to patients with potentially compromised immune systems. The vaccine posed a potential for harm, including myocarditis and pericarditis. The unproven and potentially dangerous treatment was being injected intravenously and directly into patients' tumors.

The FDA plans to advance a comprehensive policy framework this fall to clearly delineate what constitutes an individualized treatment being performed by a doctor within the scope of his/her medical practice and what constitutes a medical product that is currently subject to FDA regulation. Dr. Gottlieb asserts, "Many of the individualized treatments fall clearly outside the FDA's pre-market requirements. For those that currently fall across the line and are subject to the FDA's existing pre-market review, we want to make sure the process for gaining FDA approval is efficient." But he then stated, "We will also continue to take steps to keep those who would exploit this promising area from harming patients and abusing the public's trust."



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California Stem Cell Law Requires Patient Warnings

On October 2, 2017, Governor Jerry Brown signed **Senate Bill 512, Chapter 428** (Hernandez), which requires California health care practitioners to post a specified notice in a prominent location in their offices to inform patients if they are performing one or more stem cell therapies that are not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The notice must be at least 8.5 X 11 inches and written in no less than 40-point type. It must read as follows: "THIS NOTICE MUST BE PROVIDED TO YOU UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW. This health care practitioner performs one or more stem cell therapies that have not been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration. You are encouraged to consult your primary care physician prior to undergoing a stem cell therapy."

Prior to performing the initial stem cell therapy, the law requires a health care practitioner to provide the patient with the same notice, the same size and printed in the same size type, in writing. The law takes effect January 1, 2018.

After the first violation, the Medical Board of California (Board) may cite and fine the physician up to \$1,000 for each violation of the law — for not posting the information or not providing it to patients.

Beginning with its 2018-2019 annual report, the Medical Board of California is required to report all of the following with regard to licensees who provide stem cell therapies:

- The number of complaints received.
- Any disciplinary actions taken.
- Any administrative actions taken.

The new law does not apply to a licensed health care practitioner who has obtained approval for an investigational new drug or device from the FDA that uses human cells, tissues, and cellular and tissue-based products (HCT/Ps) that are regulated by the Center for Devices and Radiological Health as medical devices and those that are regulated by the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Awards Can Ease Medical School Debt Burden

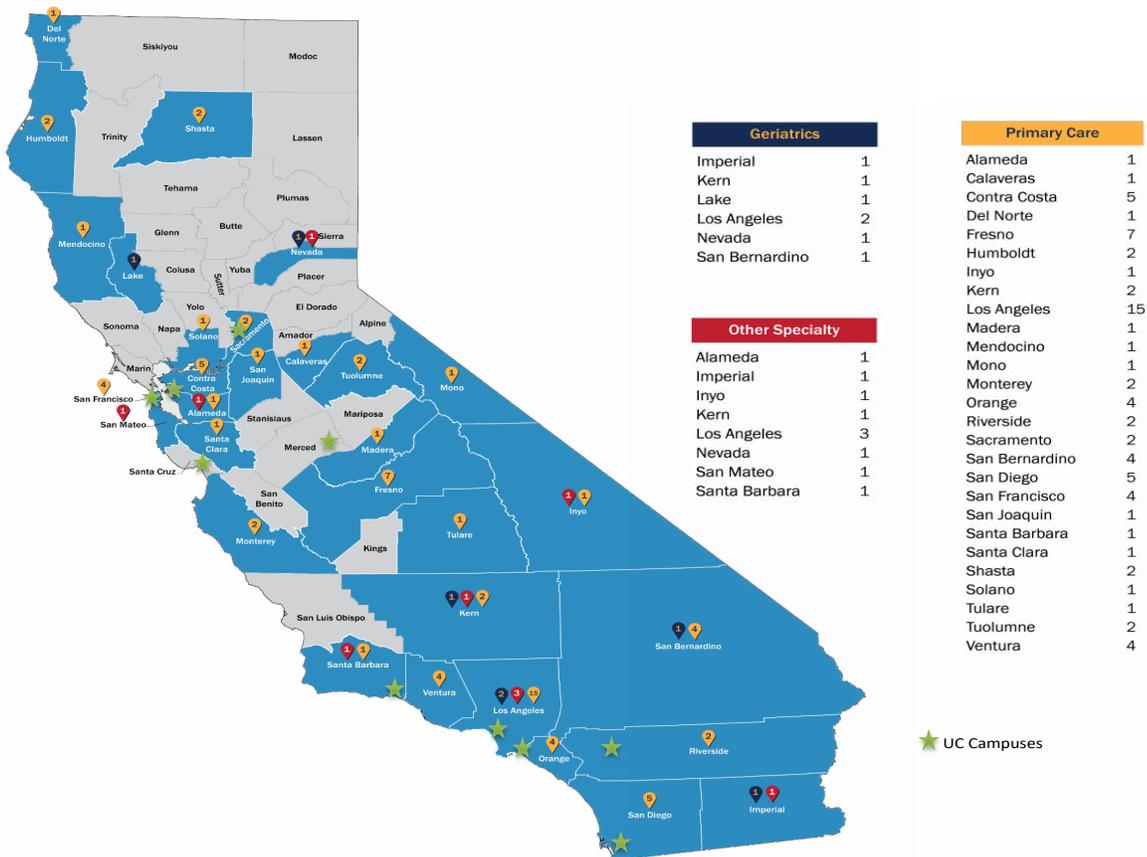
**By Norlyn S. Asprec, Executive Director
Health Professions Education Foundation**

Physicians working in underserved areas can apply for up to \$105,000 in student loan repayment funds. The Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program (STLRP) application cycle opened on November 1, 2017. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2018.

To learn more about the STLRP, please contact the Health Professions Education Foundation at (916) 326-3640 or visit their website at <https://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Programs/STLRP>.

Since its inception, STLRP has received 1,228 applications. The program has awarded more than \$47 million and monitored the progress of 538 physicians providing direct patient care in 47 of California's 58 counties. Consistent with the intent of the program, 80 percent of the total recipients are certified in a primary care specialty.

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STLRP applicants are awarded based on their practice setting, medical specialty, and ability to meet the cultural and linguistic needs of the patients they serve. All recipients must serve in a medically underserved area (MUA) where more than 50 percent of its patients are uninsured, Medi-Cal beneficiaries, or beneficiaries of another publicly-funded program serving patients who earn less than 250 percent of the federal poverty level. Priority consideration is given to the applicants best suited to meet the cultural and linguistic needs of patients, as determined by meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- Speaks a Medi-Cal threshold language.
- Comes from an economically disadvantaged background.
- Has significant training in culturally and linguistically appropriate service delivery.
- Has three years of experience working in an MUA or with a medically underserved population.
- Has obtained a license to practice medicine in any state of the United States, or any province or territory of Canada, within the last 15 years.

Read how being selected for a **Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Award** improved one doctor's life on [page 13](#).

Prospering on Probation

Editor's note: Here is one physician's candid and thoughtful assessment of how being put on probation by the Medical Board of California helped save his life and his career. The physician's name is being withheld because he has completed the probationary term and moved on with his medical career. The Board is grateful to this doctor for sharing his insights and suggestions for other physicians who might find themselves in a similar situation.



I understand that you were placed on probation for a period of seven years, successfully completed your probation, and that your license to practice medicine in California has been fully reinstated. Is that correct?

That's correct.

I understand that an issue leading to your being placed on probation was substance abuse. Can you elaborate a little on the topic, such as how and why this became a problem, and how serious it was? How did it affect your behavior? In your opinion, how did it affect your ability to practice medicine?

Substance abuse runs in my family. We tend to take everything to the extreme. However, there comes a point when using alcohol or drugs that it's not just for fun, but to cope with stress, and in medicine there is a tremendous amount of stress — mental, emotional and physical. I knew that when I noticed myself using that way, that the check would one day come due. But I had what seemed like my whole life invested in my career,

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and so I gambled that I would be able to get to a point of security and stability first. I hesitate to describe how bad it got, because addicts reading this might have a tendency to compare stories and in so doing rationalize their own behavior. Suffice it to say there were many times when I wasn't practicing my best medicine because of alcohol and drugs and I am very sorry about that.

What are your thoughts about probation in general? Did being on probation help you with being rehabilitated? If yes, in what ways?

Needless to say, I wasn't happy about probation initially. The worst part was that the local newspaper picked up my story and it ended up on a wire service. It was all very public. You just have to focus on your own journey and try to be the best person you can be.

It was very helpful to me in the early days of my recovery to be in a group with other doctors. I also went to 12-step several times a week. All in all, it probably took me two years to get to a point where I could see a bright future for myself without alcohol and drugs. I am grateful that my family was able to support me to that point.

What did you do to ensure compliance with the terms of your probation?

Having a support system is crucial. That starts with your family and friends, but also includes your probation monitor, any groups you belong to, your therapist if you have one, and, ultimately, your employer. I marked off every day on the calendar so as to be sure to call in for testing and so I knew when things were due.

What did you learn from being on probation?

It can seem overwhelming in the beginning but over time it supports the development of healthy habits. Although I am very proud to have completed probation successfully, for the most part I didn't really mind it. I can't deny that it was an important part of maintaining my sobriety.

Any other thoughts you have about the process? Any tips you might offer to other doctors who find themselves on probation?

The key to prospering on probation, and to recovery in general, is to learn to take direction. You don't want to get through it by trying to beat the system that is designed to help you be an ethical practitioner. Take this forced opportunity to establish a healthy, balanced, sustainable lifestyle — maybe for the first time.

Medical Consultants Needed

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Are you interested in being an integral part of the Medical Board of California enforcement process?

Do you have the ability to conduct interviews, exercise sound judgment in reviewing conflicting medical reports and preparing opinions, analyzing problems and taking appropriate action?

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If you have any questions, please contact Division of Investigation, Health Quality Investigation Unit Commander Bob Pulido at (909) 421-5800 or email Robert.Pulido@mbc.ca.gov.

Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program Recipient

Dr. Adebanke Lesi is a Nigerian-American who moved from Nigeria to Madison, Wisconsin with her parents and three brothers over 20 years ago. She attended college and medical school in her hometown at the University of Wisconsin. She then moved to Southern California for a pediatrics residency at Children's Hospital Orange County. After graduating in 2012, she began working at The Children's Clinic in Long Beach, a community-based health center for underserved or underinsured children and adults.

In a typical clinic day, she sees 16-30 patients (newborns to 21-year-olds). Additionally, on Tuesdays, she supervises residents training to be pediatricians; after the clinic session, they discuss a general pediatrics topic for the week. Prior to clinic, twice a month, she also holds a teaching session with residents rotating through the clinic that month.

"Actually, when I was much younger, I wanted to be a teacher, like my mom. After we moved to the States, I simply started liking the sciences and my heart shifted to medicine. I credit my parents for always believing I could be anything I wanted and for providing a supportive home for me and my brothers to dream and study. Both because of my affinity for children and because of experiences within my family, I knew I wanted to be a pediatrician.

I grew up with an older brother who has a congenital medical illness; I wanted to help families like mine, with children with tough, chronic diagnoses. I also wanted to help give a healthy start to as many children as I could. Because of my cumulative experiences within communities in such places as Nigeria, Guatemala, Peru, New Orleans, and Milwaukee, I always wanted to work with a community-based organization, within a diverse population, with children at high risk of medical problems," Dr. Lesi said.

"Ultimately, I still became a teacher — what I love most about my job is educating a family on a medical problem. It takes time, but it helps a family become long-term partners in improving their children's health problems. Taking the extra time to really break down what asthma or eczema is and how each medicine works, for example, can help improve compliance with treatments. I often think of the adage — 'It takes a village to raise a child.' With each family partnership, I'm building a village, helping to raise healthier children.

"If I could give advice to any young person looking to become a doctor, my strongest advice is don't be afraid to ask for and receive help. In high school and undergrad, I felt I was smart enough to handle things on my own, and asking questions felt like being weak. Many mentors later,



I know better. Also, in med school and residency, I learned to use study buddies with great success. As my career progressed, it has really helped to have the unwavering support of my work family at The Children's Clinic. We work cooperatively, consult with each other and support each other — just like my family has always done," Dr. Lesi said.

She feels very grateful and honored to be selected as a Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program recipient. "I am so appreciative there is a loan repayment program providing much-needed relief from the stress that comes with medical school loans. The Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Program has allowed me to keep the job I want, in a community, working closely with families I care about and providers I love and respect."

Zika Warnings Still Necessary

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has advised pregnant women – as well as men and women of childbearing age – to avoid areas with Zika virus, which include Mexico and Puerto Rico. Zika can cause microcephaly and other severe brain defects in the fetus. The virus can be transmitted sexually or by mosquito bites. By early November, there had been 609 cases of travel-associated infections in California since 2015, but no locally transmitted cases of Zika. Both Texas and Florida have experienced locally transmitted Zika cases. Eight infections in California resulted in liveborn infants with birth defects consistent with Zika. The good news is that the number of cases reported in 2017 to date (101) is far lower than total reported in 2015-16 (508). “The best thing pregnant women can do to protect themselves and their unborn baby is to stay away from areas where Zika is circulating,” said CDPH Director and State Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith. For more information, including a breakdown of Zika cases by county and California statistics related to Zika, updated the first Friday of every month, please visit <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Zika.aspx>. CDC has free posters, print, and video resources for doctors, many in English and Spanish, some in Creole, at <https://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>.

FDA Studying Gadolinium Retention

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) continues to study retention of the heavy metal gadolinium in the brain, bones, and skin following use of gadolinium-based contrast agent (GBCA) for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). MRIs are used to locate cancerous tumors, infections, or bleeding. GBCAs come in two types: linear GBCAs and macrocyclic GBCAs. Citing scientific publications, the FDA reports that linear GBCAs retain more gadolinium in the brain than macrocyclic GBCAs. The FDA’s National Center for Toxicological Research is studying brain retention of gadolinium in rats to determine whether the deposits are harmful, according to the website. “To date, the only known adverse health effect related to gadolinium retention is a rare condition called nephrogenic systemic fibrosis (NSF) that occurs in a small subgroup of patients with pre-existing kidney failure,” according to the FDA website. Health care professionals are encouraged to report side effects to MedWatch. A reporting form can be downloaded from the website <https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm559007.htm> or obtained by calling 800-332-1088.

Tech Med Corner

3-D Printing Provides Useful Surgical Planning Tools

Surgeons can get a better understanding of a patient’s anatomy by printing a 3-D model of the affected area, then studying the model to formulate a surgical strategy, according to an article in *The Wall Street Journal*. One Mayo Clinic case cited in the article was an 11-year-old girl with a rare tumor in her pelvis that had “spread to the bone and nerves of her sacrum and was encroaching on her hip socket.” Using a 3-D model of the girl’s pelvis, “scaled to size and showing her bladder, veins, blood vessels, ureters and the tumor,” the medical team devised a plan that enabled removal of the entire tumor without amputating one of the child’s legs, as would have been considered without the 3-D model, according to the article. “There is nothing like holding a 3-D model to understand a complicated anatomical procedure,” said Dr. Peter Rose, who performed the surgery. “The model helped us understand the anatomy that was altered by the tumor and helped us orient ourselves for our cuts around it,” he said. Mayo Clinic reportedly printed about 500 3-D objects last year. (*The Wall Street Journal*, September 12, 2017)

Color-changing Tattoos Tested to Monitor Blood Sugar

Researchers at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) are testing what are being called biosensing tattoos. Special ink used in these tattoos changes colors in response to a person’s blood sugar levels, pH and sodium levels, converting a human body into an interactive display. For example, when blood sugar goes up, the ink changes from blue to brown. Other colors indicate increases in sodium or alkaline levels. The technology, still in the “proof-of-concept” stage, according to a story on CBS News, could replace more invasive testing methods. (CBS News, June 6, 2017)

October 19, 2017 - Updated Clinical Advisory (Supersedes July 13, 2017 Clinical Advisory)

Hepatitis A Outbreak in California - Limited Adult Vaccine Supply Forecast for Fall 2017

An outbreak of hepatitis A virus (HAV) disease is ongoing in California among persons experiencing homelessness or using illicit drugs in settings of limited sanitation. In San Diego County, at least 507 HAV cases and 19 deaths have been reported since November 2016. In Santa Cruz County, at least 73 cases have been reported since April 2017. Cases due to the same strain of HAV have been identified in these and other counties as well as in several other states.

HAV is being spread person-to-person in this outbreak. As the use of adult hepatitis A vaccine has increased to help control this outbreak and outbreaks in other states, the supplies for adult immunization for the last quarter of 2017 have become constrained.

In California, hepatitis A transmission and risk vary by county and can vary within counties. CDPH therefore recommends the following:

- 1) Vaccines should be prioritized for areas with ongoing transmission of hepatitis A and for groups at increased risk of infection in those areas. Please contact your local health department regarding local immunization recommendations, including recommendations regarding occupational groups.
- 2) Depending on vaccine availability, clinicians seeing patients in primary care settings should consider vaccination of persons routinely recommended to receive hepatitis A vaccine. Based on your local health department recommendations, priority should be given to those the individual patients who have the highest immediate risk of acquiring hepatitis A infection or becoming severely ill if infected. Groups that are routinely recommended to receive hepatitis A vaccine include:
 - a. Persons exposed to a case of hepatitis A
 - b. Persons with chronic liver disease
 - c. Men who have sex with men
 - d. Persons using illicit drugs, other than marijuana
 - e. Persons experiencing homelessness
 - f. Travelers to countries where hepatitis A is common
- 3) If adult single antigen hepatitis A vaccine is not available, providers could consider using the combined hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccine (Twinrix®) for pre-exposure prophylaxis (Twinrix® not recommended for post-exposure prophylaxis) or deferring immunization until additional vaccine becomes available. Vaccine may also be available in pharmacies, and is covered as a pharmacy benefit for several insurance sources, including Medi-Cal fee for service and managed care, as well as several qualified health plans through Covered California.
- 4) All children in the United States are recommended to receive hepatitis A vaccine. At this time pediatric vaccine supplies are not constrained, and recommendations for routine childhood immunization are unchanged.
- 5) To assist with outbreak control, CDPH requests that health care providers contact the local health department immediately during business hours (or 24/7 in San Diego and in Los Angeles) to report a suspected hepatitis A infection in patients experiencing homelessness and/or using injection or non-injection illicit drugs. Please notify the local health department while the patient is still in the facility, as this may be the only opportunity for public health officials to interview the patient.
- 6) To date, there is no increased risk of hepatitis A infection for the general population.

For more information, go to the CDPH hepatitis A website: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/Hepatitis-A.aspx>

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New Deputy Director Joins Medical Board of California



Photo by Charlotte Clark

Christine Lally, with over a decade of diverse executive positions spanning state government, joined the Medical Board of California (Board) in October as its new Deputy Director. Her wide-ranging experience includes working with communications, legislative affairs, constituent outreach and coalition building, fundraising, elections and technology.

Most recently, Ms. Lally served as Deputy Director of Board and Bureau Relations at the Department of Consumers Affairs (DCA). Appointed by Governor

Edmund G. Brown Jr. in July 2013, she served as DCA's primary liaison to 39 regulatory boards and bureaus and the nearly 300 appointed board members. She was responsible for developing policy proposals, troubleshooting administrative issues, monitoring legislative/regulatory activities of the boards and bureaus, and making recommendations to the DCA Director; Governor's Office; and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency. She also testified at public meetings on behalf of the Director and oversaw the DCA board member orientation training program.

"What the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Medical Board do is incredibly unique – we touch people's lives each and every day. That I have an opportunity to be part of this is an honor," she said.

A native of Sacramento, Ms. Lally graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelor of Arts degree in government journalism.

"I'm very excited to join such a prestigious team as the Medical Board, especially at a time when the Board is crafting a new strategic plan to map out its next four years," she said, noting that she can draw on previous strategic planning experience with DCA. She also looks forward to assisting the Board develop and launch the Physician Health and Wellness Program. Getting new initiatives off the ground is one of her specialties. A few of the programs she initiated during her tenure at DCA included the Department's first paperless Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 online filing system, an internal board member training database to ensure compliance with statutorily required trainings, and the Department's first executive officer/bureau chief on-boarding process.

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Administrative Actions

May 1, 2017 – July 31, 2017

Physicians and Surgeons

ABEDI, BABAK, M.D. (A 95902), Hollywood, CA

Failed to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to submit to biological fluid testing and to submit quarterly reports. Revoked, stayed, placed on an additional 18 months' probation. May 24, 2017

ABRAHAMS, ARIEL ELIAHOU (G 86496), Los Angeles, CA

Failed to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to complete the education course and the clinical training program, and to obtain a practice monitor. Revoked. June 21, 2017

ALLEN, DAVID BRUCE (C 53466), Sacramento, CA

Failed to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to take courses and failing to submit to an interview. Revoked. July 7, 2017

AMIRDELFAN, KASRA, M.D. (A 66427), Walnut Creek, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for allowing a patient to be on a long-term regimen of acetaminophen and failed to respond to non-symptomatic high blood pressure readings at multiple visits in the care and treatment of another patient. May 10, 2017

ANAND, ARUN, M.D. (A 44609), Walnut Creek, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine by allowing an unlicensed individual to place an IV. May 15, 2017

ANANIAS, MARTIN PATRICIO, M.D. (A 67788), Santa Rosa, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of a patient. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. June 16, 2017

ANYAJI, GEORGE IFEANYICHUKW (A 49073), San Diego, CA

Convicted of insurance fraud (Medicare), a misdemeanor, for knowingly making or causing to be made, fraudulent claims

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.

"Surrender" — To resolve a disciplinary action, the licensee has given up his or her license — subject to acceptance by the Board.

"Revoked" — The right to practice is ended due to disciplinary action. The license is invalidated, voided, annulled, or rescinded.

"Revoked, stayed, 5 years' probation with 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.

Viewing Documents:

To obtain a copy of the documents pertaining to the individuals listed, click on the hyperlinked name to display the licensee profile. Scroll to the Public Documents section to view or download a copy of the documents.

for payment of a health care benefit; and committed acts of dishonesty or corruption; unprofessional conduct; and has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. May 26, 2017

AYODELE, EMMANUEL A., M.D (A 46478), San Pedro, CA

Convicted of a felony for health care fraud, failed to report the indictment and conviction to the Board, and committed acts of dishonesty. Revoked, stayed, placed on 10 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, one year suspension; 100 hours of free, non-medical community service; completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice and billing monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from engaging, as a whole or partial owner, employee, or otherwise, in any business involving federally funded health insurance or entitlement programs. June 16, 2017

AZARIAN, VAHE MICHAEL, M.D. (A 125140), Glendale, CA

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely; used, prescribed, or administered to himself controlled substances and/or alcohol to the extent or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, or to any other person or to the public; and violated statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs. Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, 30 days' suspension; prohibited from ordering, prescribing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any Schedule II controlled substances and making a recommendation for the possession or cultivation of marijuana for one year; maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; completing an ethics course, a medical evaluation, and a clinical diagnostic evaluation; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; and obtaining a worksite monitor. June 16, 2017

AZIZ, REHANA, M.D. (A 54063), Fresno, CA

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely, administering a controlled substance to herself, and using dangerous drugs in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself, or to any other person or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; submitting to biological fluid testing; obtaining a worksite monitor; notification of employer; prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any Schedule II controlled substances as defined by the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act and making a recommendation for the possession or cultivation of marijuana; attending substance abuse support group meetings; maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed by Respondent; abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances; and completing a prescribing practices course and a professional boundaries program. June 16, 2017

BENNINGHOVEN, SCOTT W., M.D. (G 55118), Gilroy, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being convicted of battery and reckless driving. July 3, 2017

BONI, KIANSI BLAISE (A 45536), Torrance, CA

Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, prescribing controlled substances without an appropriate prior examination, and prescribing controlled substances while his license was suspended, in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked. May 18, 2017. Judicial Review Pending.

BREADON, JANNE NOEL (A 138867), Santa Rosa, CA

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of her probation. Surrender of License. May 22, 2017

BYRD, JENNIE GAIL, M.D. (C 40889), Benicia, CA

Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, incompetence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed, and any recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course; and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. May 17, 2017

CAMPOS, JOSE LUIS, M.D. (A 90846), Tulare, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed by Respondent, and any recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical training program; and obtaining a practice monitor. June 8, 2017

CHAM, DANIEL, K. (A 86714), Alhambra, CA

Committed acts of unprofessional conduct, gross negligence, repeated negligence, dishonesty, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, prescribing controlled substances without a medical indication, violating statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs, and prescribing dangerous drugs without a prior appropriate examination or medical indication in the care and treatment of multiple patients; and violated the terms of his Board-ordered probation. Revoked. June 9, 2017

CHAMMAS, JOSEPH HANNA, M.D. (G 86116), San Diego, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for failing to timely repair a popliteal artery injury sustained by a patient. May 17, 2017

CHE, KI SUNG, M.D. (A 54222), Cerritos, CA

Convicted of the unlawful and willful infliction of corporal injury resulting in a traumatic condition upon a spouse, and committed acts of dishonesty and corruption by attempting to bribe an investigator. Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an anger management course, an ethics course, and an education course. June 16, 2017

CHYBA, INGRID BERTA (A 30856), Fairfield, CA

Physician has a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. June 21, 2017

CLUSIN, WILLIAM THOMAS (G 35051), San Carlos, CA

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. July 10, 2017

COMDEN, SACHA SUSAN (A 112824), Santa Monica, CA

Violated multiple terms of her Board-ordered probation. Revoked. July 5, 2017

COWAN, THOMAS SAMUEL, M.D. (G 86923), San Francisco, CA

Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from providing cancer treatment to patients. June 9, 2017

DEBANTO, JOHN ROBERT, M.D. (G 86400), Bakersfield, CA

No admissions but charged with being convicted of two misdemeanors for driving under the influence of alcohol and used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person or to the

public. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol, providing 40 hours of free community service, completing an ethics course, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine, notification of employer, submitting to biological fluid testing, and attending substance abuse support group meetings. July 7, 2017

DEORIO, KEITH ROBERT (G 74544), Santa Monica, CA

Committed acts of unprofessional conduct by refusing to attend and participate in an interview with the Board and refusing to comply with requests for certified patient medical records. Revoked. July 21, 2017. Judicial Review Pending.

EDMONDS, ANDRE PETER (C 52443), Visalia, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients. Surrender of License. May 30, 2017

EHLINGER, THOMAS MICHAEL (G 89365), Ojai, CA

Disciplined by Washington for having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked. June 23, 2017

FARRELL, JULIE ANN (G 88765), Glendale, OH

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by North Carolina for allowing an administrative staff person to communicate with the North Carolina Medical Board, to sign documents, and engage in email correspondence as though she were the licensee; and disciplined by Illinois for failing to comply with a consent order. Surrender of License. May 8, 2017

FENTON, DREW EVAN (G 55500), Destin, FL

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. May 5, 2017

FONTECHA, ERNESTO LABRADOR, M.D. (A 36618), Moorpark, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of a patient. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. June 16, 2017

GALIZIA, JAMES JOSEPH (G 60491), Blanco, TX

No admissions but charged with violating the terms of his Board-ordered probation by testing positive for alcohol and failing to maintain a current license. Surrender of License. June 13, 2017

GANAL, BESOSIE MALVAR (A 31358), San Jose, CA

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of her probation. Surrender of License. June 22, 2017

GAYNOR, ALAN LAWRENCE (G 33877), San Francisco, CA

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of her probation. Surrender of License. May 17, 2017

GENTILE, EVA M., M.D. (A 42926), San Juan Capistrano, CA

Convicted of a misdemeanor for aiding and abetting the unauthorized practice of medicine. Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, providing 400 hours of free community service, completing an ethics course, obtaining a billing monitor, and prohibited from hiring and/or working with and/or associating with any aestheticians. July 14, 2017

GERSON, LAUREN BATTAT, M.D. (G 72756), San Francisco, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and incompetence in the care and treatment of two patients and gross negligence in the care and treatment of one of the patients. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. July 19, 2017

GHALY, MICHAEL AZMY, M.D. (A 95429), San Francisco, CA

Violated statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs by writing a prescription for controlled substances for one patient and giving it to another, prescribing without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course. May 25, 2017

GOLD, CARL GENE (G 130167), Springfield, IL

Disciplined by Illinois for diverting Schedule II controlled substances from a hospital for his own personal use. Revoked. May 19, 2017

GOLDEN, KRAIG LAMONT, M.D. (A 60099), La Habra, CA

Committed acts of sexual misconduct, gross negligence and repeated negligence by engaging in a sexual relationship with a patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course and a professional boundaries program, and required to have a third party chaperone present while consulting, examining or treating female patients. May 26, 2017

GORDON, DANIEL MARK, M.D. (G 42749), Sacramento, CA

No admissions but charged with being convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence; using controlled substances in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; self-prescribing a controlled substance to himself; and failing to participate in an interview with the Board. Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, submitting to biological fluid testing, and completing an ethics course and a prescribing practices course. June 9, 2017

GREAU, ROBERT EDMUND, M.D. (A 123280), Cameron Park, CA

Committed acts of administering controlled substances to himself and using them in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself or to any other person or to the public, and practicing under the influence of narcotic drugs. Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, 60 days' suspension, completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation, notification of employer, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, submitting to biological fluid testing, attending substance abuse support group meetings, obtaining a worksite monitor, obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. June 16, 2017

HACK, HOWARD MARK, M.D. (G 68575), Grand Forks, ND

Committed acts of gross negligence and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. May 8, 2017. Judicial Review Pending.

HAGGERTY, MARGARET MARY (G 85149), Tracy, CA

Physician has a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked. July 13, 2017

HANES, WILLIAM CHARLES, M.D. (G 47702), San Dimas, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. May 17, 2017

HINOJOSA-VALENCIA, ALEJANDRO GUILLEMO, M.D. (A 69515), Chula Vista, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of nine patients and gross negligence in the care and treatment

of six of the patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinician-patient communication program; and prohibited from seeking or holding privileges at more than two hospitals.
June 9, 2017

HOROWITZ, DONALD B. (A 22814), Rancho Cucamonga, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of three patients; and incompetence, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, prescribing without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication, excessive prescribing and prescribing to an addict in the care and treatment of two of those patients. Surrender of License. June 14, 2017

HUGHES, DEREK PATRICK (A 61410), Auburn, CA

No admissions but charged with violating the terms of his Board-ordered probation by testing positive for alcohol. Surrender of License. July 7, 2017

HURM, RAYMOND ANTHONY, M.D. (A 150498), Coronado, CA

Committed acts of unprofessional conduct leading to surrender of his clinical privileges while under investigation. Probationary license issued, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an anger management course. July 21, 2017

IMBER, WAYNE E., M.D. (G 42323), Calabasas, CA

No admissions but charged with violating multiple conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, paying all arrears probation costs, completing the medical knowledge self-assessment program, completing 100 hours of continuing medical education, and paying \$15,000 in previously ordered cost recovery. May 12, 2017

ISLES, TIFFANY DIONE, M.D. (A 109130), Sacramento, CA

No admissions but charged with having a condition that affects her ability to practice medicine safely and gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and a medical record keeping course. June 14, 2017

JACOBS, IRA ALLEN (C 52759), Roseland, NJ

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of her probation. Surrender of License. June 30, 2017

JEIROUDI, RAAD, M.D. (A 56133), Fountain Valley, CA

Committed acts of unprofessional conduct by not completing a clinical training program. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, an ethics course, and a clinical training program; and obtaining a practice monitor. June 9, 2017

JONES, LAYBON, JR., M.D. (G 39826), Vallejo, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and incompetence in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a clinical competence assessment program, and a professional enhancement program. July 14, 2017

JUSAYAN, NENITA EWAYAN (A 67592), University Place, WA

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Washington for her care and treatment of a patient. Surrender of License. July 14, 2017

KALTHIA, ASHISH H., M.D. (A 78472), Garden Grove, CA

Convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level in excess of .20 percent

and used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous to himself, another person or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, completing an ethics course, notification of employer, submitting to biological fluid testing, attending substance abuse support group meetings, and obtaining a worksite monitor. July 7, 2017

KIM, SANG IL, M.D. (C 42314), Reseda, CA

Convicted of driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level in excess of .08 percent and used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous to himself, another person or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol, submitting to biological fluid testing, and completing an anger management course and an ethics course. May 5, 2017

KING, TONY TUNG-TAN, M.D. (G 31861), Laguna Niguel, CA

Committed acts of multiple misdemeanors for driving under the influence of alcohol and used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, to any other person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, completing an ethics course, notification of employer, submitting to biological fluid testing, and obtaining a worksite monitor. June 2, 2017

KURIAN, LEONARD SUNIL, M.D. (G 70489), Lancaster, CA

Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on one additional year probation. June 9, 2017

KYRI, LIEN JAY, M.D. (A 122548), Huntington Beach, CA

Failed to comply with multiple conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an interpersonal skills course, a conflict resolution course, a clinical competence assessment program, and an anger management course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. May 19, 2017

LAL, SATISH KUMAR, M.D. (A 34462), Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Committed acts of gross negligence in his care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. May 5, 2017

LAM, KIM THIEN, M.D. (A 116833), Laguna Hills, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. May 19, 2017

LE, CHRISTIAN (A 80214), Portland, OR

Disciplined by Oregon for failing to comply with the terms and conditions of the Health Professionals Services Program and engaging in unprofessional conduct and gross or repeated acts of negligence. Revoked. June 23, 2017

LE, KIMBERLY T. (G 72879), Carmichael, CA

No admissions but charged with prescribing without an appropriate examination or medical indication, making false representations in the medical records, and creating false records in the care and treatment of two patients; and gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of seven patients. Surrender of License. May 25, 2017

LEE, JASON, M.D. (G 81729), Bakersfield, CA

Convicted of a misdemeanor for driving while intoxicated and used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Public Reprimand. June 9, 2017

LEE, WAI SHAT, M.D. (G 55211), Fresno CA

Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, obtaining a practice monitor, and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. July 21, 2017

LOUIS, JOANNA ROBERTA (G 43299), Leucadia, CA

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of her probation. Surrender of License. July 20, 2017

LOVIN, JEFFREY DOUGLAS, M.D. (G 85644), Del Mar, CA

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Colorado for a conviction for spousal battery; failing to notify Colorado of arrests, charges, or the conviction; and for having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, obtaining a practice monitor, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine or from practicing in a locum tenens capacity, and must comply with the Preceptorship Program recommended by the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians. July 21, 2017

MACKENZIE, JOAN H. (G 12153), Redondo Beach, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. May 4, 2017

MANJUNATH, MADHURE BASAPPA (A 29758), Rowland Heights, CA

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his probation. Surrender of License. July 20, 2017

MANTELL, RICHARD BERTON (A 39992), Dana Point, CA

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely and failing to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to complete a clinical training program. Surrender of License. July 28, 2017

MAROON, T.J., II, M.D. (A 55307), Roseville, CA

Violated the terms of his Board-ordered probation by testing positive for alcohol. Placed on an additional 6 months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation, notification of employer, and submitting to biological fluid testing. June 7, 2017

MASCI, VANCE ANDREW, M.D. (G 78205), Glendale, WI

No admissions but disciplined by Wisconsin for engaging in unprofessional conduct by prescribing opioid medication to a patient without a written opioid contract and failing to implement other drug diversion and abuse controls. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course. Public Reprimand. May 5, 2017

MCGRATH, TIMOTHY PATRICK, M.D. (C 149996), Poway, CA

Convicted of a misdemeanor for wet and reckless driving. Probationary license issued, placed on 3 years' probation, with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, and submitting to biological fluid testing. June 19, 2017

MENON, SHAILAJA, M.D. (A 81351), Roseville, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of multiple patients; fee splitting; and using a fictitious name without a fictitious name permit. Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical training program; obtaining a practice and billing monitor; and prohibited from practicing or attempting to perform liposuction or laser skin treatments including supervising or training physicians and non-physician medical providers in cosmetic liposuction or laser skin treatments. May 5, 2017

MOLONEY, SEAN THOMAS, M.D. (G 45066), Daly City, CA

No admissions but charged with being convicted for misdemeanor driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level of .08 or more and driving while under the influence of alcohol with a minor under 14 years old; being convicted of alcohol-related reckless driving; and used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, completing an ethics course, notification of employer, submitting to biological fluid testing, attending substance abuse support group meetings, and obtaining a worksite monitor. May 4, 2017

NASEEM, SHAHZAD (A 75541), Yuba City, CA

Violated multiple conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Revoked. June 9, 2017

NGUYEN, DINH TRUONG, M.D. (A 122677), Seal Beach, CA

No admissions but charged with being convicted of vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance and used drugs in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, any other person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; providing 100 hours of free community service; completing an ethics course, a medical evaluation, and a clinical diagnostic evaluation; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; and obtaining a worksite monitor. July 7, 2017

NGUYEN, KHANH TUONG LAN, M.D. (A 34291), Arcadia, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for self-prescribing a mammogram under the name of a nurse practitioner and signing the nurse practitioner's name on the prescription. July 25, 2017

NGUYEN, KHOI NGOC, M.D. (A 36682), Apple Valley, CA

Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course, a medical record keeping course, and an education course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from performing ERCP procedures. June 23, 2017

NORTHFIELD, KARIN MARIE (G 63065), Santa Ana, CA

No admissions but charged with being convicted of two misdemeanors for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol greater than .08 percent and used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous to herself, to another person, or to the public. Surrender of License. July 6, 2017

NOZAKI, JOSEPH N. (A 18037), Merced, CA

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. July 24, 2017

ONAKA, GORDON ALLAN (G 37903), Pasadena, MD

Convicted of a misdemeanor for failing to maintain or produce records as required for the distribution of dangerous drugs, committed acts of dishonesty or corruption, created a fraudulent document related to the practice of medicine, procured and furnished controlled substances to himself, and violated statutes regulating controlled substances. Revoked. June 23, 2017

ORDONEZ, LEONOR ALCARAZ, M.D. (A 82353) Chula Vista, CA

Convicted of presenting false information supporting claim and obtaining prescriptions by fraud/deceit; self-prescribed controlled substances; self-use of controlled substances; committed acts of dishonesty or corruption; and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records. Revoked, stayed, placed on 6

years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substance and making a recommendation for the possession or cultivation of marijuana; abstaining from controlled substances and alcohol; completing a prescribing practices course and an ethics course; obtaining a practice monitor; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; and obtaining a worksite monitor. July 28, 2017

OWENS, CHRISTOPHER DEAN (A 108740), San Francisco, CA

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely; used controlled substances in such a manner as to be dangerous to herself, to another person, or to the public; and violated statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs by prescribing controlled substances to non-patients without a valid medical indication and who he knew or reasonably believed would use the drugs for a non-medical purpose. Revoked. July 21, 2017

PANJABI, RAVI SHAM, M.D. (A 55600), Castro Valley, CA

Convicted of a misdemeanor for driving with a blood alcohol level in excess of .15 percent, failed to report the conviction to the Board, committed acts of repeated negligence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients, and gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. May 4, 2017. Judicial Review Pending.

PATEL, NINNA BHARAT (A 36597), Downey, CA

Physician has a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. June 28, 2017

PHAM, HAI HOANG, M.D. (A 70164), Westminster, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 35 months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; and obtaining a practice monitor. July 13, 2017

PIROUZIAN, AMIR, M.D. (A 60792), Irvine, CA

Committed acts of dishonesty and unprofessional conduct and convicted of willfully and unlawfully delaying a public officer or police officer in the discharge of official duties, Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' and 8 months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course, obtaining a practice and billing monitor, completing a clinical competence assessment program, and obtaining a proctor for and maintaining a log of 25 ophthalmic surgical procedures. July 13, 2017

POWELL, JERRY SHERMAN (G 68766), Davis, CA

No admissions but charged with being convicted of a misdemeanor for driving with a blood alcohol level in excess of .08 percent; used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous to himself, to another person, or to the public; and gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, excessive prescribing, and prescribing dangerous drugs without an appropriate examination or medical indication in the care and treatment of four patients. Surrender of License. July 31, 2017

POWERS, THOMAS S., M.D. (G 15640), Santa Ana, CA

Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients; self-prescribed controlled substances; and violated statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any Scheduled II or III controlled substances except for

anabolic steroids and Suboxone used to treat patients for substance dependence or addiction; maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; abstaining from the use of controlled substances; submitting to biological fluid testing; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program; and obtaining a practice monitor. July 14, 2017

RAGLAND, HOWARD KERR, JR., M.D. (A 51837), Los Angeles, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, knowingly making or signing a certificate or other document related to the practice of medicine which falsely represents the existence or non-existence of a state of facts, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, and prescribing without an appropriate examination and medical indication in the care and treatment of four patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from issuing an oral or written recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed; completing a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; and obtaining a practice monitor. May 4, 2017

RAI, MEETINDER KAUR, M.D. (A 49556), Modesto, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of five patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; and obtaining a practice and billing monitor. June 22, 2017

RAMOS, JOSE ANTONIO (A 97029), Santa Barbara, CA

Disciplined by Indiana for being charged with four felony counts of possession of a narcotic drug, four misdemeanor counts of theft, and two misdemeanor counts of criminal recklessness. Revoked. June 16, 2017

REUSS, PETER MATTHEW, M.D. (A 98745), Eden Prairie, MN

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Wisconsin for care below minimal competency standards by failing to report findings from a CT scan of a patient. Public Reprimand. July 14, 2017

RIZZO, AMILCAR EZEQUIEL (A 128391), New York, NY

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his probation. Surrender of License. June 8, 2017

ROANEY, ROBERT M. (A 19696), Fountain Valley, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. May 18, 2017

ROGET, GORDON BRUCE (A 34480), Lodi, CA

Committed acts of sexual exploitation, sexual misconduct, gross negligence, and repeated negligence in the care and treatment of two patients; failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient; convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence of alcohol; and used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, to another person, or to the public. Revoked. June 30, 2017

ROWELL, RAYMOND JOSEPH (G 81772), Dublin, CA

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. June 15, 2017

SAYAT, EDNA REGALA, M.D. (C 53302), Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Committed acts of repeated negligence in the care and treatment of one patient and repeatedly failed to attend and participate in an interview by the Board. Physician must provide 60 hours of free community service; and

complete an education course, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program. Public Reprimand. July 7, 2017

SEAMAN, ELIZABETH BYERRUM, M.D. (G 32266), Greenbrae, CA

No admissions but charged with using alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous to herself, to another person, or to the public by being convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level in excess of .24 percent and driving with a suspended license; committing dishonest acts and/or procurement of licensure by fraud for not disclosing the conviction on her license renewal documents; and failing to report the conviction to the Board. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol, submitting to biological fluid testing, and completing an ethics course. July 5, 2017

SEVINOR, SHELDON JOEL (G 29149), Nahant, MA

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Massachusetts. Surrender of License. May 17, 2017

SHADI, PAYAM, M.D. (A 78965), Los Angeles, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course and an education course. Public Reprimand. May 12, 2017

SHARF, ALBERT J., M.D. (G 72122), National City, CA

Convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level in excess of .08; and used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous to himself, another person, or to the public. Public Reprimand. June 23, 2017

SHERIDAN, JOSEPH JEROME, M.D. (A 97596), San Diego, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of two patients. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course and an education course. Public Reprimand. May 10, 2017

SHUBHAKAR, S N (A 33936), Porterville, CA

Failed to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to enroll in and complete a clinical training program. Surrender of License. June 19, 2017

SIAL, KHURAM AKBAR, M.D. (A 90421), Lake Elsinore, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. May 12, 2017

SILVERS, FREDERICK MICHAEL (A 23192), Los Angeles, CA

Committed acts of gross negligence and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked. June 14, 2017. Judicial Review Pending.

SPELLER, CRISTAL DAWN, M.D. (A 62390), Glendale, CA

No admission but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of three patients when she approved phone renewals for marijuana without conducting an examination and violated the terms of her Board-ordered probation. Revoked, stayed, placed on 4 years' probation to be served consecutively to previously imposed probation, with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from providing an oral or written recommendation and/or approval for the use and/or cultivation of marijuana. May 5, 2017

SPIVAK, RYAN MATTHEW, M.D. (A 113632), Los Angeles, CA

No admissions but charged with dishonest acts; violating statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs; using controlled substances in a manner as to be dangerous to himself, another person, or to the public; writing illegitimate prescriptions for controlled substances; issuing false/fictitious prescriptions for controlled substances; obtaining prescriptions by fraud or deceit; knowingly making or signing false documents related to the practice of medicine; forging prescriptions for self-use; and failing to report a change of address to the Board. Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances except in the perioperative setting when acting as a surgeon and the patient will only use controlled substances at the location of the procedure; maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed; abstaining from the use of controlled substances; submitting to biological fluid testing; providing 40 hours of free non-medical community services; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; attending substance abuse support group meetings; undergoing a medical evaluation; obtaining a practice monitor; obtaining a worksite monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and notification of employer. June 30, 2017

STATE, ROSANNE CECILIA (G 77855), Tucson, AZ

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely, being convicted of driving under the influence of drugs and driving without a valid license, and used or administered dangerous drugs to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself, another person, or the public. Surrender of License. May 17, 2017

STONEY, L. SCOTT (G 64726), Newport Beach, CA

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. June 20, 2017

STROME, GLENN MARTIN (G 82083), San Francisco, CA

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. May 17, 2017

THOMAS, DEBRA JANINE (A 77768), Richlands, VA

Disciplined by Illinois for being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Revoked. June 16, 2017

TIWANA, JASBIR SINGH, M.D. (A 105298), Thousand Oaks, CA

Convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level of .08 or more and used alcoholic beverages to the extent or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or the public. Physician must complete an ethics course and an alcohol awareness course. Public Reprimand. June 21, 2017

TOOCHINDA, CHARERTAS, M.D (A 81962), Rancho Cucamonga, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. June 9, 2017

UZUN, GUVEN (A 72928), Marina Del Rey, CA

Failed to comply with multiple terms of his Board-ordered probation; committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients; engaged in repeated acts of clearly excessive and unnecessary use of diagnostic procedures in the care and treatment of one patient; and committed acts of dishonesty. Revoked. July 19 2017. Judicial Review Pending.

VARGAS, ARTURO (A 87567), Los Angeles, CA

Convicted of sexual exploitation of two patients and sexual battery of two additional patients and was required to register as a sex offender. Revoked. June 30, 2017

VARMA, MANISH (A 97777), San Francisco, CA

No admissions but charged with being convicted of a misdemeanor for driving under the influence and used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Surrender of License. July 18, 2017

VIVIAN, MICHAEL ROLAND PUDE (G 78890), Ventura, CA

Violated the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to comply with biological fluid testing and by testing positive for a controlled substance. Surrender of License. July 7, 2017

VON GLINSKI, KARIN SABINE, M.D. (G 77578), Walnut Creek, CA

Convicted of a misdemeanor for driving with a blood alcohol level of .08 or more and used alcoholic beverages to the extent or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself, another person, or the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, notification of employer, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, submitting to biological fluid testing, and completing an ethics course. June 9, 2017

VYAS, JAYSHREE MAHESH (A 37968), Anaheim, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. May 5, 2017

WARBRITTON, JOHN DAVID, III (G 47015), Orinda, CA

No admissions but charged with sexual misconduct while treating two patients. Surrender of License. May 3, 2017

WASHINGTON, TOBY (A 76145), Albuquerque, NM

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his probation. Surrender of License. June 7, 2017

WEISSMAN, KENNETH R. (G 85232), Carlsbad, CA

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his probation. Surrender of License. May 4, 2017

WENNEKER, WENDELL WARREN (G 37197), Napa, CA

Violated multiple terms of his Board-ordered probation. Revoked. June 2, 2017

WHITE, THOMAS EUGENE, M.D. (G 26515), Oakland, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for failing to inform a patient of potential septal perforation during treatment and delayed care from initial diagnosis of a nasopharyngeal mass until the actual procedure and biopsy during the care and treatment of another patient. June 16, 2017

YANKE, TRACI LYNN (C 56144), Cave Creek, AZ

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of her probation. Surrender of License. June 12, 2017

Physician Assistant

GARBETT, BRUCE HARRY, P.A. (PA 11636), Costa Mesa, CA

Convicted of a misdemeanor for driving with a blood alcohol greater than .08 percent and used alcoholic beverages to the extent, or in such a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course and a clinical diagnostic evaluation; abstaining from the use of alcohol,

controlled substances and dangerous drugs; completing a drug and alcohol recovery monitoring program; submitting to biological fluid testing; participating in facilitated group support meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor, obtaining approval of a supervising physician; and notification of employer. June 1, 2017

HOFFMAN, LAUREN BETH, P.A. (PA 54442), West Hollywood, CA

Convicted of two misdemeanors for driving under the influence of alcohol. Probationary license issued, placed on 2 years' probation, with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances, submitting to biological fluid testing, obtaining approval of a supervising physician, and notification of employer. May 18, 2017

JIMENEZ, VICTOR F., P.A. (PA 19072), Los Angeles, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for failing to properly maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of his patients. June 23, 2017

MAYER, STEPHEN JAMES, P.A. (PA 22741), San Jose, CA

Committed acts of unprofessional conduct for misdemeanor convictions for possession of a controlled substance, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from administering, issuing a drug order, handing to a patient, or possessing any controlled substances; keeping written medical records for each patient contact at the worksite and making them available for immediate inspection; having a supervising physician on site at all times; completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; abstaining from the use of controlled substances and dangerous drugs; completing a drug and alcohol recovery monitoring program; submitting to biological fluid testing; participating in facilitated group support meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; obtaining approval of a supervising physician; and notification of employer. July 21, 2017

RYNDIN, NATALIA, P.A. (PA 15132), Laguna Niguel, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for failing to properly prescribe, dispense, or furnish dangerous drugs without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication; failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records; and inappropriately prescribing controlled substances by providing blank scripts. July 18, 2017

SAPRA, PRIYA VIPIN, P.A. (PA 17588), San Diego, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of a patient. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course and an education course and ordered to pay cost recovery of \$7,897. Public Reprimand. May 31, 2017

TOWNSEND, DEAN LAMAR, P.A. (PA 16781), Moreno Valley, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and prescribing without an examination or medical indication in the care and treatment of three patients, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients, and gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, maintaining a record of all controlled substances administered, transmitted orally or in writing or handed to a patient; completing a medical record keeping course, an education course, an ethics course, and a prescribing practices course; keeping written medical records for each patient contact at the worksite and make them available for immediate inspection; obtaining approval of supervising physician; and notification of employer. July 21, 2017

WAGNER, SUSAN KATALI, P.A. (PA 16194), Moreno Valley, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, prescribing without a medical examination or indication, excessive prescribing, prescribing to an addict, failure to exercise reasonable

care, violating statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs, providing medical services without adequate supervision, prescribing controlled substances without patient specific advance approval by a supervising physician and/or formulary and protocols adopted by the supervising physician, and inadequate and inaccurate records in the care and treatment of five patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 7 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, maintaining a record of all controlled substances administered, transmitted orally or in writing or handed to a patient; completing a medical record keeping course, an education course, an ethics course, and a prescribing practices course; having all medical records reviewed, initialed, and dated by a supervising physician; having a supervising physician on site at all times; obtaining approval of a supervising physician; and notification of employer. July 21, 2017

WILLIAMS, BERNARD (PA 19065), San Leandro, CA

No admissions but charged with unprofessional conduct, gross negligence, unlicensed practice of medicine, prescribing controlled substances without adequate supervision, dishonesty, procuring controlled substances by fraud, deceit, and/or misrepresentation, false records/false representations in the care and treatment of six patients; and unlawful representation as a physician. Surrender of License. June 23, 2017

Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

KELLER, BRIAN PATRICK, DPM (E 4185), Lincoln, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and incompetence in the care and treatment of six patients; repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of seven patients; and prescribing dangerous drugs without a good faith examination and medical indication in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, and/or possessing any controlled substances listed in Schedule II and III, and any controlled substances classified as a benzodiazepine in Schedule IV; maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical training program; and obtaining a practice and billing monitor. June 2, 2017

VANDYCK, NEIL ALAN (E 2481), Sacramento, CA

No admissions but charged with insurance fraud, dishonesty, falsification of medical records, gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, and convicted of a felony charge of health care fraud. Surrender of License. June 22, 2017

Polysomnographic Technologist

PIERCE, DANA DIANE (PTGL 354), Hayward, CA

Violated the terms of her Board-ordered probation by testing positive for marijuana and alcohol and failing to cooperate with biological fluid testing. Revoked. June 23, 2017

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