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EDITOR'S SPOTLIGHT

Emmalee Ross
Designer & Editor in Chief

If you've been missing our "You Asked for It" column, it's making an appearance in this edition of the Medical Board of California News. Lately, we've received numerous emails from licensees regarding their plastic wallet cards, updates on license and application statuses, and mandatory fees. Public Information Analyst Alexandria Schembra answers these questions and more on ***page 14***.

In this edition's Consumer Corner, we're breaking down the first five steps to take when filing a complaint. I share a few tips and best practices on ***page 10*** when completing a complaint form to ensure your complaint is processed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

We also have an important guest article from our partners at the Civil Rights Department, sharing advice with doctors when writing a workplace reasonable accommodation letter, and the value of getting it right. They'll be hosting a webinar on December 8, 2022, diving deeper into the topic and answering your questions. We hope physicians find this helpful. Register for the webinar and find more information on ***page 7***.

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The Board's Mission

The mission of the Medical Board of California is to protect healthcare consumers through the proper licensing and regulation of physicians and surgeons and certain allied healthcare 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Third Quarter 2022

As Thanksgiving approaches, the Medical Board of California extends its thanks and gratitude to all who assist us in achieving our mission to protect California's healthcare consumers through our Licensing and Enforcement programs.

Our Board members and our Board staff work tirelessly with stakeholders across state agencies, academic institutions, and the private sector to help promote access to quality health care for all Californians.

This month, we are pleased to present the Board's ***Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Report***. Within the pages of the annual report, you will find details about the Board's Licensing Program and Enforcement Program achievements. I hope you will take the opportunity to review the Board's highlights and statistics – they offer a detailed window into the work of the Board.

As Board President, I am committed to improving consumers' experience with the Board. During my term as president, I have had the opportunity to connect with many stakeholders in person, via phone, and through social media, and I look forward to continuing that important outreach.

In the coming months, the Board looks forward to completing a new Strategic Plan that will give us a roadmap for the next four years to strengthen our overall goal of consumer protection and help us communicate that mission with stakeholders.

In closing, as we near 2023, the Board is looking forward to working with the State Legislature on the Board's Sunset Review process. The Board has identified several statutory changes that if enacted through Sunset Review, would dramatically strengthen the Board – including an increase to licensing fees, and adding new staff to help communicate with complainants and the public, among others.

We hope that you, too, will join us in this process and provide valuable feedback that can be used to help improve the Board in the coming years.

Kristina D. Lawson

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR POSTGRADUATE TRAINING LICENSE APPLICANTS, PHYSICIAN'S & SURGEON'S LICENSE APPLICANTS

By MBC Licensing Program & Emmalee Ross
Public Information Officer

When applying for a postgraduate training license (PTL) or transitioning to a Physician's and Surgeon's (P&S) license, the Board's Licensing Program wants to remind applicants of some important steps to take to help ensure your application is efficiently processed.

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING LICENSURE

Medical school graduates who enroll in a California ACGME-accredited postgraduate training (PGT) program are required to obtain a PTL within 180 days of their enrollment. While you have 180 days to obtain a PTL from your PGT program enrollment date, the Board encourages you to apply as soon as you are enrolled in your PGT program, so Board staff have enough time to review your application and supporting documents.

Individuals issued a PTL on or after January 1, 2022, will be issued a PTL for up to 15 months (for U.S. and Canadian medical school graduates) or 27 months (for international medical school graduates). However, the law authorizes the Board to extend a PTL beyond 15 or 27 months if you remained enrolled in your PGT program and need additional training to qualify for a P&S license.

If the resident is placed on probation or remediation, takes a leave of absence, or has any other program change that would affect their anticipated date to meet the requirements to obtain a P&S license, a Program Status Update/Change Form (Form PSU) is required from the program director within 30 days.

For example, if a resident was issued a PTL for 15 months and took an extended leave of absence during their first year of training and had to make up this time, the Board could extend the PTL allowing the resident to obtain the required training credits needed to qualify for licensure.

PHYSICIAN'S AND SURGEON'S LICENSURE

PTL holders should apply to transition to a P&S license six months prior to the expiration date of their PTL. This will ensure sufficient time for the Board to review your application and for all supporting documents to be received prior to the expiration of the PTL.

Although the application may be submitted early, the P&S license will not be issued until you meet all licensure requirements.

Prior to issuing a P&S license, you must have taken and passed Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) or Part 1 of the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC) examination AND Step 3 of the USMLE per ***Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1328***.

If you've obtained a passing score on all parts of Step 3 of the USMLE in more than four attempts, you must meet the requirements of Business and Professions Code (BPC) section ***2135*** or ***2135.5*** to be considered eligible for issuance of a P&S license (***BPC section 2177(c)(2)***).

Please note, the P&S license must be obtained by the time your PTL expires, otherwise all clinical activities in California must cease until a P&S License is obtained – as practice is not permitted with an expired license.

It is the applicant's responsibility to submit their application and all required documents timely to the Board, including documents that must be provided directly from a third party, such as a medical school.

SEE WEBINAR DETAILS ON P.8

WHAT EVERY DOCTOR NEEDS TO KNOW

WRITING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION LETTERS

*By Rashida Harmon, Rachael Langston, Zachary Florent, Linda Li, and Sharon Terman**

Authors' Note: The following hypothetical scenario illustrates the importance of drafting effective, accurate, and legally sound workplace accommodation letters for your patients.

Lisa is an administrative worker at a small literary magazine. Last year, she began struggling with anxiety. At first it was manageable, but as time went on, she found herself withdrawing from social events and activities that used to bring her joy. Soon, she was having panic attacks every day and avoiding leaving the house. Her partner encouraged her to seek professional help, prompting Lisa to enroll in an intensive outpatient psychotherapy program.

Lisa couldn't afford to miss work, but fortunately her job was 100 percent remote with a flexible schedule. She requested a reasonable accommodation from her employer, asking to block off two hours each day to attend therapy. She offered to work late every day to make up the hours. Her employer asked her to submit a doctor's note to support her request, so Lisa reached out to her medical provider. Her doctor provided the following accommodation letter:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Lisa Lastname's treating physician. Due to a severe anxiety and panic disorder, Ms. Lastname is incapacitated for the foreseeable future and cannot perform the duties of her job while she obtains treatment.

Thanks,

Frank Physician, M.D.

After Lisa submitted the note, her employer notified her that she was being placed on unpaid medical leave effective immediately until she was medically cleared to return. Confused, upset, and unable to earn money, she spent several days calling and emailing her doctor and Human Resources with no solution in sight. The stress of the experience culminated in the worst panic attack of her life. Eventually, she learned the doctor's note contained several errors. It took her doctor a week to issue a new note, during which she was unable to work.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

Misunderstandings about how to draft an effective accommodation letter can hinder patients' ability to obtain an appropriate accommodation from an employer and may have other negative consequences. Lisa's doctor could have optimized his letter by:

1. Protecting her diagnosis. California's privacy laws generally prevent doctors from sharing intimate details about a patient's medical condition, and the Fair Employment and Housing Act does not require an employee to disclose the nature of their disability when seeking a reasonable accommodation. (*Cal. Const. art. 1., § 1*; *Cal. Civ. Code § 56.10 – 56.16*; *Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, § 11069(d)(1)*). Rather than identifying Lisa's anxiety and panic disorder by name, best practice would have been to state more broadly that Lisa has a "disability" that substantially limits major life activities and for which she is seeking a reasonable accommodation.
2. Accurately describing the reasonable accommodation. Lisa needed a temporary schedule modification that would have allowed her two hours each day to attend therapy – not a leave of absence. The employer, understandably, interpreted the broad language in the doctor's letter to mean that Lisa could not work at all while she "obtained treatment" of an unspecified duration. Your patient, like Lisa, may have an idea of what type of accommodation they need. Collaborate with them to devise a medically appropriate solution and ensure the letter reflects the requested accommodation/work limitation with specificity.
3. Avoiding unnecessarily restrictive language. Stating that your patient cannot perform the duties of their job can have serious consequences – and can even lead to their termination. Instead, after medically assessing the patient's condition and needs, you may determine that your patient can perform an essential task with an accommodation, which you can then specify. For instance, in this case, Lisa could continue to perform her job with the accommodation of a temporary schedule modification that would allow her to complete two hours of her work later in the day.
4. Being clear about timelines. Vague statements regarding how long an accommodation is needed (especially if the accommodation relates to schedule adjustments or leave from work) can be difficult for employees and employers to navigate when arranging accommodations. For example, the doctor said Lisa was incapacitated "for the foreseeable future." A better approach is to note the date the accommodation became medically advisable (start date), as well as a projected end date. As the projected end date approaches, the patient can seek an extension as appropriate.

Stable employment is a social determinant of health. Doctors can support their patients' personal and professional wellbeing in the reasonable accommodation process by listening closely to their needs and limitations and collaborating with them to create an accurate, specific, and effective letter.

SAVE THE DATE

For more information about best practices for drafting reasonable accommodation letters, register for our free webinar.

When: Thursday, December 8, 2022
Time: 12:00 PM

REGISTER NOW

**Guest Editorial by Rashida Harmon and Rachael Langston, Senior Fair Employment and Housing Counsel at the Civil Rights Department (formerly Department of Fair Employment and Housing); Zachary Florent and Linda Li, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Outreach and Education Coordinators; and Sharon Terman, Senior Staff Attorney and Director of Work and Family Program at Legal Aid at Work.*

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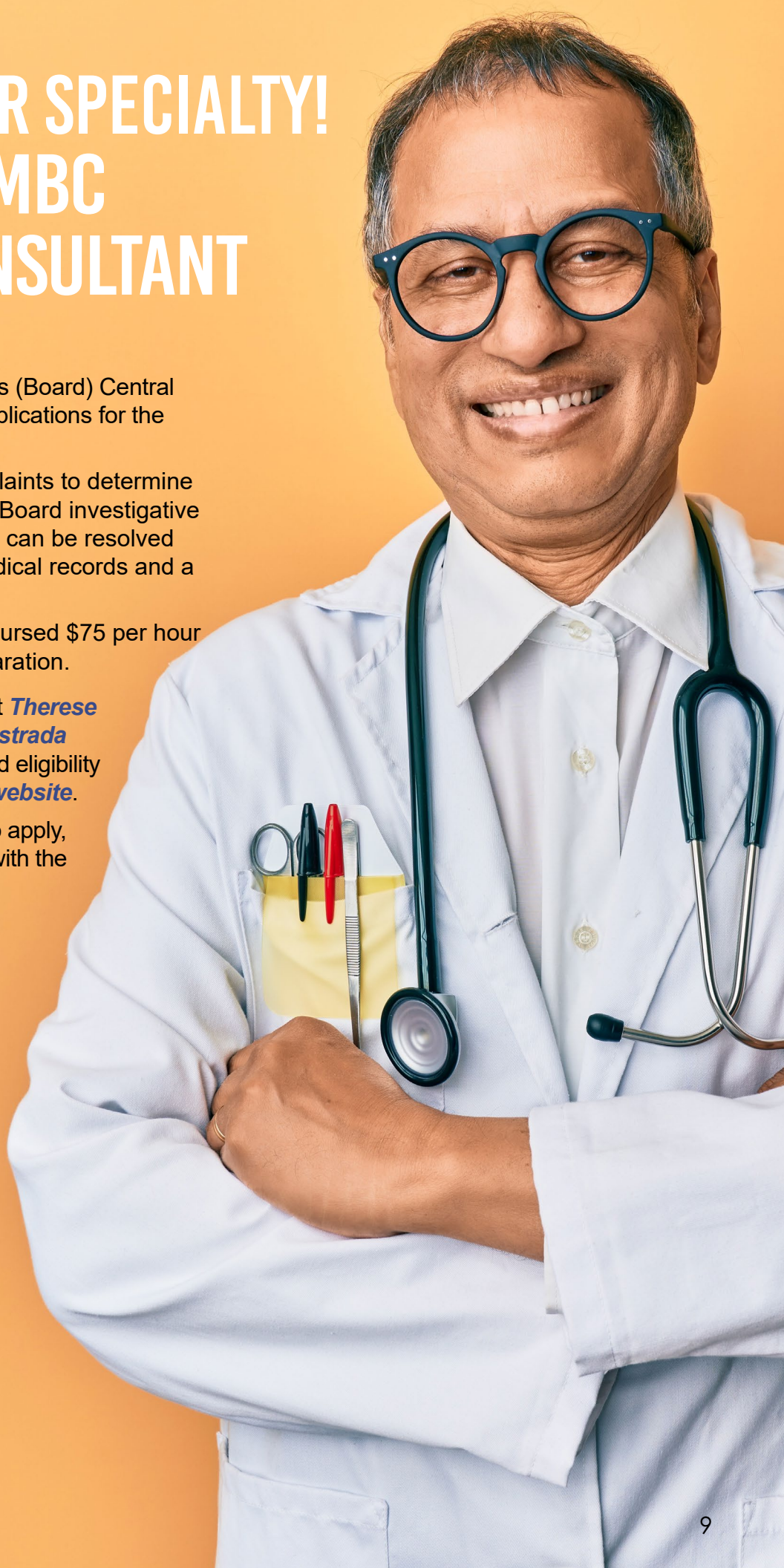


The Medical Board of California's (Board) Central Complaint Unit is accepting applications for the Medical Consultant Program.

Medical Consultants review complaints to determine whether a formal investigation by Board investigative staff is needed, or if the complaint can be resolved by a preliminary review of the medical records and a physician narrative statement.

Participating physicians are reimbursed $75 per hour for record review and report preparation.

If you are interested, please contact ***Therese Kelly*** at (916) 263-2434 or ***Hugo Estrada*** (916) 263-2463. The application and eligibility requirements are available on our ***website***.

While all specialties are welcome to apply, the Board is in need of physicians with the specialties below:

- Cardiac Surgery
- Colon and Rectal Surgery
- Dermatology
- Gynecology
- Interventional Cardiology
- Interventional Radiology
- Neonatal/Perinatal
- Neurological Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Pain Medicine
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Plastic Surgery
- Radiation Oncology
- Thoracic Surgery
- Vascular Surgery

CONSUMER CORNER: HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE MEDICAL BOARD

By Emmalee Ross, Public Information Officer & Carlos Villatoro, Public Information Manager

Anyone who's ever had a problem with the care and treatment received from their doctor will want to lean in.

The sooner you file the complaint, the better, as the statute of limitations prevents the Medical Board of California (Board) from reviewing matters that happened more than seven years ago – except in special circumstances.

Filing a complaint can feel overwhelming; below are best practices and steps to follow to make the process more efficient.

STEP 1: FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE RIGHT LICENSING BOARD

The Board investigates complaints involving medical doctors, licensed midwives, polysomnographic trainees, technicians, and technologists, and research psychoanalysts.

The Board has no jurisdiction, however, over nurses, physician assistants, osteopathic medical doctors, chiropractors, optometrists, hospitals, insurance companies, or any other healthcare professional or entity.

The ***Department of Consumer Affairs*** provides a list of the various healthcare licensing boards that can help you determine with which organization to file your complaint.

STEP 2: VERIFY YOUR COMPLAINT FALLS WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION

The Board investigates complaints including, quality of care (misdiagnosis, treatment/ medication causing side effects, surgical complications, negligent care, etc.); office practice (failure to sign death certificate, failure to provide records, misleading advertising); inappropriate prescribing; provider impairment (under the influence of drugs or alcohol, mental or physical impairment); sexual misconduct; and unlicensed activity (aiding and abetting unlicensed practice, unlicensed provider).

Please note: The Board does not have jurisdiction over billing fees and disputes, general business practices, or personal conflicts, unless the behavior in questions interferes with the safe delivery of health care.

STEP 3: HOW TO FILE YOUR COMPLAINT

A complaint can be ***completed by hand*** and mailed or faxed (916-263-2435), or emailed to ***complaint@mbc.ca.gov***. You can also submit a complaint ***online*** through the Board's BreEZe system. The Board provides a helpful five minute ***tutorial video*** for filing your complaint online.

A separate complaint form should be completed for each physician or healthcare provider you wish to file a complaint against.

The more complete and accurate your complaint form is, the quicker Board analysts and investigators will be able to process your complaint.

When completing a complaint form, please consider the following:

- The Board recommends typing your complaint, as handwriting can be difficult to read and may require additional follow up.
- Fill out all questions to the best of your ability, including names and dates of birth. Contact information is especially important such as your phone number and email address when available.
- Write a chronological sequence of what happened. Stick to the facts and the reason for your complaint. Think through what was said and what happened, and if you have any witnesses (family member, nurses, or other healthcare providers) please make sure to include their information in the complaint.
- Let us know if you attempted to reach out to the specific provider or facility to discuss your concerns, and if so, what happened as result of the interaction.
- Attach copies of documents to support your complaint. This may include patient records, photographs, audio or video recordings, correspondence including email or text messages, billing statements, proof of payments, autopsy or toxicology reports, a police report, court documents, etc.
- Along with the support documents mentioned, we will need a signed release form (included in the Board's complaint application) for the Board to obtain your medical records – a crucial part of any given investigation. You may also need to sign a specific release form if the physician is not the custodian of your medical records. In addition, list all other subsequent treating facilities or relevant subsequent treating providers specific to your complaint.
- If the incident involves a surgical procedure, it is important that you list any pre-op or post-op providers. If you were treated at a Kaiser Permanente facility, you will also need to complete a special release form specific for that facility. You may find yourself having to submit all three depending on your circumstances.
- If the patient is deceased, the person signing the release forms must be a legal representative as demonstrated on a durable power of attorney, death certificate, or an executor of will/estate document.

STEP 4: AFTER YOUR COMPLAINT IS FILED

After your complaint is filed and assigned to an analyst, you will receive confirmation of receipt from the Board within 10 days of filing.

The investigative process may include:

- Obtaining medical records or other information and evidence
- Locating and interviewing the complainant, witnesses, and "the physician
- Obtaining expert review of the case
- Drafting and serving investigational subpoenas
- Inspecting the location where the allegations occurred
- Executing search warrants
- Conducting undercover operations

Details of the complaint review and investigation process are confidential and not subject to public disclosure, however, during the investigation, the physician will be notified of the complaint.

STEP 5: FOLLOWING UP ON YOUR COMPLAINT

If you have additional information to share or questions on your complaint, you may contact the Board's Central Complaint Unit at 916-263-2528, or by email at ***complaint@mbc.ca.gov***.

Your assigned analyst may also reach out to obtain more information (such as signed release forms to obtain your medical records). If the Board is unable to obtain documentation, evidence, or medical records, the complaint may not be investigated until that information is available.

More information is available on our ***Resources webpage***, you can also contact us at ***webmaster@mbc.ca.gov*** with any questions.

MBC PUBLISHES ITS FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

By Emmalee Ross, Public Information Officer

The Medical Board of California (Board) recently published it ***Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Report*** to the Board's website.

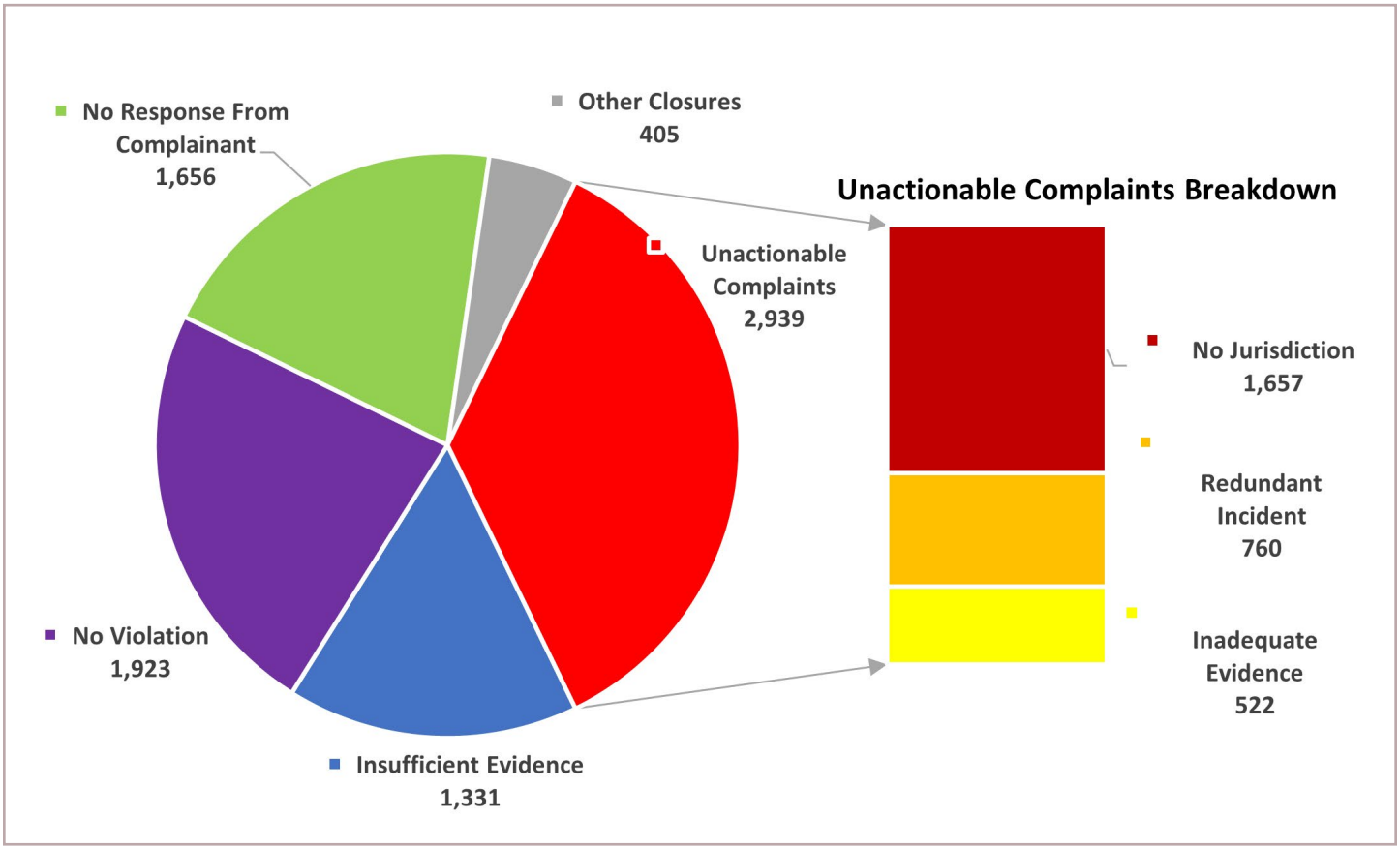
The annual report highlights important topics over the last fiscal year and breaks down data into comprehensive charts and graphs. Inside the annual report, you will find information on a myriad of topics including the Board's budget, the Licensing and Enforcement Programs, and information pertaining to physician's and surgeon's licenses and those of allied healthcare professionals.

As of last fiscal year, one of the newer additions highlighted in the annual report is the pie graph below detailing closed complaints.

Each year, the Board receives thousands of complaints against physicians and surgeons. Every complaint received is reviewed, however, many are closed in the Board's Central Complaint Unit (CCU) without referral or investigation. The graph is designed to help consumers and complainants better understand why complaints are closed.

Learn more about the chart below, and the details of closed complaints in last year's ***Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Report*** on page 11 under the Enforcement Program.

You can find our most recently published annual report along with historical annual reports on the Board's ***Resources webpage***.



MBC NEEDS YOU!

If you live in CA and have a full-time active practice in CA, apply to be an expert reviewer for the Board.

HISTORY

The Medical Board of California (Board) established its Expert Reviewer Program in July 1994, as an impartial and professional means to support its investigation and enforcement functions. Expert Reviewers assist the Board by providing reviews and opinions on Board cases, and conducting medical and psychiatric evaluations.

REQUIREMENTS

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

MIDWIVES

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

CONTACT

For more information regarding compensation and how to apply, please visit our ***website*** or e-mail the Board's expert program at ***MBCMedicalExpertProgram@mbc.ca.gov***.

The Board is looking the following specialties:

- Addiction Medicine with added certification in Family or Internal or Psychiatry
- Cardiology
- Clinical Genetics
- Colon/Rectal Surgery
- Dermatology
- Family Medicine
- Gastroenterology
- Hematology
- Interventional Cardiology
- Midwife Reviewer
- Neurological Surgery
- Neurology
- Obstetrics and Gynecology (with added expertise in Gynecologic Oncology)
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Pathology (preferred: Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, and Ventura Counties)
- Pediatric Endocrinology
- Pain Medicine
- Pediatric Gastroenterology
- Pediatric Surgery
- Pediatric Cardiac Surgery
- Pediatric Critical Care
- Pediatric Pulmonology
- Plastic Surgery
- Psychiatry (Forensic and Addiction)
- Radiation Oncology
- Surgery (General and Endocrine Surgery)
- Thoracic and Cardiac Surgery
- Urology (General and Gender Reassignment)
- Vascular Surgery

YOU ASKED FOR IT

QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE WEB

By Alexandria Schembra, Public Information Analyst

Q: I recently submitted all the required paperwork for my license application. It's been more than a month since I heard anything, and I don't know who to contact. How can I get an update on the license application?

A: Due to an exceptionally high volume of applications, at this time the Board is unable to confirm receipt of documents. Documents submitted through the BreEZe system or DOCS portal are immediately received by the Board. If you wish to confirm receipt of a mailed document, please mail the document using a mail tracking service. Please allow the Board at least 60 to 90 calendar days after we have received your application to conduct the initial review. Once your application is reviewed, you will be notified by email of any deficiencies.

After we do the first review of an application, please allow us 10 calendar days to review any additional documents you send in. All applications and supporting documents are reviewed in the date order received unless you qualify and are approved for an expedited review.

To check the status of your initial license application, regardless of whether the application was submitted by mail or through BreEZe, please log into your BreEZe account. Please refer to the Board's ***BreEZe webpage*** for more information on creating a BreEZe account and how to access the BreEZe system.

Q: I renewed my license but never received the little plastic wallet card. Does the Board still send those out?

A: The Board no longer mails plastic wallet licenses. Any licensee/registrant with a "Current" license status may generate a wallet license anytime through the ***Wallet License Generator***. The wallet license includes a License Specific QR Code that allows interested parties to instantly view the DCA Search License Profile page with real-time license status information. It also generates an electronic PDF that can be sent to others. There is no fee for this service.

Q: Why do I have to pay additional mandatory fees when I renew my license?

California ***Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2436.5*** requires licensees to pay a $25 fee at the time of renewal of a Physician and Surgeon's License to the ***Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program***. The Physician Loan Repayment Program encourages recently licensed physicians to practice in underserved locations in California by authorizing a plan of repayment of their medical school loans in exchange for their service in a designated medically underserved area for a minimum of three years.

Also, ***BPC section 208*** requires renewing licensees to pay an additional $22 to support the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES).

CURES allows authorized users, including prescribers, pharmacists, and regulators to access a patient's controlled substances prescribing history. Access to this information helps healthcare professionals appropriately prescribe to their patients and avoid possible prescription drug abuse.

MEDICAL BOARD CHAT PODCAST

DID YOU KNOW?

The Medical Board of California (Board) has its very own podcast where we chat all things from new and changing legislation, to one-on-one interviews with Board management and Board members.

You can check out the ***episodes*** we currently have published on our website, and sign up for the ***Subscriber Alerts*** "News" topic to be updated when a new podcast episode is released.

PRINT YOUR WALLET LICENSE

The Medical Board of California (Board) has developed a "Print Your Own" ***Wallet License Generator*** that allows individuals, with licenses in Current status, to generate their own Wallet License and print it wherever they have access to a printer.

Benefits:

- License Specific QR Code allowing interested parties to instantly view DCA Search License Profile page with real-time status information from any QR Code capable device.
- Available immediately, versus the 4-6 weeks previously required to receive plastic cards.
- Wallet License is generated as an electronic PDF file that can be sent to employers or others as needed.
- Saves the Board resources related to the generating, printing, and mailing of plastic cards.

The plastic cards are being phased out in the first half of 2022. To generate your own Wallet License, please use the link below to access the generator from our website: ***Medical Board of California Wallet Card Generator***

MONKEYPOX GUIDANCE

KNOW THE SIGNS & LEARN HOW TO PREVENT AND SLOW THE SPREAD.

By the California Department of Public Health

1. KNOW THE SIGNS

People with Monkeypox (MPX) may first develop flu-like illness with fever, headache, muscle aches, exhaustion, and enlarged lymph nodes. A characteristic rash, which can appear like blisters or pimples in certain parts of the body, may occur a few days later. These blisters or pimples may be very painful. MPX may require hospitalization in rare instances. In some cases, no flu-like symptoms appear, and individuals only develop a rash. People with the virus may experience all or only a few of these symptoms. The illness may last for up to 2 to 4 weeks and usually resolves without specific treatment.

2. GUIDANCE FOR CHILD CARE AND SCHOOL SETTINGS

While MPX transmission among the general public and children remains low, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has provided ***guidance for child care facilities and schools*** to help reduce the spread of infectious diseases, including MPX, in those settings. To date, CDPH has not received any reports of MPX spread in these settings. The guidance outlines how to prevent transmission, provides best practices in the event of any potential MPX exposure, and recommends that schools and child care facilities ***contact their local health department*** for additional assistance.

3. SLOW & PREVENT SPREAD

There are several measures that can be taken to prevent infection with MPX virus:

- Avoid any physical contact like hugging, kissing, or sexual intimacy with people who have symptoms of MPX, including a rash or sores.
- Talk to sexual partner/s about any recent illness. Be aware of new or unexplained sores or rashes on your body or a partner's body, including on the genitals and anus.
- Do not share eating utensils or cups with a person with MPX.
- Do not handle or touch bedding, towels, clothing, or other fabrics that have been in contact with someone with MPX.
- Wash hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Read the CDC's latest information on ***safer sex, social gatherings and MPX*** and CDPH's ***Safer Sex & MPX fact sheet***.

4. IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS

- Reach out to a health care provider to get checked out. If you don't have a provider or health insurance, visit a public health clinic near you.
- Take a break from sexual and intimate contact as well as attending public gatherings.
- Isolate from others you live with.
- Wear a mask and cover rashes if needing to be around others and when visiting a health care provider.

5. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

CDPH provides a ***webpage*** with multiple resources, including a ***Q&A***, and ***communications toolkit*** with fact sheets, videos and social media assets for the public, community organizations, health care providers, and media outlets.

Connect With

THE MEDICAL BOARD

1 LINKS TO OUR WEBSITE

1. ***Update your address of record or email address***
2. ***Update your physician survey***
3. Contact us: ***webmaster@mbc.ca.gov***

2 NEED A SPEAKER?

If you would like a speaker from the Medical Board of California, please contact Public Affairs Manager Carlos Villatoro at: ***Carlos.Villatoro@mbc.ca.gov***

3 SUBSCRIBER ALERTS

The Medical Board of California uses a subscriber service to notify individuals about items relating to the activities of the Medical Board via email. To subscribe or unsubscribe, please visit: ***www.mbc.ca.gov/Subscribers***

4 NEWSLETTER SURVEY

Please take a moment to share your thoughts about the Board's newsletter. Do you have a particular section that you like, or an idea on how to improve our publication?

Take the Survey

PHYSICIAN EXTORTION SCAM: NOW POSING AS LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Medical Board of California (Board) is aware that scam artists have begun posing as **law enforcement officers**, as well as U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents and Board staff calling California physicians as part of an extortion scheme.

Scammers posing as law enforcement may tell victims they have missed a court date as an expert witness and have a warrant for their arrest. Scammers posing as DEA agents may tell victims their license is suspended for illegal drug trafficking and the suspension means they will not be able to practice. The scammers may provide an "Agreement for the Bond and Protocols" that includes statements that licensees are not to share or disclose the investigation to any third party and agree to a bond fee payment of $25,000.00.

The scammers' phone number may show up as the Board's toll-free number (800) 633-2322, or, if posing as law enforcement, they may impersonate actual law enforcement officers using their real names.

Please note, law enforcement officers, DEA agents, and Board staff will never contact physicians by telephone to demand money or any other form of payment. If you receive one of these calls, refuse the demand for payment. Please also consider the following:

If the caller is stating they are from the DEA, immediately report the threat using the ***DEA's Extortion Scam Online Reporting form***.

If the caller insists that they speak with you right away, tell them that you'll call them back directly. At this point, some scammers will offer you a phone number as a way to verify they are who they say they are. Don't call the number the scammers provided; instead call the Board' toll-free number at (800) 633-2322.

If the phone number of the caller appears to be the Board's toll-free number, it is recommended that you submit an online complaint with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) using the ***FCC's Consumer Complaint form***.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS
FEBRUARY 1, 2022 – APRIL 30, 2022

Explanation of Disciplinary Language and Actions

"Effective date of decision" — Example: "March 14, 2020" 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.

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

AHMAD, ALI, M.D. (C 127870), NEWPORT BEACH, CA
Excessively prescribed controlled substances to two patients; committed repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of two patients; incompetence and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient; and unprofessional conduct. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program; must complete a medical record keeping course, a prescribing practices course, and an education course; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 18, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

AHMED, KHALID BASHIR, M.D. (A 33354), PICO RIVERA, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for unprofessional conduct and gross negligence in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. February 24, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

ALEXANDER, JOHN THOMAS II, M.D. (G 80280), SAN DIEGO, CA
Committed gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failed to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. License revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, a medical record keeping course, and a professionalism program (ethics course); and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 22, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

ALLEN, MICHAEL FIELDING, M.D. (G 73771), SACRAMENTO, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; incompetence; and failure to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of six patients. License revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete a medical record keeping course and a professionalism program (ethics course); must successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program; must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from writing, issuing, or otherwise aiding and abetting the writing or issuance of exemptions from any vaccine for any patient or any other persons; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 24, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

ASIRYAN, VARDUI, M.D. (A 128242), BURBANK, CA
Committed repeated negligent acts and failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients. License revoked, stayed, placed on two (2) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 18, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

BADII, ROOZBEH (C 143701), CORONADO, CA
Disciplined by the states of Maryland and Connecticut for incompetence; unprofessional conduct; failing to attend a Board interview; failing to comply with a Board subpoena; and having a mental illness affecting his ability to safely practice medicine. License Revoked. March 25, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

BINDRA, ROGER, JAMES, M.D. (A 55101), ANAHEIM, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; failing to maintain adequate and accurate records; and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of a single patient. License revoked, stayed, and placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited

to, must complete an education course and a professionalism program (ethics course); must complete a professional boundaries program; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; must have a third-party chaperone present while consulting, examining, or treating female patients; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 6, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

BISTRAIN, JOSEPH JAY (A 64943), RENO, NV
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of two patients. License Surrendered. February 1, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

BJARKE, CHRIS B (G 72621), RENTON, WA
Unable to satisfy terms and conditions of Board-ordered probation. License Surrendered. March 9, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

BOBBALA, MANJULA, M.D. (A 87444), REPRESA, CA
No admissions but charged with failure to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of two patients. Public Reprimand. Must complete a medical record keeping course. February 23, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

BRESNICK, WILLIAM H., M.D. (G 78434), SAN FRANCISCO, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; failing to maintain adequate and accurate records; and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. Must complete a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course. April 6, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

CAMHI, SETH, M.D. (A 121153), SAN DIEGO, CA
No admissions but was charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of multiple patients; and excessively prescribed controlled substances to multiple patients. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years'. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any Schedule II controlled substance; must maintain a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 25, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

CHADHA, HARBINDER SINGH, M.D. (G 84284), CHULA VISTA, CA
Committed gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; incompetence; and failed to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. License revoked, stayed, and placed on two (2) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, a medical record keeping course, and a professionalism program (ethics course); must successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program; must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 4, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

CHAPPELL, EDWARD THOMAS, M.D. (G 78763), LA MIRADA, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; and failure to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. License revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, a medical record keeping course, and a professionalism program (ethics course); must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 8, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

CHEN, BONNIE L (A 150488), TEMECULA, CA
No admissions but failed to comply with terms and conditions of Board-ordered probation when she failed to successfully complete the clinical competence assessment program. License Surrendered. March 16, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

COIRIN, ANTONIO KOBAYASHI, M.D. (G 59697), MODESTO, CA
Convicted of a misdemeanor, one count of driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more and using drugs and/or alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. License revoked, stayed, placed on two (2) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must abstain from the use of controlled substances; must abstain from the use of alcohol; must submit to biological fluid testing; must complete 150 hours of medical or non-medical community service; must complete an ethics course; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 18, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

COLLIN, ROBERT DANIEL (A 40270), STROUDSBURG, PA
Disciplined by the state of New Jersey for conduct surrounding his prescribing of controlled substances. Interim Consent Order issued wherein his New Jersey controlled substances registration was voluntarily surrendered and he was ordered to cease and desist from prescribing or administering controlled substances. License Revoked. April 11, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

DANG, CHUC VAN (G 42462), SAN LEANDRO, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of three patients. License Surrendered. February 2, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

DESAI, ARCHIS DAVID, M.D. (A 144563), REDLANDS, CA
No admissions but charged with having been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon, specifically driving under the influence of alcohol; excessive use of alcohol or drugs; and unprofessional conduct. License revoked, stayed, and placed on thirty-five (35) months' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must abstain from alcohol; must complete a professionalism program (ethics course); must undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation and submit reports to the Board; must submit to biological fluid testing; must attend substance abuse support group meetings; must obtain a worksite monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 1, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

DOZOR, ROBERT BRUCE (G 48771), SANTA ROSA, CA
Admitted to gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, improper and excessive prescribing, failing to conduct adequate physical examination, incompetence, and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of three patients. License Surrendered. February 3, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

DUPONT, RENEE M. (A 42799), ENCINITAS, CA
Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of Board-ordered probation. License Surrendered. April 4, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

DYNE, GODFREY D., M.D. (A 43164), SANTA BARBARA, CA
No admissions but was charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient; prescribing without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication; and unprofessional conduct. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any opioid medications except for buprenorphine, provided Dr. Dyne maintains a valid waiver as a qualified practitioner; must maintain a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; must successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program; must complete an ethics course; must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 25, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

EDINGTON, PHILIP A., M.D. (G 58380), STOCKTON, CA
No admissions but was charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of three patients; and repeated negligent acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of multiple patients. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course; must successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program; must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; prohibited from performing strabismus surgeries; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 25, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

FU, XINMING, M.D. (A 70082), SANTA ANA, CA
Admitted to gross negligence in the care and treatment of multiple patients; repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of two patients; failing to obtain or document informed consent for telemedicine in the care and treatment of three patients; incompetence in the care and treatment of three patients; failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of multiple patients; and failing to comply with terms and conditions of Board-ordered probation. Revoked, stayed, and placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions supersede all other terms and conditions previously ordered in prior Decision and include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course; must successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program; must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; prohibited from evaluating any patient for, or issuing, any emotional support animal or medical cannabis recommendation; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 8, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

GANJIANPOUR, RAMIN, M.D. (A 75503), ENCINO, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for gross negligence in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. Must complete a professionalism program (ethics course). February 11, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

GODIWALLA, SHIRLEY YEZDI (A 44921), PEWAUKEE, WI
No admissions but failed to comply with terms and conditions of Board-ordered probation

by failing to maintain a current and renewed certificate and by exceeding two years of non-practice. License Surrendered. March 4, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

GOODWIN, GLENDA DARLENE, M.D. (A 71660), SACRAMENTO, CA
No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts; failure to maintain adequate and accurate records; and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of a single patient. License revoked, stayed, and placed on four (4) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, medical record keeping course, and a professionalism program (ethics course); must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from performing cosmetic laser procedures (with the exception of laser hair removal), prohibited from supervising anyone performing cosmetic laser procedures, and/or prohibited from directly profiting in any way from the performance of cosmetic laser procedures being done by her or someone under her supervision; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 25, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

GRIFFIN, ANTHONY CHARLES, M.D. (G 71739), BEVERLY HILLS, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. Must complete a professionalism program (ethics course). March 29, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

GUPTA, ABHAY, M.D. (A 88550), SAN DIEGO, CA
Convicted of a misdemeanor, one count of driving with a blood alcohol content of .08% or more; using drugs and/or alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; and unprofessional conduct. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must abstain from the use of controlled substances; must abstain from the use of alcohol; must submit to biological fluid testing; must complete an ethics course; must submit to a psychiatric evaluation; must attend psychotherapy; must submit to a medical evaluation and obtaining medical treatment; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 2, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

HADDOCK, JEFFREY ERIK, M.D. (A 88830), WILLISTON, VT
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233. Discipline imposed by the state of Vermont for prescribing a daily morphine milligram equivalent of 1200 to a patient without sufficient clinical monitoring measures. Public Reprimand. March 4, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

HAKALA, SHERYL MARIE, M.D. (C 145406), TAMPA, FL
No admissions but was charged with being disciplined by Florida for prescribing controlled substances without appropriate diagnosis or documentation on multiple occasions and without adequate monitoring. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; must complete a professional enhancement program; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 3, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

HAMBY, DENNIS L, M.D. (C 26833), DALY CITY, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for unprofessional conduct and failure to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and

treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. February 24, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

HANSEN, VERNAL MARTIN, M.D. (G 34639), CHINO HILLS, CA
Admitted to gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of four patients; and failing to attend a Board interview. License revoked, stayed, and placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, suspended from the practice of medicine for sixty (60) days beginning on the sixteenth (16th) day after the effective date of this Decision; must complete a prescribing practices course, medical record keeping course, and professionalism program (ethics course); must successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program; must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay probation monitoring costs. March 24, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

HERRICK, BRADLEY DELMAR, M.D. (A 55805), VICTORVILLE, CA
Failed to comply with terms and conditions of Board ordered probation by failing to submit to biological fluid testing and failing to abstain from the use of alcohol. License Revoked, stayed, and placed on two (2) additional years' probation to run consecutively with prior disciplinary order. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must participate in psychotherapy; must attend substance abuse support group meetings; must abstain from the use of controlled substances; must abstain from the use of alcohol; must submit to biological fluid testing; must complete a professionalism program (ethics course); prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 24, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

HITTALMANI, SHANKAR NINGAPPA, M.D. (A 35513), LOS ANGELES, CA
No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. March 20, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

HOANG, TRI-DUNG GIA, M.D. (A 79685), SACRAMENTO, CA
Charged with failure to maintain adequate and accurate records and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. Must complete a medical record keeping course. March 2, 2022.
View the decision and the order on the Board's website.

HORDYNSKI, STEPHEN NICHOLES (G 45188), REDLANDS, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of a single patient. License Surrendered. March 11, 2022.
View the decision and the order on the Board's website.

HSU, DEREK YU, M.D. (A 140476), REDONDO BEACH, CA
No admissions but charged with having a condition that affects his ability to safely practice medicine. License revoked, stayed, and placed on seven (7) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must submit to a clinical diagnostic evaluation and submit report to the Board; prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances; must abstain from the use of controlled substances; must abstain from the use of alcohol; must provide 40 hours of free non-medical community service; must complete an education course and a professionalism program (ethics course); must submit to psychotherapy; must submit to a medical evaluation and treatment; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; must submit to biological fluid testing; must attend substance abuse support group meetings; must obtain a worksite monitor; must provide patients with a separate disclosure regarding probation status;

prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 24, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

HUNT, TIMOTHY JAMES (G 82031), SAN PEDRO, CA
Convicted of one count of conspiracy to defraud state and federal health care programs for his participation in a scheme to receive kickbacks in exchange for referrals and engaged in dishonest and corrupt acts. License Revoked. April 6, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

HUTCHMAN, ROBERT MICHAEL, M.D. (A 85762), GLENDALE, CA
Admitted to gross negligence and dishonesty or corruption in the care and treatment of one patient; repeated negligent acts, prescribing dangerous drugs without appropriate examination or medical indication, excessive prescribing and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of five patients. License revoked, stayed, and placed on seven (7) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, suspended from the practice of medicine for sixty (60) days beginning on the 16th day after the effective date of the Decision; must maintain a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, a professionalism program (ethics course), and a professional boundaries program; must submit to a psychiatric evaluation; must obtain practice and billing monitors; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 24, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

HYSON, MORTON ISAAC, M.D. (G 89091), LAS VEGAS, NV
No admissions but disciplined by the state of Nevada for failing to comply with a Board order when he failed to have a female chaperone present during an examination; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records. Public Reprimand. Must complete a medical record keeping course. March 24, 2022.
View the decision and the order on the Board's website.

IBRAHIM, NIZAR ISA (A 70310), MORENO VALLEY, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; sexual misconduct; repeated negligent acts; incompetence; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. License Surrendered. April 1, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

JAZAYERI, POOYA, M.D. (A 111183), PLEASANT HILL, CA
No admissions but was charged with having a condition affecting his ability to safely practice medicine; and using drugs and/or alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must abstain from the use of controlled substances; must abstain from the use of alcohol; must submit to a psychiatric evaluation; must complete an ethics course; must attend substance abuse support group meetings; must obtain a worksite monitor; must submit to biological fluid testing; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 25, 2022.
View the decision and the order on the Board's website.

KANAKESWARAN, KANAGASABAI (A 63159), LANCASTER, CA
Admitted to being convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician or surgeon, specifically, conspiracy to pay and receive illegal remunerations for health care referrals; and receiving illegal remunerations for health care referrals. License Surrendered. March 15, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

KANDEL, MUHAMMAD ABOLFOTOH, M.D. (A 176372), ST. LOUIS, MO
Applicant committed acts of unprofessional conduct and dishonesty during his training in a neurosurgery residency program. Probationary license issued, placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, the probationary license shall be a probationary postgraduate training license until Dr. Kandel presents proof of satisfactory completion of the postgraduate training required on a form approved by the Board; must complete a medical record keeping course and an ethics course; prohibited from supervising physician assistants; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 14, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

KARALIS, GEORGE DEMETRIUS (A 24412), SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Admitted to being convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician or surgeon, specifically, theft of government property, a felony; dishonest or corrupt acts; and creating a false medical record in the care and treatment of multiple patients. License Surrendered. March 10, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

KIRBY, JOHN F., JR. (G 15922), FRESNO, CA
Unable to satisfy terms and conditions of Board-ordered probation. License Surrendered. February 15, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

KNULL, GEORGE ROBERT, M.D. (G 34669), LONG BEACH, CA
No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts; failing to maintain adequate and accurate records; and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of multiple patients. License revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, medical record keeping course, and a professionalism program (ethics course); prohibited from holding any ownership interest in a medical office or clinic; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; must reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement of this case in the amount of $1,206.25; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 14, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

LAKOWSKY, ALEXANDER, M.D. (A 86437), BURLINGAME, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts; prescribing without an appropriate medical examination or medical indication; and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. Must complete a prescribing practices course. March 25, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

LAMPORT, INNA (A 50462), SOUTH PASADENA, CA
No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts, furnishing dangerous drugs without a prior examination or medical indication, failure to maintain adequate and accurate records, and excessive prescribing in the care and treatment of three patients; and prescribing to an addict in the care and treatment of one patient. License surrendered. March 3, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

LARDON, MICHAEL THEODORE, M.D. (A 48664), SAN DIEGO, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; prescribing, dispensing, or furnishing dangerous drugs without an appropriate prior examination and a medical indication; excessive prescribing; failing to maintain adequate and accurate records; and violating the Medical Practice Act during the care and treatment of two patients. License revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 15, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

LE, KHOI MANH, M.D. (A 77166), FRESNO, CA
No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of four patients and failure to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. License revoked, stayed, and placed on four (4) years' probation to run concurrently to, but separate and apart from, the previous probationary order. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course; must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 25, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

LE, STEVEN, M.D. (A 104419), SAN LEANDRO, CA
No admissions but was charged with having a condition affecting his ability to safely practice medicine; using drugs and/or alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; and unprofessional conduct. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must notify patients of probation status; must abstain from the use of controlled substances; must abstain from the use of alcohol; must complete an ethics course; must submit to a psychiatric evaluation; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; must submit to a medical evaluation and obtain medical treatment; must submit to biological fluid testing; must attend substance abuse support group meetings; must obtain a worksite monitor; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 4, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

LEE, KARL, M.D. (G 77379), DALY CITY, CA
No admissions but was charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; incompetence; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of multiple patients. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program; prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any Schedule II or Schedule III controlled substances, except for patients who require them for the treatment of acute pain, and then for only up to 30 days, and prohibited from issuing an oral or written recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; must maintain a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; must obtain a practice monitor; must notify patients of probation status; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 4, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

LEVESQUE, MICHEL FRANCOIS (G 59708), BEVERLY HILLS, CA
Admitted to having a physical illness that affects his ability to safely practice medicine; charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. License Surrendered. February 11, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

LEWIS, GORDON DALLAS, M.D. (G 24932), NAMPA, ID
No admissions but was charged with aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine; gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient; and unprofessional conduct. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course;

prohibited from performing cosmetic procedures with a fractionated CO2 laser, and prohibited from delegating the use of a fractionated CO2 laser or a multiwave locked system (MLS) laser; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 4, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

LOGAN, KENNETH DALE, M.D. (G 50800), CHICO, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and excessive prescribing controlled substances in the care and treatment of three patients; failure to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of two patients; and unprofessional conduct. License revoked, stayed, and placed on two (2) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances, except those listed in Schedule V; prohibited from issuing oral or written recommendations or approvals to a patient for the possession or cultivation of marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient; must maintain records and access to records and inventories of controlled substances; must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a professionalism program (ethics course); must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 25, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

MALCOLM, ANDREW GEORGE (A 31071), DEL MAR, CA
Admitted to gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, dishonesty or corruption, furnishing dangerous drugs without an appropriate exam, making false statements, failing to maintain adequate and accurate records, and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of 14 patients; felony conviction for unlawfully obtaining controlled substances by fraud or deceit; furnishing drugs to an addict; and self-administration of controlled substances. License Surrendered. February 24, 2022.
View the decision and the order on the Board's website.

MATOSSIAN, CHERYL A, M.D. (A 64163), EL DORADO HILLS, CA
No admissions but was charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of multiple patients; excessively prescribing controlled substances to multiple patients; self-prescribing controlled substances; ante-dating or post-dating prescriptions for controlled substances; falsification of prescriptions for controlled substances; failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of multiple patients; and unprofessional conduct. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 17, 2022.
View the decision and the order on the Board's website.

MCCALLION, PATRICK GEORGE, M.D. (G 64989), LA MESA, CA
No admissions but was charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients. License revoked, stayed, placed on three (3) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 18, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

MCKENZIE, STEPHEN EARL, M.D. (A 54049), BIEBER, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; failing to maintain adequate and accurate records; and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of a single patient. License revoked, stayed, and placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 8, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

MIKHAIL, MINA NESSIM SAAD, M.D. (A 51300), RIVERSIDE, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for failure to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. February 15, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

MIMRAN, RONNIE ISAAC, M.D. (A 90574), DANVILLE, CA
Committed gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; failing to maintain adequate and accurate records; and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. Must complete a medical record keeping course and a professionalism program (ethics course). March 11, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

MINDORO, MICHAEL KENNETH AURE, M.D. (A 92023), ELK GROVE, CA
No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. March 25, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

MIRABELLO, STEVEN CARL, M.D. (G 70497), PALM HARBOR, FL
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 based on discipline imposed by the state of Florida for treatment provided in the care and treatment of a single patient. February 1, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

MOROSCHAN, JOSEPH EDWARD (C 51845), ROCHESTER HILLS, MI
Action based on discipline imposed by the state of Florida. Florida medical license was ordered permanently surrendered. License Revoked. March 2, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

NASSER, ANTHONY T., M.D. (A 113112), NEWPORT BEACH, CA
No admissions but was charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; incompetence; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. License revoked, stayed, placed on four (4) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete a medical record keeping course and an ethics course; must successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program; must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from performing any and all cosmetic and/or aesthetic surgical procedures of any kind, on any patient, at any location; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; must reimburse the Board its costs of enforcement, including legal review and expert review, as applicable, in the amount of $1,760.00; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 18, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

NDIFORCHU, FOMBE (A 26721), CARSON, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. License surrendered. March 16, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

OVERHOLT, JON DAVID, M.D. (C 36069), FAIR OAKS, CA
No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. Must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. March 4, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

PARSAPOUR, KOUROSH, M.D. (A 79856), LAGUNA WOODS, CA
No admissions but was charged with unprofessional conduct; violation of statutes regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances; using drugs and/or alcohol in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or to the public; failing to comply with a Board-ordered examination; having a condition affecting his ability to practice medicine safely; and failing to comply with terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to obey all laws. License revoked, stayed, placed on eight (8) years' probation to run concurrent with the Disciplinary Order in Case No. 800-2016-029031. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must abstain from the use of controlled substances; must abstain from the use of alcohol; must complete a prescribing practices course (course completed), a medical record keeping course (course completed), and an ethics course; prohibited from performing services relating to the recommendation of marijuana and from recommending marijuana; must attend psychotherapy; shall not engage in the practice of medicine until completion a clinical diagnostic evaluation and notified by the Board or its designee that Dr. Parsapour is fit to practice medicine safely; must submit to biological fluid testing; must attend substance abuse support group meetings; must obtain a worksite monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 4, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

PARVIN, DARA (G 81122), OAKWOOD, OH
Disciplined by state of Iowa for sending suggestive text messages and social media messages to, making inappropriate comments and unwanted advances towards, subordinate co-workers, colleagues, and a female patient. License revoked. April 25, 2022.
View the decision and the order on the Board's website.

PATHAK, RANGANATH (A 79498), ROSEVILLE, CA
No admissions but charged with sexual misconduct and gross negligence in the care and treatment of two patients; repeated negligent acts; unprofessional conduct; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of three patients. License Surrendered. March 30, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

POLIQUIN, NICOLE, M.D. (A 30419), COSTA MESA, CA
No admissions but was charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records, and incompetence in the care and treatment of one patient. License revoked, stayed, placed on four (4) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; must successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program; must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; must reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of $5,555.00; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 17, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

PREIKSAITIS, CARL MIKAS, M.D. (A 163647), PALO ALTO, CA
No admissions but charged with excessive use of alcohol; convicted of a misdemeanor, specifically, a wet reckless; and having a mental condition (alcohol dependency) that affects his ability to safely practice medicine. License revoked, stayed, and placed on five (5) years' probation.

Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must abstain from alcohol; must submit to a psychiatric/substance abuse evaluation; must notify patients of probation status; must submit to biological fluid testing; must attend substance abuse support group meetings; must obtain a worksite monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 22, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

PRUCHA, JOHN GILES, M.D. (A 139437), AURURA, CO
Admitted to being disciplined by the state of Colorado for unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. February 4, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

RABIN, ALLAN H, M.D. (G 10534), SAN DIEGO, CA
No admissions but was charged with gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of three patients; failing to consult the CURES database prior to prescribing, ordering, administering, or furnishing a controlled substance; failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of two patients; and violating the Medical Practice Act. License revoked, stayed, placed on four (4) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; must obtaining a practice monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 10, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

REYES, MICHELLE ELIZABETH, M.D. (G 78285), WOODLAND HILLS, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; incompetence; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. Must complete an education course and must reimburse the Board for the costs associated with the investigation and enforcement of this case in the amount of $9,371.25. April 22, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

RICKERTSEN, DWAIN WILLIAM, M.D. (A 45073), LIVE OAK, CA
No admissions but was charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients. License revoked, stayed, placed on four (4) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances, except for those drugs listed in Schedule IV and V, and prohibited from issuing an oral or written recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; must maintain a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; must submit to a medical evaluation and obtain medical treatment; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 4, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

RIDGILL, EDWARD ALAN (G 40690), INDIO, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, prescribing without examination, and excessive prescribing in the care and treatment of two patients; and with sustaining 26 convictions for violations of federal drug laws. License Surrendered. February 1, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

RINE, KEVIN E., M.D. (G 57924), MODESTO, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of two patients. License revoked, stayed, and placed on thirty-five (35) months' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, prescribing practices course, medical record keeping course, and a professionalism program (ethics course); prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 6, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

RODRIGUEZ, MICHAEL ANTHONY, M.D. (G 68505), LOS ANGELES, CA
Failed to comply with terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to comply with the Board's probation program; failing to submit to biological fluid testing; and violating the probation condition for substance abusing licensees. Probation extended one year after the effective date of this order on the same terms and conditions in case No. 800-2015-014274, except Dr. Rodriguez shall not be required to re-take a professionalism/ethics course. Additional terms include, but are not limited to, six months actual suspension from the practice of medicine beginning on the 16th day after the effective date of this decision; and shall not practice medicine until completion of a clinical diagnostic evaluation and review by the Board. April 4, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

ROGERS, ANTHONY GLENN (G 67133), BOYNTON BEACH, FL
No admissions but was disciplined by the state of Florida for medical malpractice. License surrendered. March 30, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

ROJAS, AUGUSTO, M.D. (A 41262), LOS ANGELES, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. February 4, 2022. Must complete a medical record keeping course. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

ROSETE, ROLLIE DUYAO, M.D. (A 53682), TRACY, CA
Admitted to gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; incompetence; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. License revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, medical record keeping course, and a professionalism program (ethics course); must successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 20, 2022.***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

RUSSELL, SUDHA A, M.D. (G 54900), SANTA MARIA, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. Must complete an education course. February 24, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

SAAL, MICHAEL MARTIN, M.D. (A 45372), MILL VALLEY, CA
No admissions but was charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, incompetence, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of multiple patients; excessively prescribed controlled substances to multiple patients; and failed to consult the CURES database prior to prescribing, ordering, administering, or furnishing a controlled substance. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must submit proof to the Board or its designee that Dr. Saal is registered to obtain electronic access of information contained in the CURES Prescription Drug Monitoring Program; must complete an

education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and an ethics course; must obtaining a practice monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 11, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

SAEED, ANWAR, M.D. (A 63552), CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; and failure to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. Must complete a medical record keeping course. March 18, 2022.
View the decision and the order on the Board's website.

SAFRANKO, BRENDA JEAN, M.D. (G 45081), MALIBU, CA
No admissions but was charged with failing to comply with terms of her Board-ordered probation by failing to obey all laws. She was convicted of a misdemeanor, one count of driving under the influence of drugs. License revoked, stayed, placed on four (4) years' additional probation to run consecutive to the original probationary order in Board Case No. 05-2013-229967. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must abstain from the use of controlled substances; must abstain from the use of alcohol; must submit to a psychiatric evaluation; must attend psychotherapy; must submit to a medical evaluation and obtain medical treatment; must obtain a practice monitor; must submit to biological fluid testing; must attend substance abuse support group meetings; must obtain a worksite monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 11, 2022.
View the decision and the order on the Board's website.

SARAN, NAVIN, M.D. (A 37985), ANAHEIM, CA
No admissions but was charged with repeated negligent acts, failing to maintain adequate and accurate records, and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of two patients. Public Reprimand. Must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. February 11, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

SAUNDERS, SCOTT DAVID, M.D. (G 78847), GOLETA, CA
Admitted to repeated negligent acts; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. License revoked, stayed, and placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course; must complete a medical record keeping course (condition satisfied); must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 29, 2022.
View the decision and the order on the Board's website.

SCHAEFER, ALBERT JAMES (C 149879), BERKELEY, CA
No admissions but was charged with consuming alcoholic beverages to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous to himself, or to any person or to the public and having a mental or physical condition that affects his ability to safely practice medicine. License Surrendered. March 2, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

SCOTT, CRANFORD LAVERN, M.D. (C 32142), LOS ANGELES, CA
No admissions but was charged with dishonest or corrupt acts and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of one patient. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years' probation Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete a medical record keeping course and an ethics course; must obtain a practice and a billing monitor; prohibited from engaging in concierge service practice; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. March 18, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

SIDHU, ROGER, M.D. (A 114992), NEWBURY PARK, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for unprofessional conduct based on a conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. April 6, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

SIDRANSKY, RODNEY, M.D. (A 78625), SPRING VALLEY, CA
Failed to comply with terms of his Board-ordered probation by failing to submit to biological fluid testing. Shall remain on probation under the same terms and conditions as indicated in case No. 800-2017-038264, except that his probation shall be extended by one year. March 11, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

SOORANI, EMIL, M.D. (A 37184), TOPANGA, CA
No admissions but was charged with gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of multiple patients; and prescribed without an appropriate prior medical examination or indication. License revoked, stayed, placed on five (5) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any Schedule II controlled substances and from issuing an oral or written recommendation or approval to possess or cultivate marijuana; must maintain a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 11, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

SOTO, ABIGAIL, M.D. (A 138155), CORONA, CA
Admitted to being convicted of misdemeanor battery against a person with whom she had cohabitated; and unprofessional conduct. License revoked, stayed, and placed on two (2) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must provide sixty (60) hours of medical or non-medical community service; must complete a professionalism program (ethics course); must submit to a psychiatric evaluation; must submit to psychotherapy; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; prohibited from practicing, seeing and/or treating patients at any inpatient facility, including, but not limited to, hospitals and emergency rooms; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; must pay costs associated with probation monitoring; and must pay victim restitution in the amount of $676.57. April 29, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

STANTON, ABIGAIL MARY, M.D. (G 62736) GLENDALE, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of a single patient. Public Reprimand. Must complete a prescribing practices course and a medical record keeping course. April 28, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

SUTTON, MARY KELLY (G 76932), NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI
Committed gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of eight patients. License Revoked. March 25, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

TONG, PATRICK YAT-FU (G 76702), COLUMBIA, MD
Discipline imposed by state of Maryland for acts of unprofessional conduct; incompetence; excessive treatment; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of four patients. License Revoked. February 28, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

TONKS, ROBERT DEAN, M.D. (A 46158), SAN DIEGO, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; and failing to maintain adequate and accurate records in the care and treatment of two patients. Public Reprimand. Must complete an education course and a medical record keeping course. February 24, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

VILLA, FERNANDO LUIS (G 52981), SAN PEDRO, CA
Admitted to failing to comply with a Board-ordered mental and/or physical examination to determine whether he is impaired by a mental or physical illness affecting his competency to safely practice medicine; and unprofessional conduct. License Surrendered. March 10, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

VILLAMOR, ARTURO LO, M.D. (A 85485), DAVIS, CA
Admitted to using alcohol in a dangerous or injurious manner, conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol, and unprofessional conduct. License revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must abstain from use of controlled substances; must abstain from the use of alcohol; must submit to biological fluid testing; must complete a professionalism program (ethics course); must submit to a psychiatric evaluation; must attend psychotherapy; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 7, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

VORPERIAN, ADELINA, M.D. (C 50390), TUJUNGA, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; and failure to maintain adequate and accurate records; and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of three patients. License revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, prohibited from ordering, prescribing, dispensing, administering, furnishing, or possessing any controlled substances, except suboxone and clonazepam; must maintain a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed and any recommendations or approvals to possess or cultivate marijuana; must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, a medical record keeping course, and a professionalism program (ethics course); must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 8, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

WANG, DAVID WEI, M.D. (C 37520), SOUTH PASADENA, CA
Admitted to gross negligence and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of a single patient. License revoked, stayed, and placed on an additional two (2) years' probation, to run consecutive to, and effective immediately upon completion of, the current probationary period. All terms and conditions contained in the previous disciplinary order remain in full force and effect during this new probationary period. Additional terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course and a professionalism program (ethics course). April 11, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

WARING, JOHN TIMOTHY, M.D. (A 109920), CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA
No admissions but charged with repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of four patients. Public Reprimand. Must successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program. February 25, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

WEI, HONGSHENG, M.D. (A 85829), ARCADIA, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of a single patient. February 1, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

WILLIAMS, RANDALL SCOTT, M.D. (G 68885), CHICO, CA
No admissions but was charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient; repeated negligent acts and failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in the care and treatment of three patients; and unprofessional conduct. License revoked, stayed, placed on three (3) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, a prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. February 25, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

WOODHALL, KATRINA ELAINE (A 89622), TEMECULA, CA
Unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of Board-ordered probation. License Surrendered. February 2, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

YANG, MICHAEL ISHU, M.D. (A 112702), SANTA ROSA, CA
Committed repeated negligent acts; dishonesty; and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of three patients. Public Reprimand. Must complete a professionalism program (ethics course) and a professional boundaries program. March 30, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

YANG, YIFAN, M.D. (A 109921), CHULA VISTA, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence in the care and treatment of one patient; and repeated negligent acts in the care and treatment of two patients. Public Reprimand. February 17, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

YAREMA, THOMAS ROBERT, M.D. (C 41819), SOQUEL, CA
No admissions but charged with gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; failing to maintain adequate and accurate records; and unprofessional conduct in the care and treatment of a single patient. License revoked, stayed, and placed on four (4) years' probation. Terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, must complete an education course, prescribing practices course, and a medical record keeping course; must successfully complete a clinical competence assessment program; must obtain a practice monitor; prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses; must reimburse the Board for the costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case in the amount of $6,280.00; and must pay costs associated with probation monitoring. April 6, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

YOUNG, COREY CHAN, M.D. (A 101144), SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Public Letter of Reprimand issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2233 for repeated negligent acts, failure to maintain adequate and accurate records, and unprofessional conduct. February 2, 2022. ***View the decision and the order on the Board's website.***

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