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Medical Board of California

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Executive Summary

The Medical Board of California (Board) continued its focus on the issues of prescription drug abuse and inappropriate prescribing by concentrating on educational opportunities for physicians. In September 2014, the Board hosted a free continuing medical education (CME) course in Los Angeles on Extended-Release and Long-Acting Opioid Analgesics Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (ER/LA Analgesics REMS) that was developed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The course was well attended and physicians were able to obtain three CME credits for the three-hour course. In addition, in November 2014, after numerous Prescribing Task Force meetings with interested parties, significant public comment, and discussions with experts in the field of pain management, the Board approved a new document entitled ***Guidelines for Prescribing Controlled Substances for Pain*** (Guidelines). These Guidelines are intended to educate physicians on effective pain management in California by avoiding undertreatment, overtreatment, or other inappropriate treatment of a patient's pain. The Guidelines' primary objective is improved patient outcomes and reduction of prescription overdose deaths. The new Guidelines contain a significant amount of information and are supplemented with as many resources as practical via the appendices and links to websites that further assist a physician when prescribing controlled substances for pain. Lastly, in May 2015, the Board won State Information Officers Council (SIOC) Awards for both of its public service announcements (PSA), which address the issue of prescription drug abuse and misuse. The ***PSA*** directed to physicians, featuring Board Member Michael Bishop, M.D., won the SIOC Silver Award. The ***PSA*** featuring Olympic gold medalist Natalie Coughlin, directed to consumers, won the SIOC Gold Award.

The Board also continued its goal of transparency for all consumers by sponsoring ***Assembly Bill 1886*** (Eggman, Chapter 285, Statutes of 2014), which changed the requirements for information available on the Board's website regarding physicians. Prior to the passage of this

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Current Physician and Surgeon Licenses by County

Data is for physicians with a renewed and current license excluding those in an inactive, retired, or disabled license status. The breakdown of those license statuses is: California - 2,106, Out of State – 4,265, Total – 6,371.

Alameda	**5,037**	Inyo	**43**	Monterey	**898**	San Luis Obispo	**795**	Trinity	**8**
Alpine	**3**	Kern	**1,098**	Napa	**487**	San Mateo	**2,903**	Tulare	**506**
Amador	**63**	Kings	**127**	Nevada	**244**	Santa Barbara	**1,250**	Tuolumne	**121**
Butte	**490**	Lake	**69**	Orange	**9,856**	Santa Clara	**7,830**	Ventura	**1,792**
Calaveras	**46**	Lassen	**43**	Placer	**1,180**	Santa Cruz	**716**	Yolo	**526**
Colusa	**8**	Los Angeles	**29,118**	Plumas	**22**	Shasta	**420**	Yuba	**44**
Contra Costa	**3,296**	Madera	**214**	Riverside	**3,054**	Sierra	**0**	**Unidentified California county***	**1,590**
Del Norte	**31**	Marin	**1,516**	Sacramento	**4,704**	Siskiyou	**72**		
El Dorado	**311**	Mariposa	**13**	San Benito	**43**	Solano	**940**	**California total**	**108,594**
Fresno	**1,978**	Mendocino	**198**	San Bernardino	**3,905**	Sonoma	**1,438**		
Glenn	**11**	Merced	**249**	San Diego	**10,308**	Stanislaus	**996**	**Out-of-State total**	**23,776**
Humboldt	**270**	Modoc	**6**	San Francisco	**6,202**	Sutter	**191**	**Current licenses total**	**132,370**
Imperial	**144**	Mono	**32**	San Joaquin	**1,094**	Tehama	**45**		

*Due to the location listed in the address of record, the county cannot be identified.

The Mission of the Medical Board of California

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

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bill, most public disciplinary information for physicians could only be posted on the Board's website for 10 years. This Board-sponsored bill allows the Board to post the most serious disciplinary information on the Board's website for as long as it remains public.

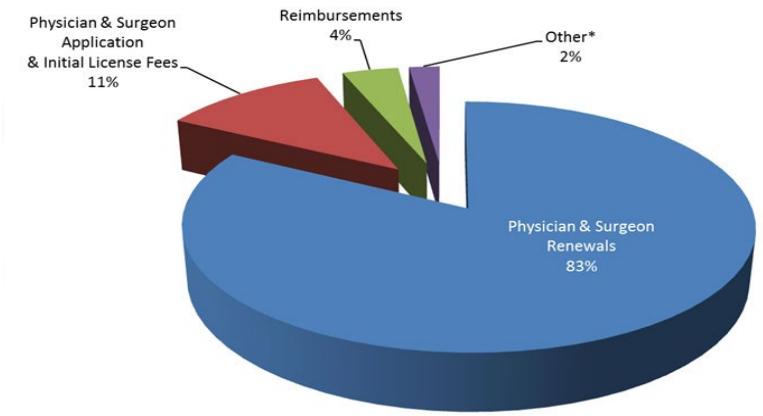
In January 2015, the Board launched a Twitter account to educate consumers and physicians by providing information on the Board's roles, laws, and regulations, as well as providing information on Board events and meetings. Twitter provides outreach on the Board's consumer protection mission to the public and encourages public engagement in the activities of the Board.

Board Members and Board staff participated in the Board's first annual Legislative Day on February 26, 2015. Board Members and staff visited legislative offices to provide Legislative Members with information on the Board and its roles and duties. The Board Members met with the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Business and Professions Committees, as well as other Legislators and legislative staff.

Medical Board of California 2014–2015 Fiscal Year

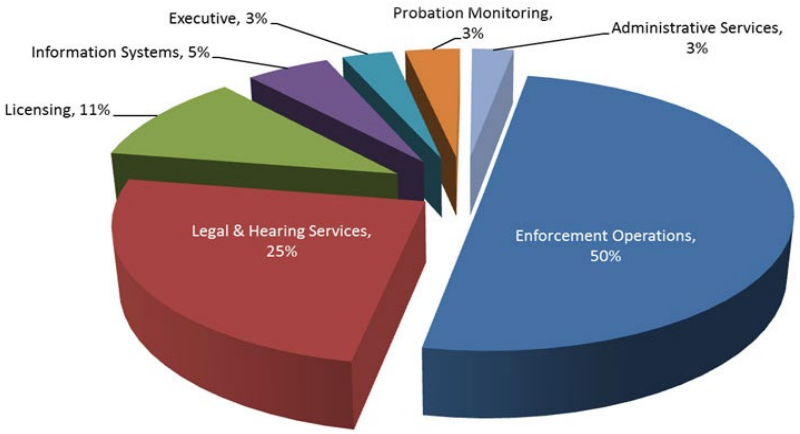
Revenues & Reimbursements

Physician & Surgeon Renewals	$46,962,000	83%
Physician & Surgeon Application & Initial License Fees	$6,420,000	11%
Reimbursements	$2,171,000	4%
Other Regulatory Fees, Delinquency/Penalty/ Reinstatement Fees, Interest on Fund, Miscellaneous*	$1,180,000	2%
Total Receipts	**$56,733,000**	**100%**



Budget Distribution

Enforcement Operations	$30,323,000	50%
Legal & Hearing Services	$14,907,000	25%
Licensing	$6,503,000	11%
Information Systems	$3,155,000	5%
Executive	$1,909,000	3%
Probation Monitoring	$2,065,000	3%
Administrative Services	$1,577,000	3%
Total	**$60,439,000**	**100%**



Licensing Summary

The Board's Licensing Program continues to achieve its mission of protecting the health care of consumers through the proper licensing of physicians and surgeons and certain allied health care professionals. The Licensing Program also issues fictitious name permits, and licenses non-nurse midwives, research psychoanalysts, spectacle and contact lens dispensers, registered dispensing optician businesses, and polysomnographic trainees, technicians and technologists. The Licensing Program also approves

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accreditation agencies that accredit outpatient surgical settings in which general anesthesia is being used.

The Licensing Program issued 5,882 new physician's and surgeon's licenses. This was an increase of 360 (6.5%) more new licenses than the previous fiscal year. The Licensing Program recognized 54 international medical schools pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 13, (CCR) Section 1314.1(a)(1). The Licensing Program was able to perform the initial application review of all physician's and surgeon's applications within the 60 working days regulatory time frame. Staff continues to identify opportunities to streamline and improve the application process and improve the Licensing Program's outreach efforts.

Prior to January 1, 2015, Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 30 required all applicants, prior to being licensed, to have a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN) that allowed the individual to work in the U.S. The passage of Senate Bill 1159 (Lara, Chapter 752), which became effective January 1, 2015, amended BPC section 30 to allow applicants to use a valid U.S. Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) instead of an SSN. Individual applicants who have either a valid SSN or ITIN are now eligible to apply for a license.

On July 1, 2015, the BreEZe system was updated to allow physician's and surgeon's applicants to check certain deficiencies of their application. The information is only for date-forward applications. Applications that were filed prior to July 1, 2015 will be updated to reflect certain deficiencies when additional documents are received and reviewed by staff. This will allow applicants to identify some of the deficient items needed to complete their application without contacting the Board.

Licensing Program Activity

	FY 13-14	**FY 14-15**
Physician Applications Received	6,308	**6,850**
Physician Licenses Issued		
FLEX/USMLE[1]	4,571	**4,808**
NBME[1]	284	**268**
Reciprocity with other states (B&P Code §2135)	667	**806**
Total new licenses issued	5,522	**5,882**
Renewal licenses issued – with fee	59,963	**61,130**
Renewal licenses issued – fee exempt[2]	4,751	**5,181**
Total licenses renewed	64,714	**66,311**
Physician Licenses in Effect[3]		
California address	106,284	**108,594**
Out-of-state address	24, 442	**23,776**
Total	130,726[4]	**132,370[5]**
Fictitious Name Permits		
Issued	1,130[6]	**1,229[7]**
Renewed	3,833	**6,434**
Total number of permits in effect	10,835	**12,242**

1 FLEX: Federation Licensing Exam.
USMLE: United States Medical Licensing Exam.
NBME: National Board Medical Exam.
2 Includes physicians with disabled, retired, military, or voluntary services license status.
3 Excludes physicians with an inactive, retired, or disabled license status.
4 Total Physician Licenses in Effect including inactive, retired or disabled license status – 137,320.
5 Total Physician Licenses in Effect including inactive, retired or disabled license status – 138,741.
6 Includes 26 Fictitious Name Permits issued on behalf of the Board of Podiatric Medicine.
7 Includes 27 Fictitious Name Permits issued on behalf of the Board of Podiatric Medicine.

	FY 13-14	**FY 14-15**
Special Faculty Permits		
Permits issued	1	**3**
Permits renewed	2	**13**
Total active permits	19	**22**
Licensing Enforcement Activity		
Licenses Issued with Public Letter of Reprimand	0	**0**
Probationary license granted	15	**10**
License denied (no hearing requested)	0	**6**
Statement of Issues to deny license filed	4	**6**
Statement of Issues granted (license denied)	3	**2**
Statement of Issues denied (license granted)	0	**1**
Statement of Issues withdrawn	0	**1**

Allied Health Care Professions Licenses/Registrations

	Issued	**Current**
Licensed Midwife	**42**	**361**
Dispensing Optician	**63**	**991**
Contact Lens Dispenser	**81**	**993**
Non-Resident Contact Lens Seller	**0**	**7**
Spectacle Lens Dispenser	**245**	**2,143**
Research Psychoanalyst	**7**	**90**
Polysomnographic Trainee	**25**	**45**
Polysomnographic Technician	**19**	**78**
Polysomnographic Technologist	**46**	**512**
Accreditation Agencies for Outpatient Settings	**0**	**5**

Verification & Reporting Activity Summary

	FY 13-14	**FY 14-15**
License Status Verifications		
Telephone verifications	13,788	**9,763**
Non-verification telephone calls	67,366[1]	**59,880[2]**
Authorized Licensing Verification System (LVS) Internet users	534	**388**
Web license look-up	1,560,289	**1,463,837[3]**
Certification Letters and Letters of Good Standing	8,413	**10,936**
Reporting Activities		
Disciplinary reports mailed to health facilities upon written request pursuant to B&P Code §805.5	323	**144**
Adverse Actions reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)	640[4]	**557[5]**
B&P Code §805 & §805.1 reports of health facility discipline received	105/2[6]	**96/4[7]**

1 Does not include the 8,005 listed under Consumer Inquiries on page v.
2 Does not include the 8,775 listed under Consumer Inquiries on page v.
3 Statistics from Medical Board's 'BreEZe Online License Verification' page.
4 Includes 607 MDs, 13 Doctors of Podiatric Medicine, 15 Physician Assistants, 2 Denials by the Physician Assistant Board, 3 Registered Dispensing Opticians Program, 0 Licensed Midwives and 0 Denials by Licensing Program.
5 Includes 551 MDs, 3 Registered Dispensing Opticians Program, 0 Licensed Midwives and 3 Denials by Licensing Program.
6 Includes 98 805 Reports against MDs, 3 Doctors of Podiatric Medicine and 4 Physician Assistants; 2 805.01 Reports Against MDs.
7 Includes 96 805 Reports and 4 805.01 Reports against MDs.

2014 Licensed Midwife Annual Report Summary[1]

	2013	**2014**
Clients served as primary caregiver at the onset of care	5,052	**5,386**
Clients served with collaborative care available through or given by a licensed physician and surgeon	2,720	**2,763**
Clients served under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon	444	**161**
Planned out-of-hospital births at the onset of labor	3,028	**3,397**
Planned out-of-hospital births completed in an out-of-hospital setting:	2,559	**2,833**
Twin Births	6	**1**
Multiple Births (other than Twin Births)	0	**1**
Breech Births	20	**12**
VBAC (vaginal births after the performance of a Cesarean section)	109	**150**
Complications - Resulting in the mortality of the mother prior to transfer	0	**0**
Complications - Resulting in the mortality of the mother after transfer	0	**0**
Complications - Resulting in the mortality of the infant prior to transfer	3	**2**
Complications - Resulting in the mortality of the infant after transfer	10	**2**
Antepartum - Primary care transferred to another health care practitioner (elective)	308	**401**
Antepartum - Urgent or emergency transport of expectant mother	89	**113**
Intrapartum - Elective hospital transfer	398	**492**
Intrapartum - Urgent or emergency transfer of an infant or mother	58	**69**
Postpartum - Elective hospital transfer of mother	41	**57**
Postpartum - Elective hospital transfer of infant	37	**31**
Postpartum - Urgent or emergency transfer of a mother	42	**37**
Postpartum - Urgent or emergency transfer of an infant	32	**39**

1 Conclusions should not be drawn from this summary as data does not specify whether the death is fetal, intrapartum or neonatal; whether the affected perinate had congenital anomalies incompatible with life; or whether the perinate was born in or out of a hospital. Births are attended by the licensed midwife as the primary caregiver.

Enforcement Summary

On July 1, 2014, the Board established its Complaint Investigation Office (CIO). This unit, comprised of six Special Investigators (non-sworn) and a Supervising Special Investigator I, is tasked with investigating quality of care investigations following a medical malpractice settlement or judgement, cases against physicians charged with or convicted of a criminal offense, and physicians petitioning for reinstatement of a license following revocation or surrender of his or her license. During FY 2014-2015 the Special Investigators in the CIO investigated and closed 296 cases and referred 26 to the Attorney General's (AG's) Office to take disciplinary action against the licensee's physician's and surgeon's license. The 26 referrals accepted by the AG's Office consisted of 12 convictions, 13 Petitions for Reinstatement and one medical malpractice case.

Also on July 1, 2014, in compliance with Senate Bill (SB) 304 (Lieu, Chapter 515, Statutes of 2013), the Board transferred its investigative staff to the new unit within the Department of Consumer Affairs entitled the Health Quality Investigation Unit (HQIU). Therefore, all complaints that require investigation by a sworn investigator are now transmitted to the HQIU for investigation. This law did not change the requirements for these cases to be investigated through the vertical enforcement model and therefore both an investigator and a Deputy Attorney General from the AG's Office are assigned to investigate the violations in the complaint. The Board is responsible for reviewing the outcome of the

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Enforcement Program Action Summary
Physicians & Surgeons

	FY 13-14	**FY 14-15**
Complaints/Investigations[1]		
Complaints received	8,329	**8,267**
Complaints closed by Complaint Unit	5,341	**7,578**
Investigations[1]		
Cases opened	1,562	**1,381**
Cases closed	1,331	**1,469**
Cases referred to the Attorney General (AG)	491	**471**
Cases referred for criminal action	67	**76**
Number of probation violation reports referred to the AG	27	**20**
Consumer Inquiries		
Consumer inquiries	8,005	**8,775**
Jurisdictional inquiries	4,403	**4,826**

[1] Some cases closed were opened in a prior fiscal year.

Physicians & Surgeons Complaints Received by Type & Source	Fraud	Health & Safety[1]	Non-Jurisdictional[2]	Gross Negligence/ Incompetence[3]	Other Category	Personal Conduct[4]	Unprofessional Conduct[5]	Unlicensed/ Unregistered	Total
Public	60	46	369	3,260	22	27	1,549	155	**5,488**
B&P Code[6]	0	8	3	659	112	101	19	0	**902**
Licensee/ Prof. Group[7]	9	14	21	66	11	25	98	24	**268**
Government Agency[8]	6	21	3	106	77	217	374	84	**888**
Misc./Anonymous	16	36	100	210	8	38	213	100	**721**
Totals	**91**	**125**	**496**	**4,301**	**230**	**408**	**2,253**	**363**	**8,267**

[1] Health and Safety complaints, e.g., excessive prescribing, sale of dangerous drugs, etc.
[2] Non-jurisdictional complaints are not under the authority of the Board and are referred to other agencies such as the Department of Health Care Services, Department of Managed Health Care, etc.
[3] Gross Negligence/Incompetence complaints are related to the quality of care provided by licensees.
[4] Personal Conduct complaints, e.g., licensee self-abuse of drugs/alcohol, conviction of a crime, etc.
[5] Unprofessional Conduct complaints include sexual misconduct with patients, discipline by another state, failure to release medical records, etc.
[6] Reference is to B&P Code §800 and §2240(a) and includes complaints initiated based upon reports submitted to the Board by hospitals, insurance companies and others, as required by law, regarding instances of health facility discipline, malpractice judgments/settlements, or other reportable activities.
[7] Licensee/Professional Group includes the following complaint sources: other Licensee, Society/Trade Organization, and Industry.
[8] Governmental Agency includes the following complaint sources: Internal, Law Enforcement Agency, other California State Agency, other State, other Unit of Consumer Affairs, and Federal or other Governmental Agency.

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investigation for approval, but the investigation is now performed outside of the Board's auspices.

When SB 304 became operative on January 1, 2014, it also mandated accredited outpatient surgery settings to submit adverse events to the Board within specified time limits. These reports have to be submitted no later than five days after the adverse event has been detected, or, if that event is an ongoing threat to the health, welfare, or safety of patients, medical personnel or the public, the event must be reported to the Board no later than 24 hours upon discovery. During FY 2014-2015, 104 adverse events were reported including surgical mishaps or deaths, improper use of surgery products or devices, case management errors resulting in poor quality of patient care, environmental circumstances resulting in patient death or disability, or criminal wrongdoings by medical personnel inflicted upon a patient. The Board reviews each adverse event report and takes appropriate action either with the assistance of an approved accreditation agency or through the Board's Enforcement Program.

On January 1, 2015, Assembly Bill 1886 became effective. This bill restructured the statute related to public disclosure information, requiring the Board to restore documents previously removed from its website. Staff in the Board's Discipline Coordination Unit (DCU) identified over 7,000 disciplinary records requiring the posting of public disclosure information to the website. DCU staff worked to scan the related public disciplinary documents and make them available on the Board's website. This legislation provides transparency to the public in requiring the cases with significant disciplinary action to remain on the Board's website as long as they are public, thereby furthering the Board's mission of consumer protection.

Reports Received Based Upon Legal Requirements

	FY 13-14	**FY 14-15**
Medical Malpractice		
Insurers: B&P Code §801.01	570	**476**
Attorneys or Self-Reported or Employers: B&P Code §801.01	145	**125**
Courts: B&P Code §803	6	**2**
Total Malpractice Reports	721	**603**
Coroners' Reports: B&P Code §802.5	2	**5**
Criminal Charges & Convictions: B&P Code §802.1 & §803.5	41	**95**
Health Facility Discipline Reports Medical Cause or Reason: B&P Code §805	98	**96**
Health Facility Reports: B&P Code §805.01	2	**4**
Outpatient Surgery Settings Reports Patient Death: B&P Code §2240(a)	12	**9**

Malpractice Settlement Reports Received Per Business and Professions Code Section 801.01 by Specialty Practice

Specialty/Subspecialty	No. of Reports[1]	No. of Physicians[2]
Allergy and Immunology	1	651
Anesthesiology	24	6,006
Cardiology	13	3,390
Colon and Rectal	6	197
Critical Care	2	1,418
Dermatology	4	2,177
Emergency Medicine	23	4,532
Facial, Plastic, Reconstructive Surgery	1	1,010
Gastroenterology	10	1,725
General/Family Practice	63	10,115
General Surgery	42	4,000
Gynecology	20	6,019
Hematology	2	1,131
Internal Medicine	55	28,415
Neonatal/Perinatal	2	683
Nephrology	15	1,222
Neurological Surgery	20	559
Neurology	3	2,130
Obstetrics	45	6,019
Ophthalmology	13	2,868
Orthopedic Surgery	47	3,420
Otolaryngology	14	1,649
Pain Medicine	4	634
Pathology	4	4,010
Pediatrics	14	10,985
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	1	1,199
Plastic Surgery	21	952
Preventive Medicine	1	1,043
Psychiatry	16	7,458
Pulmonology	1	1,567
Radiology	43	6,399
Rheumatology	2	706
Thoracic Surgery	11	487
Urology	14	1,256
Vascular Surgery	4	311

[1] The procedure was performed in the practice specialty/subspecialty; however, the physician may or may not have been certified in the specialty/subspecialty area.

[2] California physicians certified in specialty according to the 2013-2014 American Board of Medical Specialties Certification Statistics Report.

Enforcement Program Action Summary

Physicians & Surgeons	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
Administrative Actions		
Accusation	273	**310**
Petition to Revoke Probation/Accusation and Petition to Revoke	30	**21**
Amended Accusation/Petition to Revoke	60	**70**
Number of completed investigations referred to the AG awaiting the filing of an Accusation as of June 30, 2015	112	**104**
Number of cases over 6 months old that resulted in the filing of an Accusation	229	**254**
Administrative Outcomes		
Revocation	51	**45**
Surrender (in lieu of Accusation or with Accusation pending)	77	**85**
Suspension	1	**0**
Probation with Suspension	16	**14**
Probation	121	**122**
Probationary License Issued	15	**10**
Public Reprimand	90	**86**
Other Actions (e.g., exam required, educational course, etc.)	4	**3**
Accusation Withdrawn[1]	17	**14**
Accusation Dismissed	0	**10**
Dispositions of Probation Filings		
Probation Revoked or License Surrendered	12	**10**
Additional Suspension and Probation	1	**1**
Additional Suspension or Probation	12	**12**
Public Reprimand	1	**0**
Petition Withdrawn/Dismissed	3	**2**
Referral and Compliance Actions		
Citation and Administrative Fines Issued	45	**5[2]**
Petition Activity		
Petition for Reinstatement of License Filed	14	**7**
Petition for Reinstatement of License Granted	8	**11**
Petition for Reinstatement of License Denied	7	**8**
Petition for Penalty Relief Granted[3]	35	**28**
Petition for Penalty Relief Denied[3]	11	**9**
Petition to Compel Exam Filed	12	**12**
Petition to Compel Exam Granted	12	**12**
Petition to Compel Exam Denied	0	**0**
License Restrictions/Suspensions Imposed While Administrative Action Pending		
Interim Suspension Orders	21	**14[4]**
Temporary Restraining Orders	0	**0[4]**
Other Suspension Orders	53	**38[5]**
License Restrictions/Suspensions/Temporary Restraining Orders Sought and Granted by Case Type		
NOTE: *Some orders granted were sought in prior FY.*	Sought	**Granted**
Gross Negligence/Incompetence	2	**3**
Inappropriate Prescribing	9	**8**
Unlicensed Activity	0	**0**
Sexual Misconduct	6	**5**
Mental/Physical Illness	12	**6**
Self-Abuse of Drugs or Alcohol	12	**11**
Fraud	7	**5**
Criminal Charges/Conviction of a Crime	5	**1**
Unprofessional Conduct	14	**13**
Total	67	**52**

[1] Accusations withdrawn for the following reasons: physician passed a competency exam; physician met stipulated terms and conditions; physician was issued a citation/fine instead; physician died, etc.

[2] Effective 7/1/14, the Board's sworn staff within the Enforcement Program transferred to the Division of Investigation's Health Quality Investigation Unit. The authority to issue a citation by the Enforcement Program was lost due to this transition. The statistic reflects citations issued by the Board's Chief of Licensing only.

[3] Penalty Relief includes Petitions for Modification of Penalty and Petitions for Termination of Probation.

[4] Pursuant to B&P Code §2220.05 (c), ISOs and TROs were granted in the following priority categories: 0-gross negligence/incompetence resulting in death or serious bodily injury, 0-drug or alcohol abuse involving death or serious bodily injury, 1-excessive prescribing, 1-sexual misconduct with a patient, and 1-practicing under the influence of drugs/alcohol.

[5] Includes 4-Automatic Suspension Orders per B&P Code §2236, 7-license restrictions per Penal Code §23, 7-license restrictions pursuant to court order, 11-out-of-state suspension orders per B&P Code §2310, 0-stipulated agreement to suspend or restrict the practice of medicine, and 9-suspension/cease practice orders issued for violation of probation condition.

Enforcement Program Action Summary
Physicians & Surgeons

Reports Per Business and Professions Code Sections 805 & 805.01

	805	805.01
Total Reports Received	96	4
Peer Review Body Type		
Health Care Facility/Clinic	53	4
Surgical Center	1	0
Health Care Service Plan	24	0
Professional Society	0	0
Medical Group/Employer	18	0
Outcomes of Reports Received		
Accusation Filed	0	0
Pending Disposition	30	4
Cases Closed	66	0

Enforcement Processing Time Frames

Average and median time (calendar days) in processing complaints during the fiscal year, for all cases, from date of original receipt of the complaint, for each stage of discipline, through completion of judicial review:

	FY 13-14[1]		FY 14-15	
	AVG	MED	AVG	MED
Complaint Process	67	43	**141**	**113**
Investigation Process (Non-Sworn & Sworn)	245	205	**N/A**	**N/A**
Investigation Process (Non-Sworn)	N/A	N/A	**91**	**57**
Investigation Process (Sworn)	N/A	N/A	**310**	**292**
AG Process (time to file accusation)	110	86	**92**	**66**
Other stages of the legal process (e.g., after charges filed)	443	402	**417**	**382**

[1] The report used to obtain this information does not accurately exclude the days between any closed and reopened activities, resulting in the number of days being greater than the actual number of days to complete these processes.

Enforcement Field Operations Caseload	FY 14-15[1]	
Health Quality Investigation Unit Caseload[2]	**Statewide**	**Per Investigator**
Active investigations	1,087	14
AG assigned cases[3]	465	6
Probation Unit Caseload[4]	**Statewide**	**Per Inspector**
Monitoring Cases[5]	614	36

[1] Average is determined by using the total number of authorized positions, including vacant positions.
[2] Includes physicians and surgeons, licensed midwives, research psychoanalysts, dispensing opticians program, outpatient surgery settings, polysomnographic program, doctors of podiatric medicine, physician assistants, psychologists, and osteopathic physicians and surgeons.
[3] These cases are at various stages of AG processing and may require supplemental investigative work, such as subpoena services, interviewing new victims or witnesses, testifying at hearings, etc.
[4] Includes physicians and surgeons, licensed midwives, research psychoanalysts, and dispensing opticians program.
[5] 89 additional monitoring cases were inactive because the probationer was out of state as of June 30, 2015.

Administrative Outcomes by Case Type[1]

	Revocation	Surrender	Suspension Only	Probation with Suspension	Probation	Probationary License Issued	Public Reprimand	Other Action	**Total Actions**
Gross Negligence/ Incompetence	6	16	0	1	40	0	53	2	**118**
Inappropriate Prescribing	9	15	0	2	18	0	2	1	**47**
Unlicensed Activity	1	3	0	1	4	0	3	0	**12**
Sexual Misconduct	4	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	**11**
Mental/Physical Illness	6	19	0	0	11	0	0	0	**36**
Self-Abuse of Drugs/Alcohol	5	12	0	4	26	0	0	0	**47**
Fraud	3	5	0	2	1	0	0	0	**11**
Conviction of a Crime	1	2	0	1	2	0	6	0	**12**
Unprofessional Conduct	10	11	0	0	18	10	22	0	**71**
Miscellaneous Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Totals by Discipline Type	**45**	**85**	**0**	**14**	**122**	**10**	**86**	**3**	**365**

[1] Pursuant to B&P Code §2220.05(c), disciplinary actions were taken in the following priority categories: 26 - gross negligence/incompetence resulting in death or serious bodily injury, 0 - practicing under the influence resulting in death or serious bodily injury, 26 - excessive prescribing, 7 - sexual misconduct with a patient, and 10 - practicing under the influence of drugs/alcohol.

Enforcement Action Summary

Allied Health Care Professions[1]

	FY 13-14[1]	**FY 14-15[2]**
Complaints/Investigations		
Complaints received	126	**216**
Complaints closed by Complaint Unit	58	**184**
Investigations		
Cases opened	54	**34**
Cases closed	46	**55**
Cases referred to the AG	5	**6**
Cases referred for criminal action	2	**0**
Number of Probation Violation Reports referred to AG	0	**0**
License Restrictions/Suspensions Imposed While Administrative Action is Pending		
Interim Suspension Orders	0	**0**
Other Suspension Orders[2]	0	**1**
Administrative Actions		
Accusation	7	**4**
Petition to Revoke Probation	0	**0**
Amended Accusation/Petition to Revoke Probation	0	**0**
Statement of Issues to deny application	0	**0**
Number of completed investigations referred to AG's Office awaiting the filing of an Accusation as of June 30, 2015	0	**1**

[1] Allied Health Care Professionals include information for the programs under the Board only – licensed midwives, research psychoanalysts, dispensing opticians program, outpatient surgery settings, and polysomnographic program.

[2] Includes 1 license restriction per Penal Code §23 for the dispensing opticians program.

[3] Penalty Relief includes Petitions for Modification of Penalty and Petitions for Termination of Probation.

	FY 13-14[1]	**FY 14-15[2]**
Administrative Outcomes		
Revocation	2	**3**
Surrender (in lieu of Accusation or with Accusation pending)	1	**1**
Probation with Suspension	0	**0**
Probation	0	**1**
Probationary License Issued	0	**0**
Public Reprimand	0	**2**
Other Actions (e.g., exam required, Education course, etc.)	0	**0**
Statement of Issues Granted (License Denied)	0	**0**
Statement of Issues Denied (License Granted)	0	**0**
Accusation/Statement of Issues Withdrawn	0	**0**
Accusation Dismissed	0	**0**
Dispositions of Probation Filings		
Additional Probation or Suspension	0	**0**
Probation Revoked or License Surrendered	0	**0**
Petition Withdrawn or Dismissed	0	**0**
Referral and Compliance Actions		
Citation and Administrative Fines Issued	0	**0**
Office Conferences Conducted	0	**0**
Petition Activity		
Petition for Reinstatement of License filed	0	**0**
Petition for Reinstatement of License granted	0	**1**
Petition for Reinstatement of License denied	0	**0**
Petition for Penalty Relief granted[3]	0	**0**
Petition for Penalty Relief denied[3]	0	**0**
Petition to Compel Exam granted	0	**0**
Petition to Compel Exam denied	0	**0**

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