



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

NEWS

Protecting consumers by advancing high quality, safe medical care.

ESCAPING PARADISE CAMP FIRE

By Emmalee Ross, Public Information Officer

LIVING NIGHTMARE: 8:45AM NOVEMBER 8, 2018

The clock counted down. Smoke, ash, and embers filled the typically serene and beautiful town of Paradise, California. Inside his home of 25 years, Dr. Richard Thorp – who had a hip replacement six weeks earlier – hurriedly limped around his house, taking photos off walls and collecting his most precious possessions.

“It was stressful,” says Thorp in a phone interview – a year removed from the fire and now a member of the Medical Board of California (Board). “I’m a pretty competent guy normally, but I was like, ‘Holy cow there is a fire coming.’”

The fire, which came to be known as the Paradise Camp Fire, turned into the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history with 85 fatalities and destroying over 18,000 structures. The fire blazed for 17 days, from November 8-25, 2018.

In the midst of panic, attempting to pack his car and leave town, Thorp realized his neighborhood was eerily quiet.

“I looked outside and none of my neighbors were getting ready,” says Thorp. “They’re all older, so I’m hobbling around my neighborhood, knocking on doors and trying to get them out of their homes.”

Homes that would no longer exist in the next few hours, days, and weeks.



Dr. Richard Thorp

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Stock photo of the aftermath of the 2018 Paradise Camp Fire in Paradise, California.

REFLECTION: 6:30AM NOVEMBER 8, 2018

In the early morning, the sky was clear. Before panic set in, the ash fell like rain from the sky, and the walls of fire caused people to abandon their cars and run from the flames – Thorp was spending time with God.

“I think it might surprise people to know I thought about being a pastor at one point in my life,” says Thorp, now 70 years old.

While Thorp believes that health care and healing are a part of the ministry, his love for medicine, knowledge, and human connection drew him to a career in the medical field rather than the church.

“Medicine is a place where you walk in the room and the person on the other side almost automatically trusts you,” says Thorp. “They’ll tell you things they wouldn’t tell a priest.”

The interaction between physician and patient has become the most rewarding and cherished aspect of Thorp’s 40-plus year career, taking care of people on an individual basis.

During his 18-year role as the president of his private practice, Paradise Medical Group, Thorp split his time directing the Feather River Hospital Rural Health Clinic, working for the California Medical Association, and serving as a delegate for the American Medical Association.

“I got to the point where I thought accomplishing things was the most important,” says Thorp. “But the person you are is not just an accumulation of your accomplishments, it’s about who you are on the inside. Are you thoughtful, gracious, merciful, kind, faithful, and loving in the truest sense of the word — it’s those kinds of things.”

As he spent the morning of November 8 in communion with God, Thorp glanced out the window and noticed the once-clear sky had grown dark.

“The person who you are is not just an accumulation of your accomplishments.”

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THE BOARD’S MISSION

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 professionals 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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EVACUATION: 8:15AM NOVEMBER 8, 2018

This wasn't the first time the quiet, tree-filled town of Paradise was threatened with fire or even mandatory evacuation. This was, however, not like the others and Thorp knew he needed to get out fast, as he drove across town to assist staff and patients evacuating Paradise Medical Group.

"At this time, the sky was black and there was ash falling in the parking lot," says Thorp, who could hear the roar of fire coming down the canyon and periodic explosions. "But even then, there were no sirens, no air support, nothing to get in the way of this fire. That was pretty scary to me."

With his wife 20 miles away in Chico, Thorp made his way home from the office having the solo burden of packing the last 25 years of their lives. He figured he had about an hour before the fire reached his part of town as the flames moved the length of a football field per minute.

Planning to meet his wife in Chico, Thorp finished packing and drove away from his home for the last time – slowly making his way through the throngs of traffic, escaping what had been their Paradise.



Stock photo of the aftermath of the Paradise Camp Fire in Paradise, California.

THE AFTERMATH: NOVEMBER 9, 2018 – PRESENT

The day after he left town, Thorp's main concern was the needs of his patients. Immediately, he and his colleagues were taking calls and refilling medications.

"It was a lot of checking on people, making sure they were okay, had a place to stay, and had food and water," says Thorp. "Yes, I was concerned we lost our home, but honestly it didn't really hit me. It's probably been more difficult in the

last few months."

Along with his home, the fire also destroyed the main hospital in Paradise, the Feather River Hospital. But with the assistance of a local medical group, Thorp and his colleagues had Paradise Medical Group up and running in Chico in a matter of days.

Another saving grace for Thorp's private practice was Blue Shield

of California, who gifted Paradise Medical Group with 90 days of operating capital, helping them to stabilize and move forward with new tools and resources.

Working four days a week at his private practice in Chico – where he and his wife have permanently relocated – Thorp makes the commute to Paradise once a week as more people return.

A door-to-door survey in April 2019 revealed only 2,034 of the 26,800 residents remained or returned to Paradise, according to data released by California Governor Gavin Newsom in July 2019. The press release stated the Camp Fire destroyed almost 90 percent of the town including 14,000 homes.

"Paradise is going to be a very different place," says Thorp. "It used to be a beautiful, serene place and it's not anymore. All you see is devastation."

With what has become his new normal, Thorp continues to add to his plate as he joined the Board on July 26, 2019.

"I think it will be enjoyable and I'll be able to provide a unique perspective on the Board," says Thorp, who now spends a large chunk of his personal life reflecting on his responsibilities to God, his patients, and the people of California.

Thorp said he views the rest of his medical career as a ministry. While the Camp Fire stripped him of his home, material possessions, and jeopardized years of accomplishments, it crystalized the importance of the

way he wants to live his life. Every day he sets out to be healing, caring, compassionate, and loving to people.

"What I've realized through all of these trials and difficulties is you don't grow as a human being when things are going well, you grow in adversity and difficult times," says Thorp. "I feel so blessed, so incredibly blessed that I'm still able to be here, still able to contribute. I'm just grateful for that."



MBC's newest Board Member, Dr. Richard Thorp.

Farewell to the Board's Executive Director

The Medical Board of California (Board) said goodbye to its Executive Director, Kimberly Kirchmeyer, in October 2019. After 18 years with the Board and two years with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Ms. Kirchmeyer was appointed as the Director of DCA by Governor Gavin Newsom.

"I'm humbled by this extraordinary opportunity," says Ms. Kirchmeyer. "The Medical Board staff will always hold a very special, special place in my heart."

The Board will greatly miss Ms. Kirchmeyer's leadership and wishes her the best of luck.



MBC's Board L-R: Dr. Felix Yip, Ms. Susan Friedman, Dr. Randy Hawkins, Dr. Richard Thorp, Dr. Harold Krauss, Dr. Ronald Lewis, Ms. Denise Pines, Ms. Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Dr. Dev Gnanadev, Ms. Kristina Lawson, Dr. Asif Mahmood, Mr. David Warmoth, Ms. Laurie Lubiano, Mr. Eserick "TJ" Watkins.

EDITOR'S SPOTLIGHT



The Medical Board of California (Board) welcomed its newest public information

officer and editor in chief of the Board's quarterly newsletter in September 2019.

Emmalee Ross, a California State University, Sacramento alumna, joined the Board from the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) where she most recently worked as an advocate liaison – conducting outreach and training for victim advocates across California.

Having an interest in health and fitness, Ross served as the editor and designer of CalVCB's Wellness Committee newsletter, The Wellness Connection, bringing her love for writing and passion to creatively tell others' stories.

Prior to her roles as the advocate liaison and newsletter editor, Ross was the outreach coordinator for CalVCB's Public Affairs Office, writing and editing publications, web content and social media, and bringing awareness to the program through outreach events.

"I'm excited to use my experience and passion to promote the Board's mission, along with creating an informational and interesting newsletter for physicians, the Board and the public," says Ross.

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A Clear Vision For

MBC

President's Message

KICKING OFF THE "HEALTHY" '20S!

Happy New Decade! While the 1920s may have roared into existence, we are focusing on making our '20s healthier for all.

Here at the Medical Board of California (Board), we have kicked off the new year with some fresh starts while continuing to give our thoughtfulness and energy to ongoing endeavors on behalf of the good people of our great state.

As the Board continues to pursue its mission of consumer protection for all Californians, we recently embraced the opportunity to meet and talk with staff and consumer advocates at an Interested Parties Meeting in Sacramento.

We are a consumer protection agency and it is our responsibility to routinely rethink processes and optimize the Board's services to licensees and consumers.

We began by gathering around a table and listening to suggestions. The Board is now exploring those new ideas and I look forward to reporting on our progress in future newsletters.

Meanwhile, the Board is identifying ways to reduce enforcement timelines. We are working with our partner agencies—the Department of Consumer Affairs' Health Quality Investigations Unit and the Attorney General's Office—to address our deficiencies. It takes serious commitment to tackle this issue, and I am confident we, together, will prevail.



DENISE PINES

I want to congratulate Kimberly Kirchmeyer on her October 2019 promotion to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. As the Board's Executive Director since 2013, and a Board staff employee since 2005, Kim demonstrated her knowledge, wisdom, and pragmatism. She is a dedicated and caring individual, and it has been my honor to work with her. She left big shoes to fill!

The Board successfully conducted a global candidate search and we are pleased to announce William J. Prasifka will be leading us forward through new challenges and growth. A native of California, Mr. Prasifka comes to the Board from the Medical Council of Ireland, where he has served as its chief executive officer (CEO) for the past four years. He will officially begin his position as the Board's new executive director in June. The Board looks forward to working with Mr. Prasifka toward its mission of consumer protection.

Wishing you healthy and happy days,

Denise Pines, President

CONSUMER CORNER: KNOW THE TOOLS

By Carlos Villatoro
Public Information Manager



The Medical Board of California's (Board) mission is consumer protection, and one of the ways to accomplish that mission is to empower consumers by offering them a wide array of tools they can use to stay informed about their physicians.

One of the most interactive tools is the Board's call center, the Consumer Information Unit (CIU).

The CIU is a special unit within the Board staffed by live operators who answer questions from the public and licensees. Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, a consumer can call CIU toll free at (800) 633-2322 and talk to a live trained customer service representative about their physician.

If the consumer needs help looking up their physician or reading public documents posted on their physician's profile page, the CIU operator can assist them.

Similar to the Board's CIU, consumers can email the Board's webmaster account at webmaster@mbc.ca.gov to receive answers to questions about their doctors.

Additionally, the Board is the first medical board in the nation to offer a free [app for Apple iOS](#) devices. Simply download the app, look up your physician, and add them to your 'follow' list. The app allows you to follow up to 16 physicians and receive a notification when there has been an update to the physician's profile such as a change of address, a license renewal, and

any disciplinary action taken by the Board.

Consumers can also remain apprised of actions against physicians by subscribing to the Board's email license alerts. Consumers can visit the [Board's website and sign up](#) for the list "Actions relating to the license or practice of physicians and surgeons." The Board regularly sends notification emails to the list recipients regarding enforcement actions.

Lastly, if you are on social media, follow the Board on [Twitter](#) and like the Board on [Facebook](#). The Board often posts its disciplinary actions on its social media channels — another way the Board keeps consumers informed.



Become ACEs Aware

A Call for Health Care Providers to Join the Movement to Screen for ACEs and Assess Toxic Stress in California's Children

By Dr. Nadine Burke Harris
California Surgeon General

As medical providers, we all take an oath to treat and care for our patients to the best of our abilities. We also vow to prevent disease and suffering in our patients whenever we can. This collective commitment is the foundational premise of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Aware initiative, a first-in-the-nation statewide effort to screen for Adverse Childhood Experiences and treat the impacts of toxic stress. The bold goal of this initiative is to reduce ACEs and toxic stress by half in one generation, and to launch a national movement to ensure everyone is ACEs Aware.

ACEs and toxic stress represent a public health crisis that has been, until recently, largely unrecognized by our health care system and society. A consensus

of scientific research demonstrates that cumulative adversity, especially when experienced during critical stages of development in childhood, is a root cause to some of the most harmful, persistent, and expensive health challenges facing our state and nation. But there's hope – we can take action to change and save lives. We can screen for ACEs, respond with trauma-informed care, and significantly improve physical and mental health across society.

The ACEs Aware initiative, launched as part of Governor Gavin Newsom's plan to create a Healthier California For All, is led by the Office of the California Surgeon General and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). ACEs Aware offers free training and clinical protocols for providers on how to screen

children and adults for ACEs and respond with trauma-informed care. As of January 1, 2020, Medi-Cal providers can also receive a \$29 payment from DHCS when they screen children and adults with Medi-Cal for ACEs. In addition, ACEs Aware offers providers a free, two-hour online training to learn about ACEs, screening tools, and response. Providers will receive Continuing Medical Education credits and Maintenance of Certification credits upon completion.

As this initiative gains momentum, I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the vast research on ACEs and trauma-informed care as a way to provide the best quality care and treatment to your patients. As part of our effort to educate

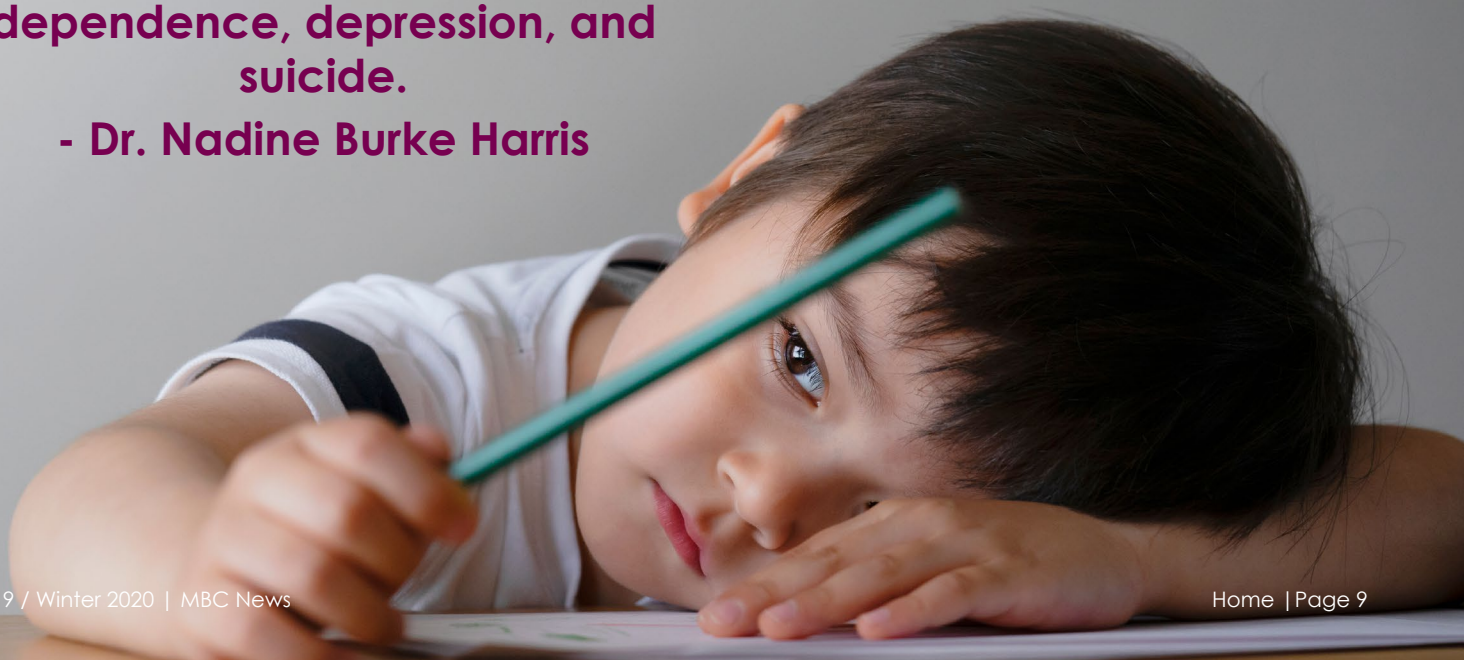
providers with the latest and most comprehensive understanding of ACEs as an urgent health care issue, we've curated some of the most salient studies on ACEs and trauma-informed care on our website, www.AcesAware.org.

There is a wealth of research linking ACEs to diabetes, cardiovascular disease, auto-immune disorders, substance dependence, depression, and suicide. ACEs are stressful or traumatic experiences people have before age 18 that were identified in the landmark 1998 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Kaiser Permanente Adverse Childhood Experiences Study. ACEs relate to 10 categories in three domains: abuse, neglect, and/or household dysfunction. Abuse

categories include emotional, physical, or sexual. Neglect includes physical or emotional. Household dysfunction categories include parental incarceration, mental illness, substance dependence, absence due to separation or divorce, or intimate partner violence. Research shows that exposure to ACEs leads to a toxic stress response, which is the repeated or prolonged activation of a child's stress response. In absence of buffering care and support, a toxic stress response can lead to long-term changes in the structure and functioning of the developing brain, metabolic, immune, and neuroendocrine responses, even affecting the way DNA is read and transcribed.

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- Dr. Nadine Burke Harris





Unfortunately, ACEs are highly prevalent. According to the most recent California Department of Public Health data reporting from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS, 2017), 63.5 percent of Californians have experienced at least one of the 10 ACEs, and 17.6 percent of Californians have experienced four or more. Nationally, the prevalence is similar. But there is hope.

Just as science shows us that the brain and body are changed negatively through toxic stress, it also reveals that interventions such as exercise, nutrition, mental health supports mindfulness, supportive relationships, and good sleep hygiene can buffer the toxic stress response. ACE screening allows providers to better determine the likelihood that a patient is at increased health risk due to a toxic stress response and prepares them to develop appropriate treatment plans based on best-practices of trauma-informed care. Furthermore, by identifying and addressing ACEs early, providers can support their patients in preventing the further accumulation of risk factors and bolster their protective factors.

Moreover, ACES screening, embedded as part of a broader trauma-informed approach to clinical practice, can create safe, supportive, and caring environments for patients to receive the care they need while maintaining the well-being of the providers that serve them. Trauma-informed care recognizes and responds to the clinical sequelae of adversity to better support the health needs of patients who have experienced ACEs and toxic stress. Key principles of trauma-informed care include: establishing the physical and emotional safety of patients and staff; building trust between providers and patients; recognizing the signs and symptoms of trauma exposure on physical, psychological, and behavioral health; promoting patient-centered, evidence-based care; ensuring provider and patient collaboration by bringing patients into the treatment process and discussing mutually agreed upon goals for treatment; and providing care that is sensitive to the racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender identity of patients.

THROUGH ACES AWARE, CALIFORNIA IS LEADING THE WAY TO SHIFT THE NARRATIVE IN CALIFORNIA AND NATIONALLY - DR. NADINE BURKE HARRIS

Through ACEs Aware, California is leading the way to shift the narrative in California and nationally on trauma-informed care, and to demonstrate that early identification and evidence-based intervention of ACEs can improve health outcomes. As providers, you are on the front lines of care, and we invite you to join Governor Newsom and me in addressing this critical root cause of illness and disease.

As California's first-ever Surgeon General, I am honored to say that California is once again on the cutting edge of health and wellness. Visit www.AcesAware.org, and join the movement to become ACEs Aware and to Screen. Treat. Heal.



California Surgeon General, Dr. Nadine Burke Harris



MBC Board Members at the State Capitol for MBCs Legislative Day 2019. L-R: Mr. David Warmoth, Dr. Dev Gnanadev, Ms. Denise Pines, Dr. Harold Krauss, Ms. Laurie Lubiano, Ms. Susan Friedman.

2019 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARIES

ALLIED HEALTH

AB 538 (Berman, Chapter 714) – Sexual Assault: Medical Evidentiary Examinations and Reporting

Permits a nurse practitioner and a physician assistant to perform a medical evidentiary examination for evidence of sexual assault; and updates terminology, documentation procedures, and training curriculum for medical evidentiary examinations in cases of sexual assault.

SB 159 (Wiener, Chapter 532) – HIV: Preexposure and Postexposure Prophylaxis

Allows a pharmacist to furnish at least a 30-day supply, and up to a 60-day supply of preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP), if specified conditions are met. It also allows a pharmacist to furnish a complete course of postexposure prophylaxis (PEP), if specified conditions are met, among other provisions.

SB 697 (Caballero, Chapter 707) – Physician Assistants: Practice Agreement: Supervision

Revises the Physician Assistant Practice Act (Act) to allow multiple physicians and surgeons to supervise a physician assistant (PA), replaces the delegation of services agreement (DSA) with a practice agreement, eliminates the existing medical records review requirement, and makes other substantive and technical changes.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

AB 174 (Wood, Chapter 795) – Health Care

Requires the Covered California board, until January 1, 2023, to develop and prepare biannual public reports for the purpose of informing the California Health and Human Services Agency, the Legislature, and the public about the enrollment process for the individual market assistance program, established in the 2019-2020 Budget Act.

AB 414 (Bonta, Chapter 801) Health Care Coverage: Minimum Essential Coverage

Requires the Franchise Tax Board to report to the Legislature regarding specific information resulting from California's minimum essential health coverage requirement and individual shared responsibility penalty.

AB 577 (Eggman, Chapter 776) – Health Care Coverage: Maternal Mental Health

Extends the duration of the requirement that health plans and health insurers provide continuity of care for pregnant women to up to 12 months from the diagnosis or from the end of pregnancy, whichever occurs later, if the woman presents written documentation of being diagnosed with a maternal mental health condition from the individual's treating health care provider.

AB 744 (Aguiar-Curry, Chapter 867) – Health Care Coverage: Telehealth

Requires a contract between a health care service plan (health plan) or health insurer and a health care provider for the provision of health care services to an enrollee or insured or subscriber, to specify that the health plan or health insurer reimburse a health care provider for the diagnosis, consultation, or treatment of an enrollee, insured, subscriber, or policyholder delivered through telehealth services on the same basis and to the same extent that the health plan or insurer is responsible for reimbursement for the same service through in-person diagnosis, consultation, or treatment.

AB 1494 (Aguiar-Curry, Chapter 829) – Medi-Cal: Telehealth: State of Emergency

Prohibits face-to-face contact or a patient's physical presence on the premises of an enrolled community clinic, as specified, to be required for services provided to a Medi-Cal beneficiary during or immediately following a state of emergency. AB 1494 also requires the Department of Health Care Services, on or before July 1, 2020, to issue and publish on its website guidance to facilitate reimbursement for services provided by enrolled community clinics to a Medi-Cal beneficiary during or immediately following a state of emergency.

SB 260 (Hurtado, Chapter 845) – Automatic Health Care Coverage Enrollment

Requires Covered California, beginning July 1, 2021, to enroll an individual or individuals using electronic information from Medi-Cal or the Children's Health Insurance Program in the lowest cost silver Covered California plan. The bill also requires a health plan or insurer to annually notify an individual that when they no longer have coverage, their contact information will be provided to Covered California to assist them in obtaining other coverage, or that they may opt out of this transfer of information.

SB 537 (Hill, Chapter 647) – Workers' Compensation: Treatment and Disability

Requires medical provider networks (MPNs) to list all medical providers on a public roster, prohibits MPNs from altering medical treatment plans and medical billing codes, and requires disclosure to payors of any contract between a medical provider and a contracting agent, employer or insurance carrier that is 20 percent or more below of the Official Medical Fee Schedule.

SB 583 (Jackson, Chapter 482) – Clinical Trials

Conforms California law with respect to health plan and insurer coverage requirements for participants

in clinical trials to incorporate federal requirements enacted as part of the Affordable Care Act, which includes expanding the type of clinical trials to include life-threatening diseases or conditions.

SB 600 (Portantino, Chapter 853) – Health Care Coverage: Fertility Preservation

Provides that standard fertility preservation services are covered as basic health services when a covered treatment may directly or indirectly cause iatrogenic infertility.

MEDICAL EDUCATION

AB 241 (Kamlager-Dove, Chapter 417) – Implicit Bias: Continuing Education: Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2022, AB 241 requires all continuing medical education (CME) courses for physicians to contain curriculum that includes the understanding of implicit bias. The bill specifies that a CME course dedicated solely to research or other issues that does not have a direct patient care component, or a course offered by a CME provider who is not located in California is not required to contain curriculum that includes cultural and linguistic competency in the practice of medicine.

AB 521 (Berman, Chapter 728) – Physicians and Surgeons: Firearms: Training

Requires, to the extent the University of California (UC) Regents choose to do so, that the UC Firearm Violence Research Center (UCFC) develop education and training programs for medical and mental health providers on the prevention of firearm-related injury and death; and, requires the UC to annually report activities and financial information related to the program.

AB 845 (Maienschein, Chapter 220) – Continuing Education: Physicians and Surgeons: Maternal Mental Health

Allows for an optional continuing medical education (CME) course in maternal mental health.

MEDICAL PRACTICE AND ETHICS

AB 922 (Burke, Chapter 864) – Reproductive Health and Research: Oocyte Procurement

Repeals the existing ban and allows compensation for individuals providing human oocytes (eggs) for research. This bill clarifies the specific informed consent required for research participants providing their eggs for research.

AB 1264 (Petrie, Norris, Chapter 741) – Medical Practice Act: Dangerous Drugs; Appropriate Prior Examination

Clarifies that the requirement to provide an “appropriate prior examination” before prescribing, dispensing, or furnishing dangerous drugs does not require a coexisting interaction between a patient and the licensee, and can be achieved through the use of telehealth, including, but not limited to, a self-screening tool or a questionnaire, provided that the licensee agrees with the appropriate standard of care. This bill became effective upon being signed into law.

SB 425 (Hill, Chapter 849) – Health Care Practitioners: Licensee’s File: Probationary Physician’s and Surgeon’s Certificate: Unprofessional Conduct

Requires health facilities and entities that allow a licensed health care professional to provide care for patients, to report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual misconduct made by a patient in writing against a licensed health care practitioner to that practitioner’s licensing board within 15 days, and imposes a fine for failure to report. This bill also amends existing law that requires the Board to provide a “comprehensive” summary to a licensee upon request, and now just requires the Board to provide a summary. SB 425 also requires probationary license information to stay on the Board’s website for a period of 10 years. The bill amends existing law regarding physician interviews to include in the definition of unprofessional conduct the failure of a licensee, in the absence of good cause, to attend and participate in an interview by the Board, current law requires the failure to be repeated.

SB 464 (Mitchell, Chapter 533) – California Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth Act

Requires hospitals and alternative birth centers to implement an implicit bias program for all health care providers involved in the perinatal care of patients within those facilities, including requiring them to complete initial basic training through the implicit bias program and a refresher course every two years thereafter. SB 464 requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to track and publish data on maternal death and severe morbidity. It also adds to the list of written information a hospital is required to provide each patient upon admission, and information on how to file a discrimination complaint with CDPH or the Board if the patient feels discriminated against.

SB 639 (Mitchell, Chapter 856) – Medical Services: Credit or Loan

Prohibits all healing arts licensees, or an employee or agent of a licensee, from offering products with deferred interest provisions, and from signing patients up for medical credit cards who are under anesthesia or sedated or in treatment areas, as specified. SB 639 also requires licensees who accept Medi-Cal to specify what treatments are and are not covered by Medi-Cal, and explain if Medi-Cal would cover an alternate, medically appropriate service; and simplifies language in required patient notices.

SB 714 (Pan, Chapter 281) – Immunizations [SB 276 (Pan, Chapter 278) – Immunizations: Medical Exemptions]

Requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), by January 1, 2021, to develop and make available for use by physicians an electronic, standardized, and statewide medical exemption certification form, which must include an authorization to release medical records to CDPH, the Medical Board of California (Board) and the Osteopathic Medical Board of California. SB 714 specifies that medical exemptions issued prior to January 1, 2021, are exempt from the requirements in this bill, as specified, unless the exemption was issued by a physician that has been subject to disciplinary action by the Board or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California. The bill requires CDPH to annually review immunization reports from all schools and institutions. Beginning January 1, 2021, the bill requires clinically trained staff members at CDPH to review exemptions from schools or institutions with immunization rates of less than 95 percent and exemptions from physicians who submit five or more medical exemptions in a calendar year. The bill also specifies that if CDPH determines that a physician’s practice is contributing to a public health risk in one or more communities, CDPH shall report the physician to the Board or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, as appropriate. SB 714 specifies that if there is a pending accusation against a physician with the Board or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California relating to immunization standards of care, CDPH shall not accept a medical exemption from the physician unless and until the accusation is resolved in favor of the physician. This bill specifies if a physician licensed with the Board or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California is on probation for action relating to immunization standards of care, CDPH and the governing authority shall not accept a medical exemption form from the physician unless and until the probation has been terminated. SB 714 requires

CDPH to notify the Board or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, as appropriate, of any physician who has five or more medical exemption forms in a calendar year that are revoked. It also establishes an appeals process for medical exemptions that are denied or revoked, among other provisions.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS/ CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

AB 149 (Cooper, Chapter 4) – Controlled Substances: Prescriptions

Specifies that a prescription for controlled substances written on an otherwise valid prescription form prior to January 1, 2019 that does not comply with the uniquely serialized number requirement, is a valid prescription that may be filled, compounded, or dispensed until January 1, 2021. This bill is an urgency clause and took effect upon being signed into law.

AB 528 (Low, Chapter 677) – Controlled Substances: CURES Database

Effective January 1, 2021, AB 528 changes the timeframe for dispensers to report dispensed prescriptions to the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) from seven days to the following working day and adds Schedule V drugs to CURES. Effective July 1, 2021, this bill allows delegates to access information in CURES and allows a prescriber to check information obtained from the CURES database to meet existing mandates, instead of requiring the prescriber to check the CURES database, among other changes.

AB 714 (Wood, Chapter 231) – Opioid Prescription Drugs: Prescribers

Clarifies existing law that requires prescribers to offer a prescription for naloxone and provide education to a patient to specify that the requirements only apply when an opioid or benzodiazepine is prescribed and expressly exempts patients in inpatient facilities and hospice care. The bill includes an urgency clause and took effect upon being signed into law.

AB 743 (Garcia, E., Chapter 101) – Pupil Health; Self-Administration of Prescribed Asthma Medication

Requires a school district to accept the written statement from a physician who is contracted with a binational health plan for the purposes of authorizing a pupil to carry and self-administer prescribed inhaled asthma medication that they need to administer during the regular school day.

PUBLIC HEALTH

AB 204 (Wood, Chapter 535) – Hospitals: Community Benefits Plan Reporting

Revises not-for-profit hospital community benefit reporting requirements by: 1) adding a definition of charity care, 2) requiring small and rural hospitals (currently exempt from community benefit reporting law) to comply with the law if they are part of a hospital system; and, 3) requiring the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) to annually prepare a report on the amount each hospital spent on community benefits, including the amount attributable to charity care.

AB 262 (Gloria, Chapter 798) – Local Health Officers: Communicable Diseases

Requires, during an outbreak of a communicable disease, or upon the imminent threat of a communicable outbreak or epidemic that threatens the public's health, a local health officer (LHO) to promptly notify and update the governmental entities within the LHO's jurisdiction about communicable diseases, as specified; and, to make relevant information available to governmental entities, including, but not limited to, the locations of concentrations of cases, the number of residents affected, and the measures that the governmental entities should take to assist with outbreak response efforts. It also authorizes a LHO to issue orders to other governmental entities to take any action the LHO deems necessary to control the spread of communicable disease.

SB 223 (Hill, Chapter 699) – Pupil Health: Administration of Medicinal Cannabis: School Sites

Authorizes the governing board of a school district, a county board of education, or the governing body of a charter school maintaining kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to adopt a policy that allows a parent or guardian of a pupil to possess and administer non-smokeable and non-vapeable medicinal cannabis to the authorized pupil at a school site.

STATE ADMINISTRATION

AB 420 (Lackey, Chapter 802) – The California Cannabis Research Program

Authorizes the California Cannabis Research Program (CCRP) to cultivate its own cannabis for the research project, and expand what studies may examine, including mold, bacteria, and mycotoxins.

AB 1519 (Low, Chapter 865) – Healing Arts

Among other provisions, AB 1519 clarifies that oral and maxillofacial surgery residency programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) count toward the 36 months of required Board-approved postgraduate training. It also specifies that all laws and regulations that apply to a health care provider also apply while providing telehealth services.

SB 165 (Atkins, Chapter 365) – Medical Interpretation Services

Requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish a pilot project, as specified, to evaluate the provision of medical interpretation services for limited English proficient (LEP) beneficiaries concurrently with implementing a study that would identify requirements for medical interpretation services and recommend strategies for improving medical interpretation services for LEP beneficiaries.

SB 377 (McGuire, Chapter 547) – Juveniles: Psychotropic Medications: Medical Information

Requires judicial council forms to be revised,

by September 1, 2020, to include a request for authorization by the foster youth or the foster youth's attorney to release the foster youth's medical information to the Board, in order to ascertain whether there is excessive prescribing of psychotropic medications that is inconsistent with the standard of care.

SB 786 (Comm. on Business, Professions and Econ. Dev, Chapter 456) – Healing Arts

SB 786 is the committee bill that includes technical and clarifying changes for healing arts boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs. The changes that impact the Board do the following: clean up inconsistent language in Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 803.1, including changing "physicians and surgeons" to "licensees"; delete BPC Section 2234(g), which becomes operative upon implementation of the proposed registration program described in BPC Section 2052.5, as this subdivision is no longer needed because BPC 2052.5 has been repealed; and delete BPC Sections 2155 2167 (Loans to Medical Students) and 2200-2213 (Physician and Surgeon Incentive Pilot Program), as these programs are not active.

PHYSICIAN PHONE EXTORTION SCAM ALERT

The Medical Board of California (Board) alerted physicians by email in January 2020 that scam artists posing as U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents and Board staff/investigators are contacting physicians by telephone stating they are under investigation and demanding money.

The scammers may provide physicians with a letter or fax, or attempt to send the physician to a United Parcel Service-UPS (or similar location) to receive a "registered fax" from the Board and DEA. This fax may look legitimate as it contains the Board's and DEA's logos, addresses, and phone numbers, along with the the physician's medical license number and National Provider Identifier (NPI). However, this is all public information.

The scammers use fake names and DEA badge numbers, and speak in an urgent and demanding tone. They may provide an "Agreement for Bond and Protocols" stating the physician is not to share or disclose the investigation to any third party and they must agree to a bond-fee payment. The scammers may falsify the number on the caller ID to make it appear as a legitimate phone number of the Board or the Board's toll-free number 1-800-633-2322.

Please Note: The Board or DEA will never contact physicians by telephone to demand money or any form of payment, nor will the Board or DEA request any

personal or sensitive information over the telephone. If you receive a scam call, refuse the demand for payment and do not disclose any personal information (i.e. social security numbers, date of birth, credit card numbers, etc.).

STEPS TO TAKE

If the caller states they are a Board employee, please report the call to the Board at 1-800-633-2322 or send an e-mail to webmaster@mbc.ca.gov.

If the caller states they are a DEA employee, immediately report the threat using the [DEA's Extortion Scam Online Reporting form](#).

If the phone number of the caller appears to be from the Board's toll-free number (1-800-633-2322) or headquarters office (916-263-2389), please submit an online complaint with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) using the [FCC's Consumer Complaint form](#) or contact the Board so it can provide this information to the FCC.

Reporting these scam calls will greatly assist in investigating and stopping this criminal activity. Any concerns or questions, including inquiries about legitimate investigations by the Board, should be directed to the Board at 1-800-633-2322 or webmaster@mbc.ca.gov.

NEWS TO USE

RISKS OF VAPING

By Carlos Villatoro
Public Information Manager

Since June 2019, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has identified 102 cases of Vaping-associated Pulmonary Injury (VAPI) requiring hospitalization. Most patients report vaping the cannabis compounds tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and/or cannabidiol (CBD), and some patients also report vaping nicotine products. Although the exact cause of illness is not yet known, CDPH is investigating the brand names and types of vaping materials involved.

California is not the only state with this issue, as cases have also been found in 24 other states. **CDPH is urging everyone to quit vaping altogether**, no matter the substance or source, until current investigations are complete. For those who continue, consumers are urged to do the following: avoid buying any vaping products from unauthorized members; purchase cannabis products from licensed businesses (whose products are tested); never modify a store-bought vape product; monitor themselves for respiratory illness; and seek immediate medical attention if they experience symptoms related to VAPI.

Products sold by unlicensed cannabis retailers, such as street vendors or pop-up shops, are not tested as required by state law and could potentially contain harmful contaminants. Consumers can verify the legal status of a cannabis business by visiting the **Bureau of Cannabis Control's Online License**.

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- Dr. Cecilia Wieslander

A CAREER DEDICATED TO THOSE IN NEED

Steven M. Thompson Loan
Repayment Grant Recipient



Dr. Cecilia Wieslander

By Emmalee Ross
Public Information Officer

While most of her fellow high school graduates were finding jobs, figuring out what to study in college, or lounging by the pool in 1988, Dr. Cecilia Wieslander knew exactly what she wanted to do. Leaving behind her family, friends, familiarity, and everything she once called home in Sweden, Wieslander flew to the United States to follow her calling at the age of 19.

"I enjoy working with patients the most," says Wieslander, who is now the associate clinical professor and associate program director of the OB-GYN Department for Olive View-UCLA Medical Center. "I feel like we (physicians) can make a difference."

A love for science drew Wieslander to the medical field when she was still in high school, but a love for helping people in need is what fuels her passion to continue 30 years later.

Wieslander, a Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Program grant recipient, discovered her love for patient care and surgery as a medical student at the David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA.

While studying and practicing surgery, however, Wieslander realized she missed the closeness and attention between physician and patient. Even though she loved performing surgery, she didn't feel fulfilled without the aspect of patient care. She knew she had more to offer.

Wanting to focus on women's health, Wieslander was accepted for a fellowship at Parkland Memorial Hospital, UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, where she specialized in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery.

"As an OB-GYN, you continue to see and care for patients," says Wieslander, who found the balance she desired between surgery and patient care during her three-year fellowship. "I have continuity with them."

Following her time at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Wieslander moved back to Los Angeles where she has been working at UCLA's county hospital, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, for the last 12 years – qualifying her for the Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Program.

The program, established in 2003, was created to increase health care access in medically underserved areas of California. Licensed physicians and surgeons, who practice in Health Profession Shortage Areas – Primary Care (HPSA-PC) for at least three years, can receive up to \$105,000 in loan repayments.



Dr. Wieslander on vacation in Paris with her children (L-R) Pearl and Axel.

As an OB-GYN, Wieslander said she was in a unique position to receive the award as its recipients are typically primary care physicians. However, due in part to her direct patient care in the medically underserved areas of the San Fernando, Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys, Wieslander was eligible for the competitive grant.

"There's just not enough primary care doctors," she says. "So we end up counseling our patients about diabetes, blood pressure and weight loss to get them in shape for surgery."

Receiving the Steven M. Thompson loan repayment award meant one thing for Wieslander, validation.

"It's a validation to get this award, that you're dedicating your career to help the underserved," she says.

With two young kids of her own, ages seven and nine, Wieslander splits her free time between

soccer practice and soccer games. But with a busy home life – and an even busier profession – Wieslander still aspires to further her career and knowledge for the benefit of her patients.

"I'm hoping to do more research in health care disparity," says Wieslander, defining health care disparity as patient outcomes contingent on language, access, poverty, etc. "There are several things that can contribute to health care disparity, especially in gynecology."

Even with the long hours, stressful days and challenges that come with a career in the medical field, the reward is worth it for Wieslander, who assumes she will work at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center until she retires.

"Being a doctor is hard work, you know?" says Wieslander. "When a patient tells you, 'I'm so happy you're my doctor, you've changed my life' – that is so gratifying."



**New Statutory
Requirements for
California Medical
Providers Regarding
Childhood Lead
Poisoning Prevention**

UPDATES ON THE CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

Effective January 1, 2019, California law ([*Health and Safety Code section 105285*](#)) requires health care providers to inform all parents and guardians about:

1. The risks and effects of childhood lead exposure.
2. The requirement that children enrolled in Medi-Cal receive blood lead screening tests at both 12 and 24 months, and if not clearly tested at both 12 and 24 months, have a “catch-up” test between ages 24 months to age 6 years.
3. The requirement that children not enrolled in Medi-Cal who are at high risk of lead exposure receive blood lead screening tests at both 12 and 24 months, and if not clearly tested at both 12 and 24 months, have a “catch-up” test between ages 24 months to age 6 years.

An updated version of “[*Standard of Care Guidelines on Childhood Lead Poisoning for California Health Care Providers*](#)” and “[*Potential Sources of Lead: Educating Families to Prevent Childhood Lead Exposure*](#),”

which incorporates recent legislative changes, has been released.

Providers are reminded that existing statutes and [*regulations*](#) require that:

1. Health care providers evaluate all children and provide anticipatory guidance at each child’s periodic health assessment from age six months to six years of age.
2. All children in a publicly funded program should be screened and lead tested.

3. If a child is not in a publicly supported program, the health care provider should ask:
 - “Does your child live in, or spend a lot of time in a place built before 1978 that has peeling or chipped paint or that has been recently remodeled?”
 - If the answer to the questions is “yes” or “don’t know” a blood lead test should be conducted.
4. A child who is determined to be at risk for lead poisoning or receives services from a **publicly funded program for low-income children** be screened with a blood lead test at one and two years of age, and, if not clearly tested at both ages one and two, to have a “catch-up” test between the ages of two and six years.
5. Blood lead test a child who has had a change in circumstances that has put the child at risk of lead exposure.

RISK FACTORS FOR LEAD EXPOSURE

Paint, dust, and soil remain the most significant sources of lead exposure in California children, however, there are many other potential sources of lead exposure.

The document “**Potential Sources of Lead: Educating Families to Prevent Childhood Lead Exposure**” contains a list of potential sources of lead exposure. This list has been updated to include the following potential lead exposure risks cited in California law.

- Living or spending time near a **major roadway or freeway**.
- Living near a former or current lead or steel smelter, mine, or an industrial facility that historically emitted or currently **emits lead**.

Leaded gasoline deposited lead in the soil for many years in areas close to busy freeways and heavily traveled roads. Adults and children spending time near these heavily traveled roadways are still exposed to this lead which remains in the soil.

Other potential sources of lead exposure that have been added to the list include:

- Firing ranges.
- Religious home altars containing ritual powders, brass, and some other metal, ceramic, or painted items.
- General aviation airports used by small aircrafts.
- Khmeli suneli (spice from the Republic of Georgia).
- Game meat with lead shot.



If a family member works around lead, take-home exposure is another potential source.



- Lead pellets, bullets, retained bullets, and shrapnel.
- Some keys.
- Lead solder, lead-containing art supplies, and lead-containing sewing chalk.

In addition to the recently added potential sources of lead exposure, providers should be aware of the potential sources already included on the list, such as exposure to pottery, traditional remedies, some cosmetics, some foods and spices, some jewelry, and other items such as fishing sinkers. If a family member works around lead, take-home exposure is another potential source.

Lead Poisoning Overview for Health Care Providers

An overview of lead, including health effects and clinical signs and symptoms, risk factors for lead exposure, toxicology, sources of lead exposure, and links to additional resources can be found on the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch website: **Lead Poisoning Overview**

“California Management Guidelines on Childhood Lead Poisoning for Health Care Providers” provide guidance for medical providers on childhood lead poisoning evaluation, testing, and management.

These guidelines can be found at: **California Department of Public Health, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch – Summary Table**

Department of Health Care Services, Child Health and Disability Prevention Program – Full Text Version

Public Health Services

Public health services available for children who have a blood lead test ≥ 4.5 micrograms per deciliter (mcg/dL) include monitoring, outreach, and education. Based on blood level, services may include other graded responses up to and including home visits and follow up by both a public health nurse and an environmental professional. Eligibility for services provided by the California Department of Public Health is based on age (up to age

21) and blood lead level, and not on income or insurance coverage.

Public health services available for lead exposed children

Contact information for the local Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs

New FDA Guidance on Maximum Daily Intake for Lead

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has established a new maximum daily intake for lead, called the Interim Reference Level (IRL). The new IRL for children is three micrograms per day (mcg/day) and for adults is 12.5 mcg/day.

For more information see the FDA webpage: **Look under Chemical, Metals & Pesticides in Food - Lead in Food, Foodwares, and Dietary Supplements**

For more information contact the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch at: California Department of Public Health, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch at 510-620-5600



Tech Companies Utilize Standardized Patient Data Sharing

By Emmalee Ross
Public Information Officer

A streamlined exchange of health care information among providers and consumers is the thought process behind an emerging technology – Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR – pronounced “fire”). FHIR, a means for sharing symptoms, procedures, diagnoses, etc., is being utilized by companies including Apple, Google, Amazon, and Microsoft among others in efforts to make health records more accessible.

Business Insider writes, “Each discrete chunk of data has a unique identifier, which makes it possible for patients, doctors, and researchers to get the information they need on any device or browser, regardless of where the data is stored.”

Two factors that may accelerate the use of FHIR include its adoption as an industry standard among tech companies, and the rollout of a [new federal rule](#) requiring health care providers receiving payments from the U.S. government (Medicare and Medicaid) to use FHIR-compatible apps for patient information.

Not only is FHIR intended to streamline health care information, but the technology may be used to produce patient data.

A *Techwire* article states, “Beyond its potential to revolutionize medical records requests, FHIR may also provide the first reliable gateway for patient-generated health information from millions of smartwatches, fitness trackers, and blood pressure monitors to merge with clinical data in doctors’ offices, people in the industry say.”

As with any online sharing of information or data, consumer advocates are concerned for the security of personal information and want to verify the risk is minimized before the extensive use of FHIR products is encouraged.

Tech Med Corner

Flu & Fitbits

By Emmalee Ross
Public Information Officer

Achy muscles, sore throat, headache, and a stuffy head are all classic signs that you’ve probably come down with the flu. But what if you could leverage technology before those signs appear to help you avoid the flu altogether?


A recent study published by the [Lancet Digital Health](#) analyzed data from 200,000 people who used Fitbits between 2016 and 2018 for elevated heart rates and increased sleep levels, which can be markers of the flu.

The study focused on the top five states with the most Fitbit users, including California, and interpreted its findings saying, “By accessing this data, it could be possible to improve real-time and geographically refined influenza surveillance. This information could be vital to enact timely outbreak response measures to prevent further transmission of influenza cases during outbreaks.”

Infectious disease expert Amesh A. Adalja, M.D., senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, explains in a [Health.com](#) article that while these findings aren’t flawless as the symptoms are nonspecific, the technology could be a good indicator of where outbreaks are occurring and how to respond.

“Public health authorities could look at a pattern in a particular city and tell that there are a lot of people with markers for the flu,” he explains. “That data could be used to understand what the flu is doing in their community and the way they can fine-tune their response.”

MBC NEEDS YOU!



If you are currently practicing in California, the Medical Board of California (Board) needs your help as an expert reviewer. The Board is currently looking for physical and mental examiners, clinical diagnostic examiners, and psychologists.

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

PSYCHOLOGISTS

Psychologists actively practicing in California with experience performing fitness-for-duty evaluations are also encouraged to apply. Minimum Requirements: California psychology license in good standing; have an active practice with at least three years of experience in conducting fitness-for-duty evaluations; no current complaints; no prior discipline; and must be willing and available to testify. To apply, forward your most current curriculum vitae to MBCMedicalExpertProgram@mbc.ca.gov.

CLINICAL DIAGNOSTIC EXAMINERS

If the Board orders a licensee who is on probation due to a substance abuse problem to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation, the Board needs physicians and surgeons with at least three years of experience in providing evaluations of physicians and surgeons with substance abuse disorders to conduct the evaluation. Physicians with addiction expertise are urged to apply.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL EXAMINERS

If there is concern a physician cannot practice medicine safely due to a physical or mental condition, the Board needs examiners to conduct the evaluation. Physicians and surgeons from various specialties are urged to apply especially those practicing in the fields of psychiatry, neurology, internal medicine, family medicine, addiction medicine, and other specialties. Applications from all disciplines are accepted continuously.

COMPENSATION RATES

Examiners' usual/customary fee for the examination and any necessary testing; Board's expert rate of compensation for record review/report.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

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.

Chief of Enforcement JENNA JONES



From Arizona to California: Getting to Know MBC's Chief of Enforcement Jenna Jones

By Emmalee Ross
Public Information Officer

It was an interesting summer for Jenna Jones, the Medical Board of California's (Board) new chief of enforcement. Her career with the Board called for a change of scenery from her home state of Arizona and a road trip to Sacramento.

"The Saturday before I started, I was driving my dogs and a car full boxes here from Arizona," says Jones referring to her recent move. "I love Sacramento, I came here because I was ready for a change and a new challenge."

Jones joins the Board with an extensive background in public service and leadership.

Graduating with a degree in business administration from Baylor University in Texas, Jones thought she had an idea of what her career would look like – commercial insurance claims.

Post-graduation, while working for an insurance company, Jones was happily surprised when she received a letter in the mail from Arizona Governor Fife Symington appointing her as a public member of the Arizona Board of Veterinary Medicine.

At that time, Jones was a part of The Junior League – a women's philanthropic group – that encouraged her to get involved with the community and serve on county and state boards.

Having a love for animals and a desire to protect the community, she naturally fell into the position at the Arizona Board of Veterinary Medicine.

"I loved it. My role was simply to represent the public," says Jones. "It's an important position because the public sees from the consumer's point of view rather than the licensee's point of view, and there needs to be a balance."

Jones served on the board for almost eight years before becoming the executive director in 2003, where she worked through backlogs and created a new licensing system. After nine years as the executive director, she was ready for a change.

"It was fun, but I had been there so long and I was ready to try something different, learn something new – find a new challenge," she says.

In 2012, Jones became the executive director for the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners, taking on a four-year backlog and re-establishing the complaint process to bring it current.

Prior to joining the Medical Board of California in September 2019, Jones served as the executive director for the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners. However, the opportunity for a change in weather, scenery, and career growth lured Jones to California.

"I thought, if there's ever a chance to move it's going to be now," Jones says. "I've always been intrigued by the Medical Board and its complexities."

While continuing to get to know her staff at the Board and creating a unified team approach, Jones says her top priorities are protecting the public – as she's done for the last 16 years – and finding ways to reduce processing times.

"I'm looking forward to a great challenge and working with a great group of people," says Jones. "I hope to make a difference here."

Packing up her home, her belongings, and her life, Jones and her two pups continue making round trips from California to Arizona and back one weekend at a time.

MEDICAL RECORDS: PERILS & PITFALLS

By David E.J. Bazzo, M.D., FAAFP

Communication, it is a universal skill needed by all physicians. However, when we hear this word we immediately think of verbal interaction. Only as an afterthought do we think of the medical record as a form of communication. Nevertheless, this written form of communication should be seen as such, and is of paramount importance when dealing with many aspects of patient care, both concurrent care and review of past care.

Medical record keeping certainly does have downsides that physicians know all too well. It is time consuming, likely the least enjoyable part of physician practice, and can be expensive – especially if the physician is paying for transcription or an electronic health record. For the majority

of charting that does not undergo scrutiny, there is no tangible, immediate, or long-term behavioral reward. However, charting is necessary and does have many benefits related to patient care.

As primary care and specialty physicians contribute to care of an individual, the principal mode of sharing information is the written record, the chart note. The note is responsible for communicating information in a clear, logical manner with oneself and others.^{1,2} It is used as the yardstick by which performance is measured, as a tool to improve care, and as a legal document.

In our litigious society, managing risk has become very important in the health care profession. The quality of the medical record is essential in managing risk. It is the living record of the care that was delivered to a patient and can serve as the testimony documenting events in the past. In articles on reducing malpractice



risk, the importance of thorough and proper documentation is constant across specialties.²⁻⁵ The medical record can be your best friend or worst enemy during litigation. A chart that is organized and thorough may be sufficient to answer queries on medical care delivered and lead to the dismissal of the case early in the evidence discovery phase. It is also integral to the defense attorneys' ability to contest allegations and prove a doctor's course of action.^{2,6}

The Medical Board of California (Board) considers it unprofessional conduct for the "failure of a physician and surgeon to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services to their patients," (*California Business and Professions Code § 2266*). The Board also holds that "complete medical records are necessary not only to document the quality of patient care, but also contribute to quality by facilitating the continuity of care."¹ Medical care is complex and often delivered by multiple people in multiple locations. Coordination of care requires appropriate documentation in a longitudinal fashion with the members of the care team being able to locate information easily.

The medical record is also a form of justification for payers validating the level of charge using Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes based on the record. Because of this, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) has stepped up enforcement in seeking fraud. Initial review of the medical record may lead to an investigation if it is determined the document does not justify the payment. Within the investigation, the OIG may pursue the *Civil False Claims Act*. If found guilty, the defendant is liable for treble damages and a minimum \$5,500 to \$11,000 civil money penalty per claim (each CPT code), potential government program exclusion, and potential criminal prosecution.

There are tools that can improve and facilitate the creation of health records. An easy to use and relatively inexpensive tool is voice recognition software. If one dictates, they tend to include more information. After initial set-up, the software is relatively accurate in transcribing voice, including those who speak with a non-English accent. The more the software is used, the better

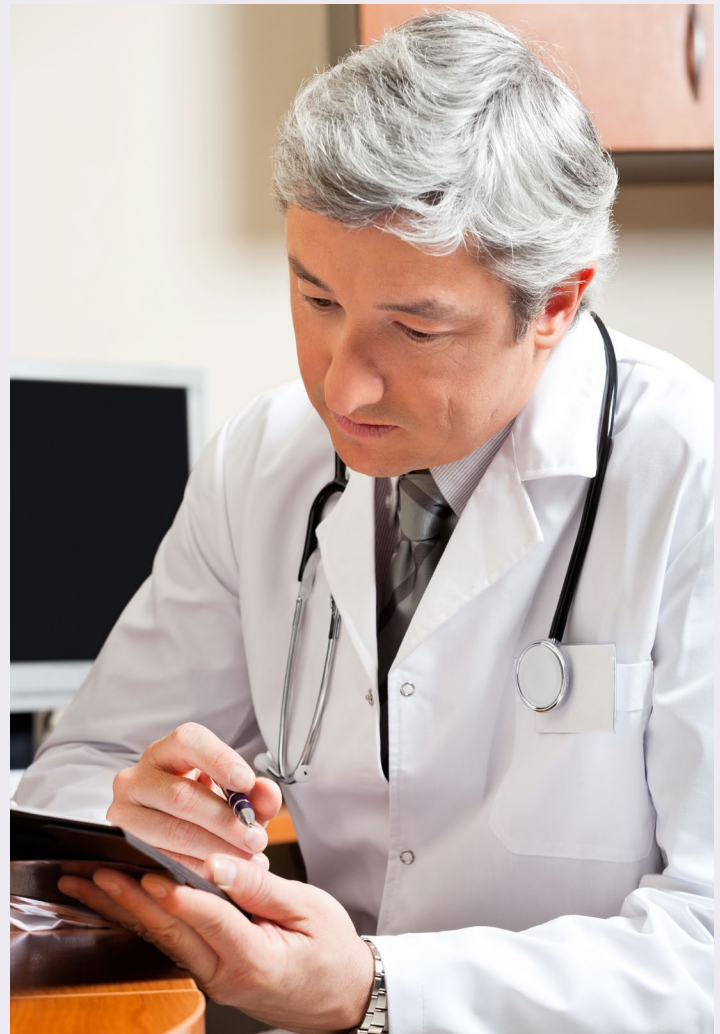
"HELPFUL HINTS" REGARDING MEDICAL RECORD KEEPING

1. Create records in a timely fashion. Details of the care delivered may fade with passing time.
2. Create records that are legible.
3. Phone calls, email and other forms of communication with the patient must be recorded in the chart.
4. Document instructions given to patients including follow-up care and timeframe for return.
5. If you write records, don't write up the margins of the page if you run out of space. Continue writing on the following page.
6. Use addenda to add additional information to a chart entry. Don't try to squeeze in information in margins in the written chart. Always time and date the additional information even if it relates to an earlier time period. An EHR has the ability to time stamp and date each entry as it is made. If information is changed in a record, a forensic review of an electronic record will reveal versions of changes made.
7. Don't erase errors. Cross out the erroneous entry with a single horizontal line, rewrite the correction, initial and date the correction. An EHR will keep a forensic record of changes. The use of addenda is helpful in this situation.
8. Do not alter records fraudulently or after notification of intent to sue or review. Alteration of records is a violation of the law and may subject the physician to civil and disciplinary actions.
9. Each patient encounter should include: the date and reason for the encounter, appropriate history and physical exam, review of lab, x-ray data, and other ancillaries, assessment and plan of care.
10. If using templates, make sure to have variable fields that can be customized to the individual patient.
11. When using an EHR, if you didn't perform a specific task or exam, make sure it doesn't show up in your documentation. Avoid the "over-documentation" pitfall.
12. Do not share your password for the EHR with anyone, even a trusted staff member, etc. Your password is your unique identifier that verifies your individual intent.
13. Make sure that your documentation justifies your CPT coding.

the accuracy. Prices range from under \$100 (non-medical version) to \$1500 (medical versions with recording devices). The most sophisticated tool that can be used to facilitate documentation is the electronic health record (EHR). And while it is beyond the scope of this article to discuss the EHR in detail, it is recognized that all of American medicine will be required to use this tool in the near future. The United States Department of Health and Human Services has enacted many aggressive health information technology goals to implement universal adoption of this modality.

Much of the current work at improving patient safety involves the EHR. As information systems improve, data may be gathered that allows prospective and visit independent care (care that occurs when the patient is not in front of the physician) for patients. Physicians will have the ability to monitor the health information for patients in ways that could lead to improved care for the population of patients by monitoring parameters for chronic disease management and enacting treatment earlier in disease progression.

There are pitfalls of the EHR, however. While facilitating the creation of records with templates, caution must be exercised at review of the final note with removal of inaccurate documentation. The record that is “too complete”, and without variation from patient to patient, can be viewed as suspect as much as the incomplete record.



The University of San Diego, California's ***Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) Program***⁷ provides competency assessment and education to physicians. The program receives referrals from state medical boards, hospitals, medical groups and others for those with a demonstrated need for additional clinical education. The majority of requests to the PACE Program is for remediation in the area of medical records. The program provides education to over 200 physicians per year on this topic. This is an indicator of the scope of issues surrounding insufficient record keeping.

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MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

REPORTING TO THE BOARD

PHYSICIANS

Physicians without malpractice insurance must report a settlement (over \$30,000), judgment (any amount) or arbitration award (any amount) within a specified time frame. The same holds true for attorneys who represent physicians without malpractice insurance.

www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/enf-801.pdf
(Business and Professions Code §801.01)

Physician Reporting - Criminal Actions: An indictment or information charging a felony or any conviction of any felony or misdemeanor must be reported within 30 days.

www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/enf-802.pdf
(Business and Professions Code §802.1)

Transfer to Hospital form, or Death of Patient in Outpatient Surgery Setting: Physicians performing a medical procedure outside of a general acute care hospital resulting in patient death must report within 15 days. Physicians performing a medical procedure outside of a general acute care hospital resulting in a patient transfer to a hospital for treatment of more than 24 hours must be reported within 15 days.

www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/oss-patient-death.pdf
www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/enf-2240b.pdf
(Business and Professions Code §2240)

Notification of Name Change: Name changes must be reported within 30 days.

www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Name_Change.aspx
(Business and Professions Code §2021(c))

Address of Record: A change of address must be reported within 30 days.

www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Address_of_Record.aspx
(Business and Professions Code §2021(b))

Email Address: Any physician with an email account is required to notify the Board of his or her email address.

www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/07a-08.pdf
(Business and Professions Code §2021(d))

OTHERS

Insurers' report of Malpractice Settlement or Arbitration Award within a specified time frame.

www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/enf-801.pdf
(Business and Professions Code §801.01)

Self-insured employers of physicians report of settlement, judgment or arbitration award within a specified time frame.

www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/enf-801.pdf
(Business and Professions Code §801.01)

State or local government agencies that self-insure physicians, report of settlement, judgment or arbitration award within a specified time frame.

www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/enf-801.pdf
(Business and Professions Code §801.01)

Peer Review and Health Facility Reporting

www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/enf-805.pdf
(Business and Professions Code §805)

www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/enf-805-01.pdf
(Business and Professions Code §805.01)

Reporting for Coroners

www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/coroner_report.pdf
(Business and Professions Code §802.5)

Reporting requirements for court clerks and prosecuting agencies.

www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/enf-805-01.pdf
(Business and Professions Code §§803, 803.5 and 803.6)

Accredited Outpatient Surgery Settings must report adverse events to the Board no later than five days after the adverse event is detected, or, if that event is an ongoing urgent or emergent threat to the health and safety of patients, personnel or visitors, not later than 24 hours after adverse event is detected.

www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/oss-adverse-event.pdf
(Business and Professions Code §2216.3)

Reporting Transfer of Planned Out-of-Hospital Births:
A hospital shall report each transfer by a licensed midwife of a planned out-of-hospital birth to the Medical Board of California and the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative.
www.mbc.ca.gov/Download/Forms/out-of-hospital-delivery-mw.pdf
(Business and Professions Code §2510)

REPORTING TO OTHER ENTITIES

Live births must be registered with the local registrar of births and deaths for the district in which the birth occurred within 10 days following the date of the event.
(Health and Safety Code §102400)

Medical and health section data and the time of death shall be completed and attested to by the physician last in attendance, or, in some cases, by a licensed physician assistant. Physicians or licensed physician assistants in certain cases will state conditions contributing to death (except in cases to be investigated by the coroner) and the hour and day the death occurred on a certificate of death and indicate the existence of cancer.
(Health and Safety Codes §§102795 and 102825)

Certificates of fetal death must be completed by the physician, if any in attendance, within 15 hours after the delivery. (Health and Safety Code §102975)

Diseases reportable by physicians, physician assistants, nurses, midwives and others in California.
www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/PSB/Pages/CommunicableDiseaseControl.aspx

Reportable to the local health officer for jurisdiction where patient resides.
(Title 17 California Code of Regulations §2500)

Injuries by deadly weapon or criminal act.
(Penal Code §11160)
Reportable to local law enforcement.

Child Abuse
(Penal Code §§11165.7(a)(21), 11165.9, 11166(a)(c))
Reportable to local law enforcement, county probation department or county welfare department.

Adult and Elder Abuse
(Welfare and Institutions Code §15630)
Reportable to local law enforcement or an adult protective service agency.

Injuries Resulting from Neglect or Abuse
(Penal Code §11161.8)
Reportable to local law enforcement and the county health department.

Lapses of Consciousness
(Health and Safety Code §103900)
Reportable to local health officer.

Pesticide Poisoning and Illness
(Health and Safety Code §105200)
Physicians must report pesticide illnesses to the local health officer by telephone within 24 hours.

Miscellaneous Reporting Requirements: Reporting requirements for lost or stolen controlled substances or prescription forms, reporting obligations for illegal use of your DEA number.
www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/Prescription_Pads_101.aspx

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Required written information physicians must provide to patients.
www.mbc.ca.gov/Publications

A Patient's Guide to Blood Transfusion
(Health and Safety Code §1645)

A Woman's Guide to Breast Cancer Treatment
(Health and Safety Code §109275)

Gynecologic Cancers...What Women Need to Know
(Health and Safety Code §109278)

Professional Therapy Never Includes Sex
(Business and Professions Code §728)

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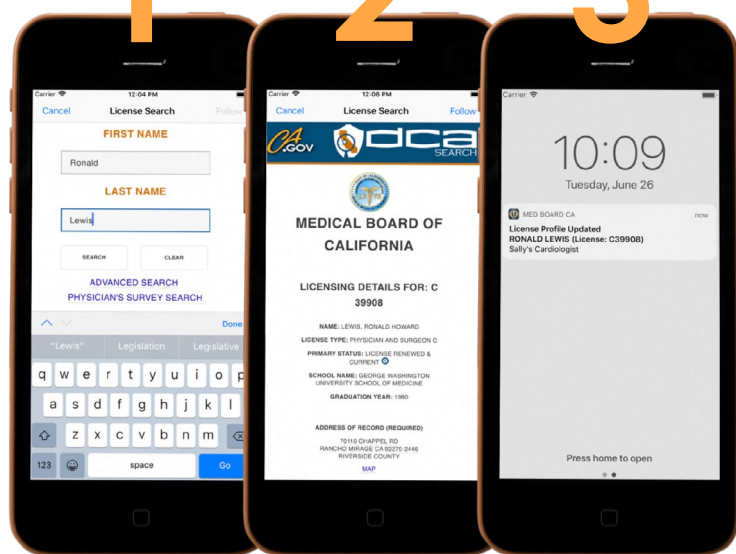
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A SPOTLIGHT ON PHYSICIAN BURNOUT

By Carlos Villatoro
Public Information Manager

In some form or another, physician burnout impacts one third to one half of patients being cared for by a physician according to Dr. Tait Shanafelt, chief wellness officer at Stanford Medicine, who gave a presentation to the Medical Board of California (Board) during its August 2019 quarterly meeting. The effects of physician burnout erode quality of care, undermine patient satisfaction, increase the risk of medical errors, and lower the quality of care, he said.

Dr. Shanafelt, who has published several studies on the topic of physician burnout, offered additional insight into physician burnout, noting the results of his studies.

“We have that type of a challenge that is having implications for the patients we care for, but we haven’t responded to it the way we have responded to other operational issues,” Dr. Shanafelt told the Board.

“When we look at physicians from a societal level, many folks believe they have this great recipe – personal-professional fulfillment, highly educated, universally employed, and well-compensated relative to most professions. (They) engage in work that is a

privilege and meaningful, serving society and people who are sick. Yet what the medical literature has been chronicling now for about two decades in research studies is a different experience – looking at stress, anxiety, depression, burnout, and suicide in physicians indicating that external perception is often not well aligned with the physician’s experience.”

WHAT IS BURNOUT?

Burnout is a syndrome of depersonalization, emotional exhaustion, and low personal accomplishment leading to decreased effectiveness at work, Dr. Shanafelt said.

“All people have these feelings to some frequency and severity in their work, but when they come too often, and to too severe an extent, they begin to undermine effectiveness in work,” he said.

In 2011, Dr. Shanafelt began studying burnout in different specialties and discovered that roughly 45 percent of the 7,288 physicians studied had at least some symptoms of burnout, with a wide variation by specialty.

“I think perhaps most concerning (is) many of our specialties at the front line or the front door of access to the health care system were at the top of this list,

emergency medicine, general internal medicine, family medicine,” he said.

In addition, physicians showed a higher rate of burnout compared to the general U.S. working population and lower rates of work-life integration. Burnout correlates with increased rates of alcohol and substance abuse, relationships, depression, and suicide, he said.

“But what is perhaps most disturbing is the potential effects on patients,” he said. “We have strong data that there is a dose effect as burnout increases that the risk of medical errors increases. Patient satisfaction decreases, access to health care goes down, attrition from the profession also increases.”

In a separate 2008 study conducted with the American College of Surgeons (ACS), it was determined that half of reported medical errors reached patients. Sometimes system safeguards prevented the errors from impacting patients, and other times not. The study showed that nine percent of the 7,905 physicians queried reported a major error within the last three months from the date of the survey.

“When we restudied the college in 2010 (and) asked the same question and asked about the nature of the error and the outcome of the error, these were not trivial events,” Shanafelt said. “A high proportion of the events, the surgeon indicated the outcome of the patient was a minor temporary or minor permanent comorbidity or a major temporary or permanent comorbidity for the patient.”

A DANGER TO PHYSICIAN HEALTH

In a burnout assessment study conducted among 1,145 faculty members at the Cleveland Clinic it was found that a physician’s lifetime risk of depression was about the same as an individual in another field, however, the risk of suicide was marginally higher than a person in another field, he said.

Shanafelt said male physicians have a 50 percent higher risk of death by suicide relative to other white-collar professions, and female physicians have a 300 percent higher increased risk of death by suicide relative to other white-collar professions.

In addition, the ACS study showed that 501 of the nearly 8,000 physicians assessed have thought of suicide within the last 12 months and 26 percent of those who thought about suicide sought psychiatric help. Sixty percent of the physicians who thought about suicide were reluctant to seek help for treatment of depression due to repercussions to their medical licenses, Shanafelt said.

ARE THE LICENSING QUESTIONS A BARRIER TO CARE?

Part of Shanafelt’s research involved looking into the questions on medical board licensing applications across the nation. Shanafelt studied initial licensing and renewal applications, in search of optimal and suboptimal questions involving impairment.

An optimal question is defined by the Federation of State Medical Boards as

inquiring only about current impairment (12 months or less) mental/emotional health problems.

Shanafelt cited Iowa’s licensing question of “Do you currently have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety?” as an optimal question.

Shanafelt noted that state medical boards that use suboptimal questions on their applications had higher rates of physicians reluctant to seek help for their impairment because of fear of repercussions to their licenses.

In California, the Board has taken steps to ensure that the questions on its applications regarding impairment are more aligned with the FSMB’s recommendation and better reflect recent impairment.

If you feel that you are experiencing burnout, there are several online self-assessment tools you can use to help yourself, including Stanford Medicine [Test Yourself website](#).



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QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE WEB



By Alexandria Schembra
Public Information Analyst

I am going to apply for a Postgraduate Training License (PTL). How long will my training be?

Senate Bill (SB) 798 (Hill, Chapter 775) revised PTL requirements for physicians and surgeons beginning January 1, 2020. Effective January 1, 2020, all applicants, regardless of whether the medical school attended was domestic or international, will be required to successfully complete 36 months of postgraduate training accredited by either the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or College of Family Physicians of Canada. An applicant will need to complete 24 consecutive months of training in the same program in order to be eligible for a physician's and surgeon's license.

I was accepted into a California training program. Do I need a training license prior to starting training?

The trainee may apply for a PTL as soon as they have confirmation of acceptance into a California ACGME program and must obtain a PTL within 180 days after they begin training in a California ACGME program.

Is my resident eligible for a DEA permit as soon as they receive their PTL?

Yes. However, it is up to the program to determine when it will allow residents to apply for a DEA license.

When can third year residents apply for a Physician's and Surgeon's license?

Current third year residents who have completed 36 months of ACGME accredited training who will be continuing enrollment in an ACGME accredited training program, will have 90 days to obtain their Physician's and Surgeon's license. During the 90 days, they may continue all their clinical activities related to their training program in California.

What do I need to know about Assembly Bill 1519?

This bill clarifies that oral and maxillofacial surgery residency programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) count toward the 36 months of required Board-approved postgraduate training. This bill also specifies that all laws and regulations that apply to a health care provider also apply while providing telehealth services.

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

MAY 1, 2019 – JULY 31, 2019



PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

ABHYANKAR, SHREEDHAR RAMESH P. (C 42869), Indio, CA

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. June 24, 2019.

[View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

ALEXANDER, GEORGE ERIC (A 44796), Palos Verdes Estates, CA

No admissions but charged with unprofessional conduct, being convicted of making a false bomb threat, and having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. May 24, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

Explanation of disciplinary language and actions

“Effective date of decision” — Example: “March 14, 2019” at the bottom of the summary means the date the disciplinary decision goes into operation.

“Gross negligence” — An extreme deviation or departure from the standard of care. **“Incompetence”** — Lack of knowledge or skills in discharging professional obligations.

“Judicial review pending” — The disciplinary decision is being challenged through the court system, i.e., Superior Court, Court of Appeal, or State Supreme Court. The discipline is currently in effect.

“Probationary License” — A conditional license issued to an applicant with probationary terms and conditions. This is done when cause exists to deny the license application, but limitations can be put in place to protect the public.

“Public Letter of Reprimand” — A lesser form of discipline that can be negotiated after or in lieu of the filing of formal charges. The reprimand may include educational and clinical training requirements.

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

“Revoked, stayed, 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.

“Stipulated Decision or Settlement” — A form of plea bargaining. The case is formally negotiated and settled prior to hearing.

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

“Suspension from practice” — The licensee is prohibited from practicing for a specific period of time.

ALI, ASHMEAD, M.D. (G 78625), Palmdale, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of two patients, and repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on five 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program; and obtaining a practice monitor. July 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

ALMAWALDI, MOUTAZ (A 49796), Lakeport, CA

No admissions but charged with being convicted of a misdemeanor count of sexual battery. Revoked. June 14, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

ANDERSON, ALYN GARY, M.D. (A 25674), Huntington Beach, CA

Committed acts of repeated negligence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. July 12, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

ANDERSON, DONOVAN JOHN (G 48061), Mohave Valley, AZ

Violated the terms of his probation by being disciplined by Arizona for deviating from the standard of care in regard to prescribing controlled substances to his patients. Revoked. May 24, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

ARATA, MICHAEL ANDREW, M.D. (A 70967), Newport Beach, 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 one patient; and committed dishonest or corrupt acts and unprofessional conduct. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; prohibited from engaging in

the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. July 12, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

ASHOK, NAGASAMUDRA S., M.D. (A 41589), South El Monte, 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, and failed to comply with a request for medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on four 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and pay the Board a civil penalty of \$10,000. June 27, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

ASHORI, MOHAMMAD, M.D. (A 97831), Tacoma, WA

Disciplined by Oregon for unprofessional conduct for an improper physician-patient relationship that was contrary to recognized standards of ethics, and failed to cooperate with an investigation. Public Reprimand. May 24, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

AYELE, PETROS ASSEFA, M.D. (A 103011), Dumfries, VA

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Virginia for failing to properly or timely recognize, assess, diagnose, or treat a patient for a clostridium difficile infection. Public Reprimand. June 20, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

AZARIAN, VAHE MICHAEL (A 125140), Glendale, CA

No admissions but charged with violating the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to abstain from the use of controlled substances and failing to comply with biological fluid testing. Surrender of License. June 17, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

AZIZ, REHANA (A 54063), Fresno, CA

Violated the terms of her Board-ordered probation by failing to abstain from the use of alcohol. Surrender of License. June 17, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

BADKOOBEHI, HEDIEH, M.D. (A 81155), San Diego, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. June 12, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

BELCADI, MOUNIR, M.D. (A 93642), Ventura, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts, incompetence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. June 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

BENARON, LISA DOROTHEA, M.D. (G 73527), Portland, OR

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of two patients, prescribed without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient, and violated professional confidence in the care and treatment of another patient. Physician must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course. Public Reprimand. July 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

BERG, RICHARD ALAN (G 53552), San Luis Obispo, CA

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. July 15, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

BERGEY, DARREN LYLE, M.D. (A 72267), Colton, CA

Committed acts of repeated negligence, prescribed without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, excessively prescribed controlled substances, and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment

of six patients, and gross negligence in the care and treatment of four patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on thirty-five months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, and an ethics course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 28, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

BORISON, DANIEL I., M.D. (G 89234), Mayfield Heights, OH

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Ohio for issuing approximately ten prescriptions for Zenedi and/or Vyvanse to an individual who was a colleague and for failing to chart the issuance of the aforementioned prescriptions. June 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

BURINGRUD, DUANE MERLIN, M.D. (G 34140), Carlsbad, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of a patient and her baby. Physician must complete a clinical competence assessment program. Public Reprimand. May 30, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

CARBON, FRANCISCO, J., M.D. (A 88920), Fort Lauderdale, FL

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Florida for failing to accurately diagnose a urinary tract infection, failing to recognize the presence of intrauterine infection, failing to admit the patient to the hospital, and failing to obtain an obstetrical consultation. May 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

CARRIEDO, HEATHER A. (A 64020), Rio Rancho, NM

Disciplined by New Mexico for having a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked. July 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

CASHATT, TROY D., M.D. (A 63013), Los Angeles, CA

No admissions but charged with being convicted of driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more,

and using alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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; completing an ethics course; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. July 12, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CESENA, JOSE ROSENDO, M.D. (G 78761),
El Cajon, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. July 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CHARUVASTRA, VORAKIAT, M.D. (A 29784),
Los Angeles, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. June 14, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CHURCH, JOHN ODELL, M.D. (A 60547),
Hanford, CA**

No admissions but charged with being convicted of driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more with a special enhancement of having a blood alcohol content of .15% or greater; using alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; and being disciplined by New York for the conviction. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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; obtaining a worksite monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. July 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CIRESI, KEVIN FRANCIS, M.D. (G 60858),
Fresno, CA**

Convicted of one misdemeanor count of driving under the influence of alcohol and one misdemeanor count of driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more; used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; incompetence in the care and treatment of one patient; and failed to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to abstain from the use of alcohol, testing positive for alcohol, and failing to obey all laws. Revoked, stayed, placed on seven years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and an ethics course; abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances; submitting to a psychiatric evaluation; attending psychotherapy; prohibited from engaging in the practice of medicine until completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. July 25, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CLUCK, MICHAEL WARREN, M.D. (A 76201),
San Jose, CA**

No admissions but charged with being convicted of driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more, with a special allegation of having a blood alcohol content of .15% or more, and used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation, with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from use of controlled substances and alcohol; submitting to biological fluid testing; completing an ethics course; submitting to a psychiatric evaluation; and obtaining a practice monitor. July 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**COHEN, MITCHELL GLENN, M.D. (G 64294),
Newport Beach, CA**

Convicted of making and subscribing to a false tax return, and committed dishonest or corrupt acts. Revoked, stayed, placed on seven years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, providing 100 hours of medical or non-medical community service; completing an ethics course;

submitting to a psychiatric evaluation; submitting to a medical evaluation and obtaining medical treatment; obtaining a practice and billing monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**COLE, MATTHEW DAVID, M.D. (A 98152),
Newport Beach, CA**

No admissions but charged with being convicted of conspiracy to acquire controlled substances by fraud, deception, and subterfuge; committed dishonest or corrupt acts and unprofessional conduct; knowingly making or signing a document directly related to the practice of medicine that falsely represented an existence of a statement of facts; violating professional confidence; being convicted of violating statutes regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances; and using drugs in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on six years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, 30 days' actual suspension; prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances in Schedules II-III during the first year of probation; 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; abstaining from the use of controlled substances; providing 50 hours of medical community service; completing a prescribing practices course and an ethics course; submitting to a psychiatric evaluation; attending psychotherapy, if recommended; submitting to a medical evaluation and obtaining medical treatment; prohibited from practicing in the area of pain management and addiction medicine; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. July 25, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**COMPTON, ALAN CLEVE, M.D. (G 68821),
Beaverton, OR**

Disciplined by Oregon for prescribing combinations of controlled substances. Public Reprimand.
July 26, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**COOPER, LAWRENCE RICHARD, M.D. (G 81393),
Santa Rosa, CA**

No admissions but charged with being convicted of driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more with a special allegation of having a blood alcohol content of .20% or more, and used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from use of controlled substances and alcohol; completing an ethics course; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; obtaining a worksite monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. July 3, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**COSGROVE, MICHAEL JOSEPH, M.D. (G 62191),
Napa, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely, and used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on seven years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; completing an ethics course; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; submitting to a psychiatric evaluation; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. May 10, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CROWE, ELLEN B., M.D. (G 89024),
Thousand Oaks, 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, violating statutes regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances, and aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses in solo or group private practice, however supervision is allowed in any hospital Respondent maintains privileges or membership. June 27, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

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

Committed acts of unprofessional conduct for failing to comply with a request for medical records and failed to attend an interview with the Board. Revoked. June 28, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DESHMUKH, AVI TRIMBAK (C 42380),
Granbury, TX**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. July 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DESTEFANO, ROBERT A, M.D. (A 21674),
Calabasas, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for repeated negligent acts. May 29, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

DIANA, LAURA E. (G 75508), Pottstown, PA

Disciplined by Pennsylvania for driving under the influence, and having a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. May 21, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DOSSETT, DONALD RICHARD, M.D. (G 23663),
San Francisco, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, incompetence, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any Schedule II or III controlled substances for two years, and 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 an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. May 23, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**ENGLER, ANDREW CHERNER, M.D. (G 52230),
San Mateo, CA**

No admissions but charged with unprofessional conduct, incompetence, dishonest or corrupt acts, and knowingly making or signing a document directly related to the practice of medicine that falsely represented an existence of a statement of facts. Revoked, stayed, placed on thirty-five months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and an ethics course; and obtaining a billing monitor. June 14, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**FARAHMANDIAN, DANNY FARAZ, M.D. (A 72189),
Encino, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, excessively prescribing controlled substances, and failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of six patients; and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of five patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, or possessing any controlled substances in Schedules II and III, except he will be permitted to approve short term continuance of Schedule II and III medications deemed necessary by the discharging physician as reflected in transfer orders from the physician to post-acute hospitals until the patient has been assessed by a physician; prohibited from making any oral or written recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; 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, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants. May 3, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**FARSAD, RAMIN HAMDY, M.D. (G 80982),
Encinitas, CA**

Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, prescribing without an appropriate prior examination and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient; and allowed his nurse practitioners to prescribe controlled substances for his personal

use. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a professional boundaries program. Public Reprimand. May 31, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**FLAGG, GWENERVERE LOUISE, M.D. (G 42472),
Los Angeles, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and a prescribing practices course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 7, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**FOSTER, LIONEL SIDNEY, JR., M.D. (G 60284),
Hillsborough, 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 31, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**GARCIA, RODOLFO, M.D. (A 39112),
Los Banos, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, or possessing any controlled substances in Schedules II through III; 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 an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. May 10, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**GATSCHET, HSINJU RUBY, M.D. (A 106886),
Sacramento, 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. June 21, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

GILMAN, FRANK D. (G 58692), San Diego, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, excessively prescribing controlled substances, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients; and incompetence in the care and treatment of three patients. Surrender of License. July 4, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**GOLDTHWAITE, NOEL DIMICK, M.D. (G 45635),
Daly City, 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 three 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. July 12, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**GRAHAM, ROBERT ADAMS, M.D. (A 32806),
Fresno, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of multiple patients, aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine, and being convicted of a misdemeanor count of aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine. Revoked, stayed, placed on four years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, and an ethics course; obtaining a practice monitor; prohibited from acting as medical director of any medical spa or facility where cosmetic treatments are performed; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 14, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**GUZMAN, J. EDUARDO, M.D. (A 38124),
Montebello, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient, and unprofessional conduct, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, and excessively prescribing controlled substances in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants. May 17, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**HA, ROBERT TAE, M.D. (A 55299),
Fountain Valley, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on thirty-five months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and a medical record keeping course; and obtaining a practice monitor. May 3, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

HACK, HOWARD MARK, M.D. (G 68575), Tucson, AZ
Committed acts of gross negligence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants. June 28, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

HALL, TERRENCE JOSEPH (G 63171), Benton, IL
Disciplined by Oregon for engaging in fraud or misrepresentation for applying for or procuring a license to practice in Oregon. Surrender of License. May 8, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

HEDLEY, ANTHONY KEITH (A 34043), Phoenix, AZ
Disciplined by Arizona for deviating from the standard of care by improperly performing a procedure, failing to timely inform the patient regarding the improperly positioned hardware, and failing to provide appropriate postoperative care to the patient. Surrender of License. June 26, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**HERRING, BERNARD DUANE (C 22358),
Oakland, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. June 13, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

HIRT, MICHAEL, M.D. (G 81062), Tarzana, CA
No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts, excessively prescribing controlled substances, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete an education course, a medical record keeping course, and a prescribing practices course. Public Reprimand. July 25, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**HO, THOMAS HWEI, M.D. (A 121504),
Fountain Valley, CA**

No admissions but charged with using controlled substances in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, dishonest or corrupt acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of one patient; and physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked, stayed, placed on six 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; completing a medical record keeping course and an ethics course; submitting to a psychiatric evaluation; attending psychotherapy; submitting to a medical evaluation and obtaining medical treatment; obtaining a practice monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. May 3, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**HUFFAKER, THOMAS BATES, JR. (G 41747),
San Francisco, CA**

No admissions but charged with being convicted of a misdemeanor offense of driving under the influence, causing bodily injury and has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. May 10, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**HUNT, JAMES ESTABROOK, M.D. (G 78304),
Santa Rosa, CA**

No admissions but charged with being convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol and using drugs in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances; completing an ethics course; attending psychotherapy; obtaining medical treatment; 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; obtaining a worksite monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. May 10, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

IRWIN, ABBY MELISSA (A 109129), Lewisburg, PA

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 three patients, and prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication in the care and treatment of two patients. Surrender of License. June 20, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**JACKSON, BRADLEY ALLEN, M.D. (A 115326),
Fullerton, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. May 23, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**JACKSON, OLLIE JOSEPH, M.D. (A 103543),
Encino, 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 one patient. Revoked, stayed,

placed on thirty-five months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

JAIN, SANJEEV, M.D. (G 88329), Union City, CA

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Washington for allowing a medical student he was supervising to treat patients at his clinic when he was not present, and then billed health insurance carriers in his name when the medical care was actually provided by a medical student. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. May 29, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**JAMALI, FARNAZ FAYE, M.D. (G 81063),
Mill Valley, CA**

No admissions but charged with using controlled substances in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself, another person or to the public, and having a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked, stayed, placed on six years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances in Schedules, II-IV, and from issuing an oral or written recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; completing an ethics course; attending psychotherapy; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; submitting practice protocols and/or procedures for approval demonstrating appropriate steps to ensure unlicensed practice does not occur; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. July 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

JENSEN, LOIS ANN, M.D. (C 50040), Eureka, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and incompetence in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation, with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor;

prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; prohibited from performing surgery until completion of the clinical competence assessment program; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 14, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**JOHNSON, KERMIT DALE, M.D. (G 45056),
Concord, 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 five years' probation, with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, an ethics course, and a professional boundaries program; submitting to a psychiatric evaluation; attending psychotherapy; obtaining a practice monitor, but only if he is no longer employed at Contra Costa Adult Mental Health; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; prohibited from practicing or attempting to practice hypnotherapy or hypnosis in any capacity and treating patients with any history of sexual abuse; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. May 31, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

KIM, DAVID DAESUNG (G 66683), Colleyville, TX
Disciplined by Texas for convictions for a felony offense of soliciting or receiving illegal remuneration, including receiving a bribe or kickback for referring his patients to a particular hospital and a felony offense of making a false statement on his tax return. Revoked. June 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**KOMINSKY, ANDREW LEWIS (A 80174),
Bellingham, WA**

Disciplined by Washington for having an inappropriate relationship with a patient. Surrender of License. June 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**KOYLE, MARTIN ALLAN, M.D. (A 31672),
Toronto, ON**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario for his management of test results and supervision of a resident. May 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**KRISHNAN, SUBBARAYAN, M.D. (A 54481),
Hemet, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on thirty-five months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 20, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**KWAKO, JAMES LAWRENCE, M.D. (C 37727),
Santa Barbara, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts, excessive prescribing, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing an educational course in prescribing; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. July 12, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

LANE, CLINTON (A 23501), Sonoma, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts, excessively prescribing controlled substances, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients. Surrender of License. May 1, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LE, RICHARD DAVID, M.D. (A 88276),
Huntington Beach, 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 one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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 a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor;

prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses.

July 25, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LEE, STEVEN Y., M.D. (C 52622),
Atlantic Beach, FL**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Florida for failing to independently confirm that a patient's endotracheal tube was correctly placed by confirming end-tidal CO2 and/or performing a laryngoscopy. July 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LESSER, ROBERT DAVID, M.D. (C 39420),
Metairie, LA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Louisiana for prescribing controlled substances without an appropriate medical justification and failing to comply with the Louisiana rules on the treatment of chronic pain. May 15, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LEVY, MICHAEL LEE, M.D. (G 62556),
San Diego, CA**

Committed gross negligence and repeated negligence in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete an education course. Public Reprimand. July 18, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

LEWIS, MARC, M.D. (G 84373), San Diego, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for repeated negligent acts. June 4, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LIEBMAN, CURT ELIOT, M.D. (G 148616),
Santa Monica, CA**

Disciplined by Kentucky for his guilty plea to a misdemeanor for possession of a controlled substance not in its original container. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course. Public Reprimand. June 21, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

LITTMAN, ROBERT M. (G 39129), San Diego, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, excessively prescribing controlled substances, prescribing without an appropriate prior examination or indication, failure to register for CURES, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. May 31, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

LY, JANE TRUC, M.D. (A 162926), Orange, CA
Physician has a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely. Probationary license issued, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, attending psychotherapy; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LY, PETER PHONG, M.D. (A 65780),
San Marino, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, excessively prescribing controlled substances, failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants. June 21, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**MCCONNELL, MATTHEW WELLS, M.D. (A 162456),
Charlotte, NC**

Disciplined in Virginia and North Carolina for being convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of .15-.20%, using alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Probationary license issued, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to,

completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; attending psychotherapy; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. May 9, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

MELTZER, ELLIOTT ALLEN (C 39403), Highland, CA

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. June 12, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

MICHELSON, JOSEPH BENNETT (G 27909), Upland, CA

Disciplined by Arizona for issuing medical marijuana certificates without querying the Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Program; and unable to practice medicine safely. Revoked. May 30, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

MIRZA, IRFAN MUHAMMAD (A 62701), Fort Mohave, AZ

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. May 29, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

MORALES, AGUSTIN, M.D. (A 162698), Fresno, CA

Charged with unprofessional conduct and incompetence during postgraduate training. Probationary license issued, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from practicing medicine outside of an ACGME-approved postgraduate residency program for the first two years of probation; obtaining a practice monitor following the ACGME-approved postgraduate residency program; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. May 23, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

NAMBIAR, ASHWIN, M.D. (A 138704), Phoenix, AZ

Convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more and admitted to a special allegation that his blood alcohol

content was higher than .15%, and has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending psychotherapy; obtaining a worksite monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

NEGRON, FELIX LOUIS (A 26513), Simi Valley, CA

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. May 1, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

NEWELL, DAVID WARREN, M.D. (G 84265), Bellevue, WA

Admitted to being convicted of a misdemeanor violation of sexual exploitation/patronizing a prostitute and was disciplined by Washington for this conviction. Physician must complete an ethics course. Public Reprimand. July 17, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

NIMNI, ELIZABETH, M.D. (A 54906), Los Angeles, CA

No admissions but charged with being convicted of a misdemeanor for shoplifting and committing dishonest or corrupt acts. Revoked, stayed, placed on thirty-five months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course; attending psychotherapy; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. July 26, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

NOMICOS, NICHOLAS EUGENE, M.D. (A 49055), Fresno, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of three patients, gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient, incompetence in the care and treatment of one patient, and failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, a professional boundaries program, and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; and

prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 7, 2019.

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**OHANJANIAN, RAZMIK, M.D. (A 52219),
Glendale, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of five patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on thirty-five 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; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants. May 2, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**ORGAN, GREGORY MICHAEL, M.D. (G 81845),
Oakland, CA**

No admissions but charged with unprofessional conduct and convicted of misdemeanor counts of possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances; submitting to biological fluid testing; completing an ethics course; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**PARK, JOONG YOUNG, M.D. (A 39059),
Los Angeles, 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. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course and a clinical competence assessment program. Public Reprimand. July 26, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

PEREZ, ROBERT T. (G 80178), Santa Ana, CA
No admissions but charged with sexual misconduct with a patient, sexual exploitation with a patient, failing to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to enroll in an education course, a prescribing practices course, an ethics course, a professional boundaries program, and

failing to submit quarterly declarations; and has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. May 1, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**PETERSON, DONALD RAYMOND, II (G 22928),
Fair Oaks, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts, prescribing without an appropriate prior examination or indication, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients; gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient; failed to properly supervise a physician assistant, violated the laws regulating a medical corporation and knowingly made or signed a document directly related to the practice of medicine that falsely represented an existence of a statement of facts. Surrender of License. June 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**PETERSON, RYAN CURTIS, M.D. (A 103097),
Encino, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, and excessive prescribing in the care and treatment of two patients, prescribing to an addict and incompetence in the care and treatment of one patient, and failure to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to obey all laws. Revoked, stayed, placed on two additional years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course; and the condition for obtaining a practice monitor will continue the entire probationary period; the conditions for abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol, submitting to biological fluid testing, attending psychotherapy, submitting to a psychiatric evaluation, and prohibited from the solo practice of medicine will end on June 22, 2020. July 12, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

POWERS, THOMAS S. (G 15640), Santa Ana, CA
Admitted to failing to comply with multiple terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to check in with the lab for random drug testing, failing to notify the Board of his return to practice, and failing to obey all laws. Surrender of License. June 18, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

RASHTI, JALIL, M.D. (A 48983), Encino, CA
Committed acts failed to appropriately supervise a physician assistant who prescribed illegitimate prescriptions. Publicly Reproved. May 24, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

REDDY, GAYATRI PUTTA, M.D. (A 55880), Seattle, WA

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Washington for failing to review blood tests prior to approving a patient to receive chemotherapy. Public Reprimand. May 10, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

REDDY, SUJATA LALLA, M.D. (A 75875), Newport Beach, 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 one patient. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. May 31, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

RENDLEMAN, NEAL JAMES (G 88414), Portland, OR

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Oregon for engaging in unprofessional conduct and repeated negligent acts. Surrender of License. May 28, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

RUTHERFORD, KEINO ANDRE, M.D. (A 80432), Sherman Oaks, CA

Violated the terms of his Board-ordered probation by testing positive for alcohol and failing to submit to the required biological fluid testing. Revoked, stayed, placed on eight years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol; completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants. June 14, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SAENZ, LUCY MAYELA, M.D. (A 56461), Santa Ana, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of

three patients; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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 supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 13, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SALWAN, ARVIND KUMAR, M.D. (A 89019), Apple Valley, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of two patients, repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of four patients, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on four years' 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 26, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SANDHU, SUKHWINDER SINGH, M.D. (G 66303), Fremont, CA

No admissions but charged with being convicted of reckless driving related to alcohol; used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; convicted of a felony for making and subscribing a false tax return; and committed dishonest or corrupt acts. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol; providing 40 hours of medical or non-medical community service; completing an ethics course; submitting to a psychiatric evaluation; attending psychotherapy; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; submitting to biological fluid testing; notification of employer; attending substance abuse support group meetings; and obtaining a worksite monitor. July 17, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SHTORCH, EYAL, M.D. (A 64854), Encino, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and incompetence in the care and treatment of two patients, and repeated negligent acts, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, excessive prescribing, and failure to

maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances in Schedules II and III until completion of the prescribing practices course and the medical record keeping course, except in a hospital setting Respondent will be permitted to approve short term continuance of Schedules II and III medications as specified; 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 an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; and obtaining a practice monitor. July 17, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**SIM, WILLIAM CHUNGHUN, M.D. (G 72352),
Downey, CA**

Convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol, and driving with 0.08 percent or more, by weight, of alcohol in his blood, and used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on four years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; completing an ethics course; submitting to a psychiatric evaluation; attending psychotherapy; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. May 24, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SIMON, JUSTIN (A 15207), Berkeley, 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 three patients. Surrender of License. July 30, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**SMITH, SHANNON K. M.D. (G 57481),
Bakersfield, CA**

Committed acts of unprofessional conduct for using alcohol in such a manner to be dangerous or injurious

to herself, another person or the public; being convicted of a misdemeanor count of wet reckless driving with a prior misdemeanor count of driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more; and failing to report the conviction to the Board. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances; completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 7, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**SPENCER, TODD DAVID, M.D. (G 70273),
La Quinta, CA**

No admissions but charged with being convicted of a misdemeanor for alcohol-related reckless driving; used alcohol and controlled substances in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; and having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked, stayed, placed on seven years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from practicing medicine during the first year of probation, except may practice in a substance abuse treatment center, may conduct insurance billing review, utilization review, and/or medical record review, and may practice general diagnostic radiology without direct patient contact; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; completing an ethics course and a clinical competence assessment program; attending psychotherapy; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. July 26, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**SPICER, MARK ANTHONY, M.D. (A 68609),
Sun City, CA**

Committed acts of gross negligence and repeated negligence in the care and treatment of three patients and failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients; and made no admissions but charged with creating false medical records with fraudulent intent in the care and treatment of three patients, dishonest or corrupt acts, and knowingly making or signing a document directly related to the practice of medicine that falsely

represented an existence of a statement of facts. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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 supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 7, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**SYCHUKOK, AUGUSTO (C 40952),
Rancho Cordova, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. June 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**TANTUWAYA, LOKESH SHANTANU, M.D.
(G 79268), Escondido, CA**

Committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligence, dishonest or corrupt acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient, and failed to report two misdemeanor convictions to the Board. Revoked, stayed, placed on two additional years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a medical record keeping course; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. May 10, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**THOMAS, MICHELLE A., M.D. (A 62122),
Fresno, 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. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. May 17, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**TOWBIN, NANCY ANDES, M.D. (G 74730),
Yorba Linda, 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 one patient. Physician must complete a clinical competence assessment program. Public Reprimand. May 3, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**TRAN, ANN ANH, M.D. (G 87474)
Eden Prairie, MN**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Michigan for failing to notify the Michigan Board of Medicine of the action taken by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board. May 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**TRUMP, MARK EDWARD, M.D. (A 122454),
Vancouver, BC**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for being disciplined by Alaska for failing to maintain sufficient evidence verifying completion of the CME required as claimed on a 2017 renewal application. July 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

TYRELL, JON SANDS, M.D. (G 64687), Arcadia, 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 2, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**UYUNI, ADHEMAR FERNANDO, M.D. (A 97263),
Orange, 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. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. May 17, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**VICARY, WILLIAM TICE (G 30952),
Los Angeles, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and excessively prescribing controlled substances in the care and treatment of seven patients, and repeated negligent acts, prescribing without an appropriate prior examination or indication, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of eight patients. Surrender of License. June 30, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**WALKER, BRIAN, M.D. (C 162346),
Walla Walla, WA**

Committed dishonest or corrupt acts for a conviction of one felony count of medical billing fraud. Probationary license issued, placed on five years' probation,

with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; obtaining a practice and billing monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurse. March 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

WANG, ANGELA, M.D. (A 67103), Carmichael, CA
No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of two patients and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete a clinical competence assessment program. Public Reprimand. June 7, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

WANG, DAVID WEI, M.D. (C 37520), South Pasadena, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and a medical record keeping course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. July 11, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

WARE, DONALD RUSSELL, M.D. (A 26209), Los Angeles, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of two patients, and repeated negligent acts and failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses during the first year of practice monitoring during probation. May 24, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

WIELENGA, ROBERT JAMES, M.D. (G 81044), Downey, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts, dishonest or corrupt acts, violating statutes

regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances, and aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, and an ethics course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising more than two physician assistants or advanced practice nurses. July 26, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

WILKINSON, GEORGE LAWRENCE, M.D. (G 21294), Redwood City, CA

No admissions, but charged with unprofessional conduct for using alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public, and convicted of driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more, with a special allegation of having a blood alcohol content of 0.15 percent or greater. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; completing an ethics course; submitting to a psychiatric evaluation; attending psychotherapy; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. May 3, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

WININGHAM, DONNA ELAINE, M.D. (C 40332), Tempton, CA

Convicted of a misdemeanor count of driving a vehicle while having a blood alcohol content of approximately 0.20 percent and unprofessional conduct for using alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol; submitting to biological fluid testing; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 10, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

WOLFE, MICHAEL BENJAMIN, M.D. (A 63089), Santa Clara, CA

No admissions but charged with engaging in unprofessional conduct; using alcohol in a manner to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person or to the public; and failing to report to the Board a misdemeanor conviction of driving with a blood alcohol

level of .08 or more.. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances; completing an ethics course; submitting to a psychiatric evaluation; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. June 13, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**WOODING, DAVID JOSHUA, M.D. (G 61938),
Riverside, 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 30, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**WU, DAVID DAR-JIUN, M.D. (A 110885),
Torrance, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for a misdemeanor conviction for disturbing the peace and failing to timely report the conviction to the Board. May 14, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**YANG, MARCOS YUO CHENG, M.D. (A 49035), Palos
Verdes Estates, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, and violating statutes regulating controlled substances in the care and treatment of three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on four 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. May 3, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

YAQUB, TAHIR, M.D. (A 96088), Atwater, 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. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. June 7, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

YEH, PAUL (A 155642), Olmito, TX

Committed dishonest or corrupt acts by fraudulently altering a transcript and making a false statement of a material fact on his application for licensure. Revoked. May 24, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**ZADEH, MICHAEL AURASH, M.D. (A 99098),
Sherman Oaks, CA**

Aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of medicine. Physician must complete a course in nonsurgical cosmetic medicine and must provide written policies and protocols adopted for all procedures performed at his facility. Public Reprimand. June 21, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST

**AHMADOV, JAHANGIR ANVAR (PTGL 667),
San Jose, CA**

Convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol, with two prior alcohol related convictions, and admitted to an enhancement of refusing to submit to a chemical test. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; completing an ethics course 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 19, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

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PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

AHMED, TARIQ, M.D. (C 137575), Kirkland, WA
Disciplined by Washington for providing substandard care to patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, obtaining a practice monitor and prohibited from supervising physician assistants. August 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

ALAV, FARAMARZ, M.D. (A 74033), Fontana, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of two patients; and repeated negligent acts, incompetence, excessive prescribing, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on four 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. September 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

ARORA, GURDEV SINGH (A 53607), Palmdale, CA
Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. August 8, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

ATAEE, SEAN (A 106704), Newport Beach, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligence acts, and sexual misconduct in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked. September 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

ATIL, PLARIDEL CERNA (A 25167), Glendora, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient, repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of two patients, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. August 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

BAHIA, RAJWINDER SINGH, M.D. (A 106330), Modesto, CA
No admissions but charged with using alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances; completing an ethics course and a clinical diagnostic evaluation; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; notification to patients of probation status; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. September 13, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

BARBER, JOSHUA ANDREW, M.D. (A 164845), Sacramento, CA
Committed dishonest or corrupt acts by failing to disclose required information to the Board regarding being placed on academic probation during postgraduate training. Probationary license issued, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. August 23, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

BASCH, MICHAEL S., M.D. (A 62314), Temecula, CA
No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts one patient. Physician must complete an education course, a medical record keeping course, and a prescribing practices course. Public Reprimand. August 21, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

BASKIN, STEPHEN ALAN, M.D. (A 35451), Berkeley, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to,

completing a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. September 13, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**BEAMS, JAY MILTON, M.D. (G 15667),
Susanville, CA**

No admissions but charged with being convicted of a misdemeanor for issuing a controlled substance prescription without a legitimate medical purpose, committed acts of gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of five patients; prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication and violating statutes regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances and any recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, a clinical competence assessment program, and a professional enhancement program; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. August 8, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

BESETH, DOUGLAS J. (C 30121), Upland, CA
Admitted to being convicted of a misdemeanor of driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more, with one prior conviction, and used alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Surrender of License. September 13, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**BICHER, JAMES HAIM ISIDORO (A 37798),
Los Angeles, CA**
No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient; and repeated failure to participate in an interview with the Board. Surrender of License. October 7, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**BLOSE, DOUGLAS ALAN, M.D. (G 50355),
Huntington Beach, CA**

Admitted to being convicted of two misdemeanor counts of driving under the influence of drugs, violating statutes regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances, self-prescribing a controlled substance, and using drugs in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; completing a prescribing practices course and an ethics course; attending psychotherapy; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; and obtaining a worksite monitor. September 27, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**BRETZ, PHILLIP DE EVANS, M.D. (A 32596),
La Quinta, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and an ethics course; obtaining a practice monitor; prohibited from performing cryoablation procedures unless performed as part of an approved Institutional Review Board (IRB) clinical study and protocol; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. October 25, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

CASTNER, EDWARD J. (G 12103), Arcadia, CA
Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. October 23, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CAZARES, JUAN LUIS, M.D. (A 164721),
Whittier, CA**

No admissions but charged with incompetence for issues occurring during postgraduate training. Probationary license issued, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a professional enhancement program and a clinician-patient communication course; attending psychotherapy; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. August 20, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CHAHIL, BOOTA SINGH, M.D. (A 52835),
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 one patient. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. September 20, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CHALLONER, KATHRYN RUTH (G 39498),
Manhattan Beach, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. September 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

CHAM, ROMAN BORIS (A 37068), La Mesa, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of three patients; and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. October 2, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

CHAN, HON YUEN (G 49302), Oakland, CA

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. August 23, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CHAUDHRI, YASHWANT S., M.D. (A 67679),
San Diego, 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. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program. Public Reprimand. September 27, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CHEN, BONNIE L., M.D. (A 150488),
Riverside, CA**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by New Jersey for allegations pertaining to the prescribing and dispensing of hormone replacement medications; and disciplined by Pennsylvania and New York for the New Jersey action. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a clinical competence assessment program; prohibited from engaging

in the solo practice of medicine; prohibited from prescribing hormone replacement medication to patients during the first year of probation, and until she has completed the prescribing practices course; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. October 23, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

CHENG, YAN YEE, M.D. (A 164958), Irvine, CA
Committed dishonest or corrupt acts by failing to disclose required information to the Board regarding being placed on academic probation during postgraduate training. Probationary license issued, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course, and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. August 29, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CHOU, STANLEY KING SANG, M.D. (C 52023),
Los Alamitos, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records and for repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. September 27, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

CHONG, YOO JIN, M.D. (G 86822), Carlsbad, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. September 20, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**CIESLA, THOMAS K., M.D. (G 9703),
Santa Monica, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for repeated negligent acts and for failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. October 24, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

COX, B. G. JR. (G 6433), Menifee, CA

No admissions but charged with dishonest or corrupt acts for being convicted of seven felony counts in making false and fraudulent insurance claims. Surrender of License. September 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DECUNTO, MARIO JULIO (A 32867),
Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. August 16, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DERBY, CHRISTOPHER DEAN (A 72476),
Lewisburg, PA**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. August 16, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DOZIER, EMANUEL VINCENT, M.D. (G 75322),
Bakersfield, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, furnishing dangerous drugs without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete a clinical competence assessment program. Public Reprimand. October 4, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**DREW, DANNY ELLIOTT, M.D. (A 98440),
Anderson, CA**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Oregon for maintaining his chronic pain patients on long-term medications including high dosage of opioids, failed to provide patients with informed consent, failed to conduct a cardiovascular exam prior to and during the treatment of patients with Methadone, failed to follow up on positive drug tests, and failed to conduct adequate physical exams at the beginning or during the course of treatment to justify diagnoses and therapeutic decisions. Revoked, stayed, placed on ten years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing dispensing, administering, or furnishing any Schedule II controlled substances or stimulants including phentermine, dextroamphetamine and amphetamine (Adderall), except that he may treat acute or intermittent pain with short acting opiates for no more than 30 days per patient in a calendar year in an amount not to exceed 50 morphine equivalent dose per day and may not combine benzodiazepines or muscle relaxants with Schedule II or III medications; maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered or possessed; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; completion of an education plan, including a post-education evaluation with the Center

for Personalized Education for Physicians; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. September 20, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

EHLING, DETLEF K., M.D. (A 66608), Concord, CA

Failed to comply with the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to submit to a biological fluid test due to traveling abroad. Public Reprimand. August 30, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**ELIST, JAMES JAMSHID, M.D. (A 35400),
Beverly Hills, CA**

Admitted to failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patients. Physician must complete a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. August 16, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**FICHMAN, MARSHAL P. (A 19736),
Beverly Hills, CA**

No admissions but charged with physician having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely; repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of two patients; and gross negligence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked. October 7, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**FISH, STEVEN MICHAEL, M.D. (A 164497),
Pasadena, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Probationary license issued, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; attending psychotherapy; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. August 13, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

GARCIA, RODOLFO (A 39112), Los Banos, CA

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. September 24, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**GARDNER, ROBERT WILLIAM, M.D. (G 30366),
Lucerne, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts, incompetence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, maintaining a record of all Schedule II and III 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 obtaining a practice monitor. October 11, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

GILL, KISHWAR R. (A 52697), Visalia, CA

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. September 4, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**GILLIAM, RICHARD LEONARD, M.D. (G 85035),
Carmel, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of five patients; and repeated negligent acts, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of six patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, until the successful completion of the prescribing practices course (condition met), prohibited from ordering, prescribing dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances in Schedules II and III and 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 and any recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; 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 supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. October 25, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

GOGNA, RAVI KANT, M.D. (A 39659), Modesto, CA

No admissions but charged with being convicted of a misdemeanor for driving with a blood alcohol

content of .08% or more; using alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. Revoked, stayed, placed on six years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; completing an ethics course; 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. September 4, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

GOLDSMITH, IVAN L. (G 129512), Las Vegas, NV

Disciplined by Nevada for violating Pharmacy Board regulations; self-prescribed appetite suppressants; failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records relating to himself and multiple patients. Surrender of License. October 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**HEFFERNAN, JOSEPH C. (G 24420),
Sacramento, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked. August 7, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**HOPKINS, GORDON BRUCE (G 20068),
La Jolla, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked. October 16, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

HORAN, ANTHONY H. (G 85664), Fresno, CA

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. October 11, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

HOU, DENNIS, M.D. (A 63030), San Jose, CA

No admissions but charged with being convicted of driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more; using alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; and failing to report the conviction to the Board. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; and obtaining a worksite monitor. August 21, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**JAMIL, KEVIN GEORGE, M.D. (A 113074),
Franklin, MI**

No admissions but charged with being disciplined by Michigan for substance abuse. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances; completing an ethics course; submitting to a psychiatric evaluation; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; notification to patients of probation status; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. September 20, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

JOEL, MANNIE (A 34460), Pleasanton, CA
Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. October 23, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**JOHNSON, LAURANCE FOLKEY (G 17122),
Pasadena, CA**
Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. October 15, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

KAPLAN, PAUL E. (G 14089), Folsom, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, excessive prescribing, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of seven patients. Surrender of License. October 29, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**KIM, GENE YONGJIN, M.D. (A 96720),
San Francisco, CA**
No admissions but charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on thirty-five months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and a medical record keeping course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. September 20, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

KIM, KWANG SOOK (A 37552), Garden Grove, CA
Admitted to being convicted of felony Grand Theft; and committing dishonest or corrupt acts, knowingly made or signed a document directly related to the practice of medicine that falsely represented an existence of a statement of facts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of multiple patients. Surrender of License. August 27, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

KUMAR, KAIN (A 67882), Palmdale, CA
No admissions but charged with Health Care Fraud, committing dishonest or corrupt acts, prescribing without appropriate prior examination, excessive prescribing, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of multiple patients. Surrender of License. September 30, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

KUMAR, NARAIN, M.D. (C 164496), Irvine, CA
Committed dishonest or corrupt acts by failing to disclose on his application for licensure, action taken by the Iowa Board of Medicine for failing to report a leave of absence during medical school on his Iowa licensure application. Probationary license issued, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. August 13, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LEVINE, STEPHEN MARCUS (G 21183), North
Hollywood, CA**
Admitted to being convicted of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, committing dishonest or corrupt acts, and creating false medical records with fraudulent intent in the care and treatment of multiple patients. Surrender of License. August 26, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**LEVY, ROBERT MORRIS (G 78575),
Fayetteville, AR**
Disciplined by Arkansas and Mississippi based on concerns that he was an imminent threat to patient welfare. Revoked. September 4, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

LIFSCHUTZ, HARRY, M.D. (G 42802), Indio, CA

No admissions but was charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of four patients; repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of seven patients; and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of five patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on four years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from performing any vascular procedures under anesthesia or conscious sedation. August 29, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

MASSEY, JOHN EDWARD (G 76734), Los Gatos, CA

No admissions but charged with sexual misconduct in the care and treatment of one patient, and gross negligence in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked. August 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

MCCONNELL, MATTHEW WELLS (A 162456), Charlotte, NC

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. August 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

MELLUM, SCOTT DUANE, M.D. (G 81272), Chico, 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 one patient. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. September 12, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

MIYA, GLENN YUKIO, M.D. (G 70876), Fontana, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient 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. August 14, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

MORGUELAN, BARRY ALAN, M.D. (G 27009), Los Angeles, CA

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

failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients. October 15, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

NAZARIAN, MARK LAWRENCE, M.D. (G 63835), Fresno, CA

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of two patients. Physician must complete an ethics course. Public Reprimand. August 2, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

NELSON, ELVERT FRANKLYN (G 38841), Corning, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and sexual misconduct in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. October 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

NWOYE, UZOAMAKA O., M.D. (A 97114), Brookline, MA

Disciplined by the Department of the Air Force for a pattern of inattention to detail and clinical negligence in the care and treatment of four patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on seven years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. August 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

PARMAR, VIKRAM SINGH, M.D. (A 71676), Apple Valley, CA

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. August 23, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

PATEL, MONEIL MAHENDRA, M.D. (A 107791), Scottsdale, AZ

Disciplined by Arizona for prescribing medication without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, clinical competence assessment program; completing an education course, a medical record keeping course, and a prescribing practices course;

obtaining a practice monitor; maintaining a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. October 3, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**PAXTON, VENUS C., M.D. (A 94802),
San Diego, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. August 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**PEREIRA, SUSAN ANN (A 70499),
American Canyon, CA**

No admissions but convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol on two occasions; used alcohol in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself, another person, or to the public. Revoked. October 16, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**POPKOW, STEVEN IVAN, M.D. (G 62006),
Los Angeles, CA**

Committed acts of excessive prescribing, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. September 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**PRINCE, DIANA MARIA, M.D. (A 63605),
Rohnert Park, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, improper prescribing without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication. Physician must complete an education course and a prescribing practices course. Public Reprimand. September 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**QASIM, YASMIN FEROZ, M.D. (A 47990),
Diamond Bar, CA**

No admissions but charged with aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine and failure to maintain an active fictitious name permit. The charges were related to the inadequate supervision of a cosmetic medical spa and not to the practice of pathology. Revoked, stayed, placed on thirty-five months' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course and an ethics course; prohibited from associating with any medical spa or in partnership with anyone related to a medical spa or facility performing cosmetic procedures, and prohibited from employing or supervising any individuals who perform medical cosmetic procedures, except Dr. Qasim may receive training in cosmetic procedures under the proctorship of a board-certified plastic surgeon, but not in a medical spa; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. October 23, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**REZAEI ABBASSI, NIMA, M.D. (A 131669),
Riverside, 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. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. October 18, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**RHEE, HANNA QUEEN (A 116932),
Los Angeles, CA**

No admissions but charged with physician having a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely; and gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of eight patients; falsified medical records in the care and treatment of one patient; and Revoked. August 16, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**ROSE, CAROLYN JOAN, M.D. (A 41263),
Mariposa, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and incompetence in the care and treatment of five patients; repeated negligent acts and excessive prescribing in the care and treatment of six patients; and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years'

probation, with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course; obtaining a practice monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. August 21, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**RUTH, RICHARD DIETER (A 85653),
Buena Park, CA**

Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. September 18, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**SALMON, MARGARET L., M.D. (A 112137),
San Francisco, CA**

No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely. Revoked, stayed, placed on four years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; completing an ethics course; attending psychotherapy; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; prohibited from practicing medicine during overnight shifts; notification of employer; submitting to biological fluid testing; obtaining a worksite monitor; and notification to patients of probation status. August 23, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**SAMRAO, AMANZOOPINDER KAUR, M.D.
(A 109227), Stockton, CA**

No admissions but charged with being convicted of driving with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or more; having a second arrest for driving while under the influence of alcohol; using drugs and/or alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself, another person, or to the public; having a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely; dishonest or corrupt acts; and failed to report the conviction to the Board. Revoked, stayed, placed on four years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of alcohol; submitting to biological fluid testing; completing a clinical diagnostic evaluation; notification of employer; attending substance abuse support group meetings; obtaining a worksite monitor; notification to patients of probation status; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. October 25, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**SANDERSON, PHILIP ALBERT (A 42137),
Solana Beach, 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; incompetence in the care and treatment of two patients; improper prescribing without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. August 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**SAUER, RICHARD NEILL, M.D. (A 29403),
Roseville, CA**

Committed acts of repeated negligence and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation to run concurrently, 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; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. October 3, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SAUK, MIN SOO (A 37641), Northridge, CA

Admitted and charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. Surrender of License. October 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SAZANI, THOMAS A. (A 42368), Orcutt, 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 multiple patients by providing online medical recommendations without appropriate prior medical examination or indication. Revoked. September 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**SCHATTELES, JOHN MICHAEL (A 71550),
Fargo, ND**

Disciplined by North Dakota Board 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. Surrender of License. September 16, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SETER, HOWARD JAY (G 88850), Pittsburgh, PA
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 one patient. Surrender of License. October 1, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SEVERANCE, DOUGLAS EUGENE, M.D. (G 35610), San Ramon, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication, and prescribing to an addict in the care and treatment of two patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses, except may supervise one physician assistant and one advance practice nurse in the context of a primary care practice that does not involve prescribing controlled substances for a chronic condition within his addiction practice. August 23, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SHAFAGHI, NEDA, M.D. (A 113082), Tiburon, CA
No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting her ability to practice medicine safely and failing to comply with an order for an examination. Revoked, stayed, placed on seven years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; attending psychotherapy; submitting to a medical evaluation and obtaining medical treatment; 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; obtaining a worksite monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. August 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SHAHINE, AYMAN ABEB (C 54660), Brooklyn, NY
No admissions but charged with being disciplined by New York for gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of six

patients. Revoked. August 8, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SIDHU, JASVIR SINGH, M.D. (A 40914), Porterville, 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. Physician must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. August 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SIMENTAL, MICHAEL ANTHONY, M.D. (A 86750), Riverside, CA
No admissions but charged with having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely, and violated the terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to obey all laws. Revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, abstaining from the use of controlled substances and alcohol; submitting to biological fluid testing; completing an ethics course and a clinical competence assessment program; submitting to a psychiatric evaluation prior to practicing medicine (condition met); attending psychotherapy; submitting to a medical evaluation and obtaining medical treatment; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine. August 9, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SMITH, THOMAS JOSEPH (G 16260), Greenbrae, CA
Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. October 10, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SOBOL, PHILIP ALAN (G 42254), Los Angeles, CA
Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of his Board-ordered probation. Surrender of License. October 31, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

STEMPLE, DALE ROBERT, M.D. (C 36399), Palo Cedro, 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. August 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**SULTAN, SULTAN AHMAD, M.D. (A 48095),
Carmichael, 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 four 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; submitting proof of notification of decision and accusation to required parties; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. August 30, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

SYLVESTER, ILONA, M.D. (A 55316), Camarillo, 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 one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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 recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; completing a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program; obtaining a practice monitor; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants. August 30, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**TEARSTON, GARY MILES, M.D. (G 15838),
Beverly Hills, CA**

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 in the care and treatment of one patient. August 16, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**TENNANT, FOREST SEARLS JR. (G 22141),
West Covina, CA**

Physician has a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely. Surrender of License. October 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**THOMPSON, DONOVAN A., M.D. (C 131391),
Canton, OH**

Disciplined by Maryland for failing to submit a criminal history records check in compliance with state law. Public Reprimand. September 6, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**TOWFIGH, ALI ALEXANDER (A 83924),
Los Angeles, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, prescribing without an appropriate medical examination or indication, obtaining controlled substances by fraud, committing dishonest acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of individuals who were not his patients. Revoked. September 27, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**TYNDALL, GEORGE R. (G 57942),
Los Angeles, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and sexual misconduct in the care and treatment of five patients. Surrender of License. September 5, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**UMUGBE, OGHENESUME DAVID, M.D. (A 94047),
Rancho Cucamonga, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of two patients. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. August 28, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

WHARTON, KURT R., M.D. (G 57090), Troy, MI

Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of one patient. August 13, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

WILLIAMS, LAURA ANN (G 76077), Murrieta, CA

No admissions but charged with gross negligence and prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication in the care and treatment of seven patients; repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of eight patients; incompetence and repeated acts of clearly excessive prescribing in the care and treatment of six patients; and furnishing drugs to addicts. Surrender of License. September 20, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**WILSON, JOHN HANNAHS, M.D. (C 163985),
Salt Lake City, UT**

Committed acts of dishonesty by failing to disclose on his application for licensure an action taken by Maryland. Probationary license issued, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. August 1, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**WONG, WINSTON CHEUNG-PUI, M.D. (A 45020), La
Palma, CA**

No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. Revoked, stayed, placed on three 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 recommendations or approvals to possess of cultivate marijuana; completing an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a clinical competence assessment program; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. October 18, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**YANG, CHARLES, M.D. (A 35385),
Huntington Beach, 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 one patient. Physician must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. August 2, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

YANG, JASON HUI-TEK (A 65311), Pasadena, CA

Convicted of five felony counts in making false and fraudulent insurance claims. Revoked. September 23, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**YEE, CHRISTIE ELING CHU, M.D. (A 121101),
Anaheim, CA**

No admissions but charged with unprofessional conduct for leaving her two young children unattended in a locked parked car, with the windows rolled up, while she went to work. Revoked, stayed, placed on

seven years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing an ethics course; submitting to a psychiatric evaluation prior to returning to practice; attending psychotherapy; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. September 20, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

YOO, JAY HAI, M.D. (C 43367), Bakersfield, CA
No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of four patients. Physician must complete a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course. Public Reprimand. August 16, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

YOUNAI, SOHEIL, M.D. (G 69368), Encino, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence, and repeated negligent acts concerning the care and treatment of one patient. Physician must complete an education course, a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program. Public Reprimand. August 16, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

**ZACHARIAH, ALVIN, M.D. (A 64060),
San Francisco, CA**

No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts, dishonest or corrupt acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of five patients; and gross negligence in the care and treatment of four patients. Revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completing a medical record keeping course, an ethics course, and a clinical competence assessment program; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses, except in connection with RotaCare Bay Area. September 18, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

ZGLINIEC, ROBERT PAUL (C 35020), Poway, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient; repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records incompetence in the care and treatment of four patients. Surrender of License. October 22, 2019. [View the decision and the order on the Board's website.](#)

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