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Board Passes FSMB Performance Audit

Board Meets or Exceeds all Statutory Obligations

From April through June 2012, the Board of Medical Examiners was audited by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute 630.127 (NRS 630.127). This law makes mandatory a "performance audit" of the Board every eight years, in addition to any other audits required by law, and specifies certain areas to be examined for the methodologies used and the efficiency of those methodologies. The audit was not limited to the methodologies and efficiencies used by the Board, and the audit team had unrestricted access to Board operations. The audit covered the eight-year period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2011, and included an on-site evaluation in May 2012.

The FSMB Audit Team's report to the Legislative Commission, dated 13 July 2012, was held by the Legislative Commission and released to the public 10 September 2012. On 14 September, the Legislative Commission accepted and approved the performance audit.

Prior to the vote to accept the audit, it was noted by the [Nevada] Legislative Counsel Bureau, in introducing the audit, that, among others:

- The Board meets or exceeds all statutory obligations and has employed proper methodologies and efficiencies with regard to the performance measures set forth in NRS 630.127.
- The Board promptly acknowledges receipt of complaints and corresponds regularly with complainants.
- The Board is commended for achieving 100% reporting from Nevada hospitals and medical facilities ... and the FSMB Audit Team applauded the Board for its efforts in reducing from 30 days to 5 days, through legislative action, the reporting of hospital privilege status changes when medical, mental or psychological issues are at hand, or when suspected substance abuse exists.
- The Board's current outreach program demonstrates its continued and deliberate efforts to prevent, remedy and deter unprofessional conduct among its licensees.
- The Board should seek ways to improve the consistency of the medical review process and thereby potentially realize cost savings through restructuring.
- The Board should explore new and innovative ways to reach out and educate the public.
- The Audit Team was pleased to find the 2010 financial audit, conducted in 2011 by an outside, independent audit firm, did not include audit findings*.

**(Note: Since that time, the 2011 financial audit, conducted in 2012, was completed and also did not include any findings.)*

For the full *Report to the Legislative Commission* please visit one of the following websites:

<http://leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Library/HotTopics/index.cfm> or
www.medboard.nv.gov click on Public Information, then click on Reports

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners serves the state of Nevada by ensuring that only well-qualified, competent physicians, physician assistants, respiratory therapists and perfusionists receive licenses to practice in Nevada. The Board responds with expediency to complaints against our licensees by conducting fair, complete investigations that result in appropriate action. In all Board activities, the Board will place the interests of the public before the interests of the medical profession and encourage public input and involvement to help educate the public as we improve the quality of medical practice in Nevada.

FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS (FSMB) CELEBRATES

100 YEARS OF SERVICE: 1912 - 2012

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Welcome to the FSMB Centennial Celebration | 1912 - 2012

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is a national non-profit organization representing 70 medical and osteopathic boards with the United States and its territories. FSMB assists state boards in protecting the public's health, safety and welfare through promotion of high standards for physician licensure and regulation.



The FSMB established in 1912 as a merger of two predecessor organizations representing the interests of medical licensing boards: the National Confederation of State Medical Examining and Licensing Boards, and the American Confederation of Reciprocating Examining and Licensing Boards.



Over the course of a century, the FSMB has grown from a small annual gathering of state board executive officers with no permanent staff or headquarters to a vibrant national organization staffed by nearly 200 employees in Texas and our nation's capital.

Over the past century FSMB has grown in the range of its services to the state medical and osteopathic boards charged with protecting the public health and interests in their respective states. From assessment tools to policy documents, from credentialing to disciplinary alert services, the FSMB has served the interests of its member boards.

We invite you to explore the history of the FSMB through both our [interactive timeline](#) and a written narrative derived from research for the history of the FSMB scheduled for publication in 2012.

Please visit the Federation's Centennial Celebration website at:

<http://www.fsmb.org/centennial/history.html>

NEVADA'S PART IN THE EVOLUTION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS

Dr. Charles Held, M.D., Minden, Nevada, immediate past president of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, served on the Centennial Committee with the FSMB, which produced a summary history for each of the 70 jurisdictions in the Federation. Nevada's mini-history is provided below. To view summary histories for each of the other jurisdictions in the Federation, please visit <http://www.fsmb.org/centennial/>

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NEVADA

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners



In 1859, the first major U.S. silver discovery near Virginia City, Nevada created tremendous excitement and soon generated immense fortunes in and around the state. It took another 40 years before the state legislature enacted its first Medical Practice Act, which created the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners.

The first license was granted in 1899 to W.J. Hood, M.D. In 1976, Dr. Hood's sons, Drs. Arthur and Dwight Hood presented their father's license to the board for its archives. Examples of exams given to applicants in the early 1900s include one on "*Bacteriology and Hygiene*" and another on the "*Practice of Medicine*."

The Medical Practice Act was modernized in 1949, an effort led by Dr. Fred Anderson and board counsel, Alan Bible who later became a longtime U.S. Senator from Nevada. Dr. Tom Scully, board president, led efforts to modernize the act a second time in 1985. The revision included three major advances still in effect today:

- Investigations are exempt from open meeting laws.
- Physician discipline can include participation in drug and alcohol programs, supervision of medical practice and imposition of additional training and community service.
- Three years of postgraduate medical training is required for licensure.

The board's authority has expanded over time. Physician assistants were added as licensees of the board in 1973. Respiratory therapists were added in 2001 and perfusionists were added in 2009.

Dr. Susan Buchwald became the board's first female president in 1996 and Mr. Arnie Rosencrantz became the board's first public-member president two years later.

The FSMB awarded the Nevada board's Executive Director Larry Lessly its Distinguished Service Award in 2004 and Administrators in Medicine awarded the Nevada board's Chief of Investigations, Douglas C. Cooper, its national Ronald K. Williamson Memorial Award for Board Investigators in 2007. In 2009, Mr. Cooper became the first certified medical board investigator to be named executive director of a state medical board.*

BOARD MEMBER NEWS

CLARK AND NEYLAND REAPPOINTED

Valerie J. Clark, BSN, RHU, LUTCF, and Beverly A. Neyland, M.D. were reappointed by Governor Brian Sandoval to the Board of Medical Examiners on May 23, 2012 and October 16, 2012, respectively. The term for Ms. Clark's appointment is 7/1/2012 to 6/30/2016 and Dr. Neyland's term is 10/16/2012 to 8/30/2016.

LICENSE RENEWAL REMINDER

Online licensure renewal will begin in April of 2013, to include Medical Doctors, Physician Assistants, Practitioners of Respiratory Care and Perfusionists.

Please ensure that the Board has your current mailing address as renewal postcards will be mailed on or about March 28, 2013. Your postcard will contain your individual renewal ID (pin) number allowing you access to the online renewal system.

Please also ensure that you will have completed the required continuing medical education (CME)/continuing education units (CEU) needed for license renewal. In the event you are included in the CME/CEU audit, you will be required to provide proof of your current CME/CEU, two hours of which must be in medical ethics. If you are included in the audit, a colored signal banner will be noted on your online record. Your license will not be renewed without your submission of CME/CEU completion.

To review license specific CME/CEU requirements, please visit the Board's website at www.medboard.nv.gov

BOARD MEMBERS

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., *President*
Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., *Vice President*
Valerie J. Clark, BSN, RHU, LUTCF, *Secretary-Treasurer*
Beverly A. Neyland, M.D.
Michael J. Fischer, M.D.
Donna A. Ruthe
Sue Lowden
Bashir Chowdhry, M.D.
Wayne Hardwick, M.D.
Douglas C. Cooper, CMBI, *Executive Director*

BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

At its June 2012 quarterly meeting, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners re-elected Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., a practicing plastic surgeon from Las Vegas, as Board President, and Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., a practicing cardiologist from Reno, as Board Vice President. Valerie J. Clark, BSN, RHU, LUTCF, a public member of the Board, was re-elected Board Secretary-Treasurer. The terms of office are for one year.

UNLICENSED PRACTICE

The Board of Medical Examiners is participating with the Boards of Pharmacy, Cosmetology, Nursing and Dentistry in developing a unified approach to addressing the issue of the unlicensed (and criminal) practice of medicine, pharmacy, cosmetology, nursing and dentistry in Nevada. Through the efforts of former Attorney General for the state of Nevada, Frankie Sue Del Papa, on behalf of the state Health Division, and in a coordinated approach with the University of Nevada Latino Center, outreach education, information, enhanced efforts in enforcement and legislative initiatives are currently being developed. Look for the Board's new brochure on its mission and function, processes, contact information for all health care licensing boards, and warnings and reporting mechanisms for the unlicensed practice of medicine, soon to be on the website. The Board will also distribute the brochure, which will be in English and Spanish, to more active patient care centers. If you would like brochures for your office or your group, please contact Douglas C. Cooper, Executive Director, at dcnsbme@medboard.nv.gov, or by phone at 775-688-2559. (SEE RELATED ARTICLE, Page 5)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

If you are interested in discussing the community outreach program or scheduling a presentation, please contact: Douglas C. Cooper, CMBI, Executive Director of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, at dcnsbme@medboard.nv.gov or by calling 775-688-2559.

BOARD PARTNERS WITH UNR'S LATINO RESEARCH CENTER TO COMBAT UNLICENSED PRACTICE

by: Libi Anders, NSBME Latino Outreach Liaison

The Board has formed a collaborative effort with the University of Nevada, Reno Latino Research Center in response to their '*No a los Medicos Clandestinos*' campaign to combat unlicensed practice in the Hispanic community.

A recently revised Spanish edition of the Board's 'Consumer Information' brochure was given to the Latino Research Center for wide distribution around campus. The pamphlet has a newly added panel on the backside entitled, "Unlicensed Practice" or "Ejercicio De La Medicina Sin Licencia." This particular section suggests patients verify a physician is licensed to practice medicine in Nevada and includes hotline '211' to report suspected unlicensed practice. The brochure will be mainly distributed through the UNR medical clinic, as well as to several other departments such as the Community Health Sciences, Medical and Nursing Schools.

Emma Sepulveda, PhD., Foundation Professor and Director of the Latino Research Center said she is "excited" about the partnership. A statement issued by her office said, "We are looking forward to the impact and difference that the distribution of the campaign materials and the information from the Board will make not only in the state of Nevada ...but will also serve as a model for other states to follow."

Dr. Sepulveda expressed deep concern over the unlicensed practice running rampant throughout the Latino community at this time. "There are people having surgeries in their homes and they think it's ok," she said. "I hear stories daily," she continued.

Fear of authority is a major reason many immigrants choose not to seek licensed medical practitioners in the United States. The real issue is to get the Latino community to "trust the medical system here," Dr. Sepulveda stated. She explained that Latinos, like many Europeans, traditionally go to a local pharmacy in their country for medical help and not a medical doctor. To Latinos, pharmacies provide not only medical advice but also a sense of community, which is a very important part of the culture. "This is what they know and trust," she said.

Another major issue is the language barrier that exists when Latinos do go to English-only speaking licensed medical practitioners. Medical procedures and medical language can get 'lost in translation' when an explanation of services and/or surgeries needs to be rendered, even by a Spanish-speaking staff member.

In response to what Dr. Sepulveda called, 'a continuing problem' amongst the Latino community in Nevada, the Latino Research Center launched their '*No a los Medicos Clandestinos*' campaign earlier this year. Information for this project can be found on their website, which includes two brochures and a resource section.

To this end, the Board has asked the Center to add our contact information and brochure to their website resource section. A doctor verification link to the Board's website will also be added so community members can click through and verify their medical practitioner is licensed in the state of Nevada. The Board is also reaching out to various agencies, businesses and groups for further distribution of our new Spanish brochures.

More information about the Latino Research Center can be found at:

<http://www.unr.edu/latinocenter/>

<http://www.unr.edu/latinocenter/medicosclandestinos/index.html>

Immunize Nevada Offers Low-Cost Immunization Trainings for Medical Assistants



Immunize Nevada, a diverse statewide coalition of individuals and organizations working together to raise awareness about immunizations, offers free vaccine administration trainings for medical assistants. Provider education is a primary role of the non-profit organization, and there are currently no state guidelines requiring education for medical assistants in proper vaccine administration, storage and handling. To help fill this education gap, Immunize Nevada, in partnership with the Nevada State Immunization Program, developed an intensive, comprehensive course, unlike anything else available in the state.

The medical assistant trainings are approximately 2.5 hours and focus on all aspects of vaccines. In less than two years, Immunize Nevada has trained almost 225 medical assistants working in pediatrics, family practice and community health clinics throughout the state, with an average increase of 30 percent proficiency upon course completion. This double-digit increase verifies the need for this training and the value medical assistants receive by attending. These results also demonstrate the importance of training medical assistants in safe and proper vaccine administration, thereby empowering them with the necessary skills to be confident when administering vaccines to Nevada citizens. In order for Nevada's immunization rates to improve, it is important for medical assistants to continue to be a part of the workforce that make immunizations more accessible.

Trainings are available on site for six or more medical assistants, and can be scheduled throughout the year. In addition, large group trainings are held statewide four times annually. The cost to attend this training is \$15 and includes course materials. If you are interested in scheduling training at your office, please contact Tina Vesely, RN, Clinical Services Manager, at Tina@immunizenevada.org or 775-870-4335. You can also text IMMUNIZENV to 22828 to join our mailing list to receive updates, program news and information about our monthly webinars.

Health Division Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance: Do I Need A Laboratory License?

Physicians' offices and other businesses that would like to offer laboratory tests to their clients, including:

- Glucose (blood sugar) testing;
- Drug Screen testing;
- Urine testing (urinalysis); or
- Any other test that meets the definition of a test in Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 652.143,

must choose from two options, offered on the Health Division's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance website, before determining whether their office or business must be licensed as a medical laboratory and/or will need to develop a policy and procedure outline.

Please check the website for instructions, scenarios and Nevada Administrative Codes (NAC) and Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) for reference: <http://health.nv.gov/HCQC/DoINeedALaboratoryLicense.pdf>.

For general information on the HCQC Medical Laboratory Services please check the website at: http://health.nv.gov/HCQC_Medical.htm.

Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) & Controlled Substance Abuse Prevention

In 2007, amended statute **NRS 639.23507** made clear the means by which practitioners can assess whether a patient may be pursuing a controlled substance for illegal or improper usage. The statute states if a practitioner has a reasonable belief a patient may be seeking a controlled substance, listed in schedule II, III or IV, in whole or part for any reason other than the treatment of an existing medical condition and: 1) the patient is new to the practitioner; or 2) the patient has not received any prescription for a controlled substance from a practitioner in the preceding 12 months, the practitioner must run a patient utilization report. This report is provided by the State Board of Pharmacy (NRS 453.1545). Before writing a prescription for a controlled substance, the practitioner must check the patient report for the preceding 12-month period to help assess whether the prescription is medically necessary.

Please request an account for the Prescription Monitoring Program at:

<https://rpt.pmp.relayhealth.com/nv/>

- 1) Click Request Account.
- 2) Complete the required information.
- 3) Account approval will take approximately 24 hours.
- 4) You will receive a temporary password by email.
- 5) Log in with the temporary password and you will be prompted to change your password.

To request a patient report:

- 1) Select Reporting, Reports, Patient Profile – Detail.
- 2) Enter only the patient's first name, last name and date of birth, number of days in the report period you are requesting and click View.
- 3) When the report appears on the screen, export it to PDF format using the Adobe icon. You will be prompted to Open, Save or Cancel

If you need help:

- 1.) Please refer to the Report Retrieval Guide found by clicking Support and Registration Information on the login page.
- 2.) Call 775-687-5694, or
- 3.) E-mail: ladams@pharmacy.nv.gov

**Get on top of prescription drug abuse!
Get an account and be proactive!**

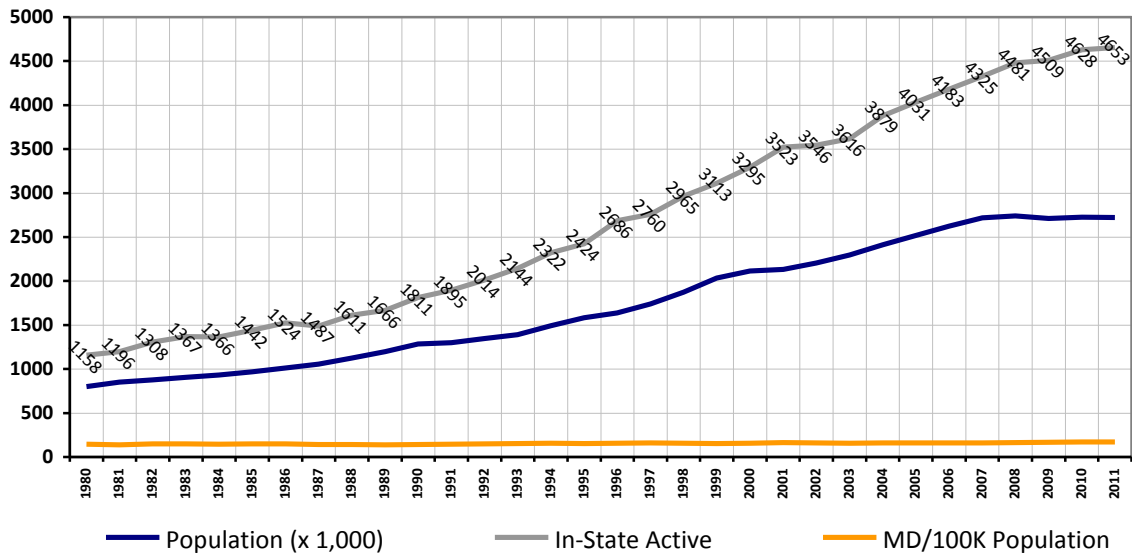
2011 ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

The Board licenses physicians, physician assistants, respiratory therapists and perfusionists. In 2011, the Board issued the following new licenses:

Practice	
Physicians	477
Physician Assistants	79
Respiratory Therapists	172
Perfusionists	3

In 2011, the ratio of physicians to 100,000 population* increased only slightly over the previous year. The following graph shows the growth of the state’s population (measured in thousands so that the trend line will fit on the graph, and last reported at 2,721,794), the growth in the state’s active, in-state physician population (in absolute numbers), and the ratio of physicians to population (measured as physician per 100,000 population). From 1980 through 1992, the ratio of physicians to 100,000 population was relatively static, staying between 140 and 151 physicians per 100,000 population throughout these years. From 1993 through 2007, the ratio increased, averaging between 153 to 161 physicians per 100,000. In 2008, the ratio increased to 164; in 2009 it increased to 166; and in 2010, the ratio increased again, to 170. In 2011, the ratio increased to 171.

Comparison of Population With In-State Active Physicians



*Population statistics provided by the Nevada State Demographer, University of Nevada.

The growth in physician licensure for active, in-state physicians in 2011 was 0.5% over 2010. The following table is a county-by-county breakdown of physician licenses for the last ten years. Notable on the table is the overall stasis in the state's counties, with only Clark County showing slight growth.

Physician Licensure Counts (2002-2011)

County	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Carson City	137	141	141	143	144	140	142	143	151	158
Churchill	21	24	25	24	22	21	23	22	20	22
Clark	2321	2366	2578	2729	2850	2949	3060	3086	3186	3207
Douglas	72	74	82	79	82	93	97	85	84	87
Elko	48	41	41	42	41	41	46	45	46	48
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Humboldt	6	7	6	6	7	9	9	10	9	10
Lander	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2
Lincoln	3	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Lyon	14	15	12	11	13	13	11	14	13	15
Mineral	6	4	6	6	5	6	5	6	6	5
Nye	21	22	23	20	18	19	17	16	15	16
Pershing	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	2
Storey	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Washoe	879	903	944	952	981	1017	1056	1064	1081	1069
White Pine	11	11	12	12	12	11	8	10	9	10
In-State Active Status	3546	3616	3879	4031	4183	4325	4481	4509	4628	4653
Out-of-State Active Status	991	956	1206	1076	1388	1309	1655	1577	1888	1757
TOTAL ACTIVE STATUS	4537	4572	5085	5107	5571	5634	6136	6086	6516	6410
Inactive & Retired Statuses	1010	902	898	833	834	776	760	781	770	758
TOTAL LICENSED (Active, Inactive & Retired Statuses)	5547	5474	5983	5940	6405	6410	6896	6867	7286	7168

The number of physician assistants increased by 2.5% in 2011. The locale of physician assistants trends similarly to the locale of physicians statewide, as is shown on the following table. As with physicians, there was notable stasis in the state's counties, with only Clark County showing slight growth.

Physician Assistant Licensure Counts (2002-2011)

County	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Carson City	11	9	9	12	14	15	15	14	13	16
Churchill	3	5	6	5	3	6	7	6	4	6
Clark	153	173	215	230	262	271	307	310	332	342
Douglas	4	6	4	8	10	15	15	10	11	9
Elko	7	3	3	3	7	7	6	5	5	5
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Humboldt	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Lander	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Lincoln	0	0	1	1	2	3	2	3	3	3
Lyon	1	1	4	4	4	2	4	5	6	6
Mineral	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Nye	8	5	7	10	10	6	10	6	7	4
Pershing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Storey	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Washoe	30	41	48	61	71	76	83	82	91	91
White Pine	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL ACTIVE STATUS	223	248	302	339	389	407	455	446	476	488

The number of respiratory therapists increased by 4.6% in 2011. Most of the growth was focused in Clark and Washoe Counties.

Respiratory Therapist Licensure Counts (2002-2011)

County	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Carson City	14	10	11	9	10	9	10	12	12	12
Churchill	4	8	9	8	9	8	8	5	5	4
Clark	449	491	557	557	640	655	743	798	880	920
Douglas	19	13	13	12	14	16	18	20	20	18
Elko	6	5	5	7	10	7	7	5	6	8
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	10	5	6	3	3	5	5	4	4	5
Lander	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	1
Lincoln	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
Lyon	16	18	19	19	19	19	20	16	18	15
Mineral	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	2
Nye	15	7	10	11	10	11	8	10	11	13
Pershing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Storey	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Washoe	154	152	163	151	153	154	163	160	176	192
White Pine	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	4	3
TOTAL ACTIVE STATUS	748	719	803	787	878	892	993	1037	1140	1193

The number of perfusionists decreased by 3.8% in 2011.

Perfusionist Licensure Count (2010-2011)*

County	2010	2011
Carson City	1	1
Churchill	0	0
Clark	20	19
Douglas	0	0
Elko	0	0
Esmeralda	0	0
Eureka	0	0
Humboldt	0	0
Lander	0	0
Lincoln	0	0
Lyon	0	0
Mineral	0	0
Nye	0	0
Pershing	0	0
Storey	0	0
Washoe	5	5
White Pine	0	0
TOTAL ACTIVE STATUS	26	25

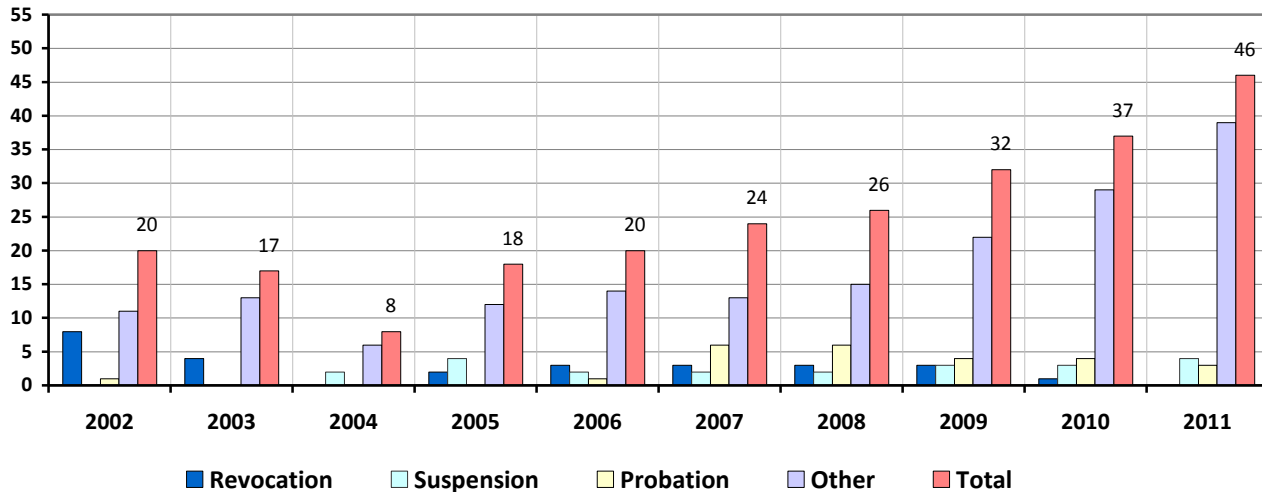
*In 2009, the Nevada State Legislature passed legislation requiring that all perfusionists must be licensed. No perfusionists were licensed by the Board prior to 2010.

Complaints, Investigations and Discipline

The upward trend in complaints processed by the Board continued in 2011.

In 2011, the Board opened 828 investigations, closed 687 investigations (many of which, of course, originated in preceding years) and imposed 46 disciplinary actions in 45 matters. The graph below shows the number and types of discipline imposed by the Board regarding physicians for the last ten years. As the graph indicates, the number of disciplinary matters coming before the Board has continued to increase over the last seven years.

Disciplinary Actions Taken Against Medical Doctors*

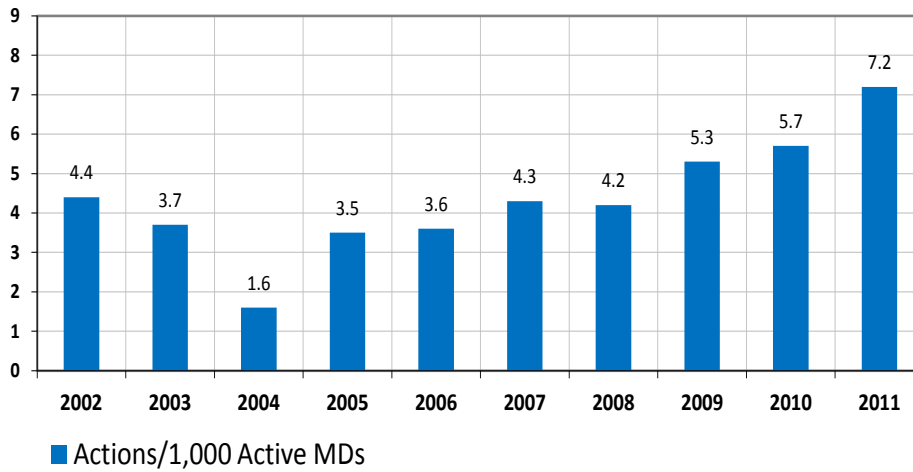


Note: Other actions include: Voluntary Surrender of License While Under Investigation, License Restriction, Public Reprimand, Licensure Denial, CME Ordered, Drug or Alcohol Treatment Program Ordered, and Competency Exam Ordered.

*Any discrepancy in these numbers from a report published by any other source is due to: (1) differences in verbiage or categorization; or (2) differences in the number of actions taken per practitioner.

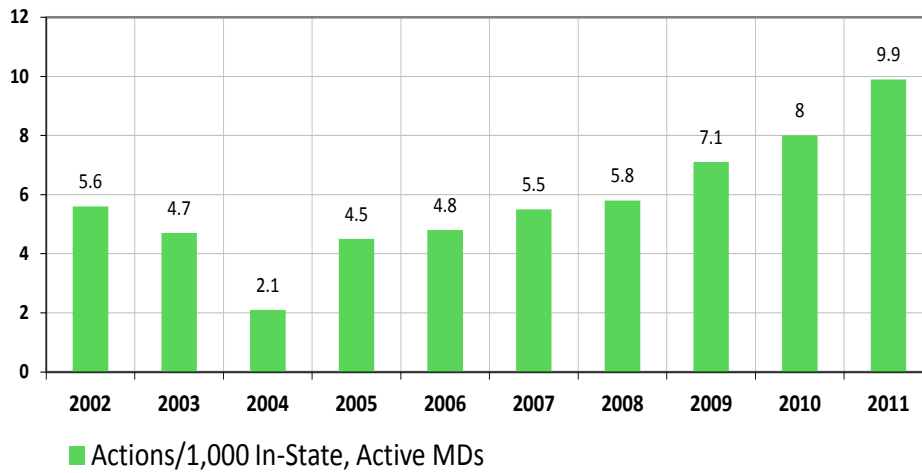
The graph below shows the rate of disciplinary actions taken by the Board per 1,000 active-status licensed physicians for the last ten years.

Rate of Disciplinary Actions Per All Licensed Active-Status Medical Doctors



The graph below shows the rate of disciplinary actions taken by the Board per 1,000 in-state, active-status, licensed physicians for the last ten years.

Rate of Disciplinary Actions Per In-State, Active-Status Medical Doctors



Investigations Per Specialty 2010 & 2011

This is a follow up to the 'Who Was Investigated and Who Filed Complaints' abstract from the June 2012 Newsletter.

*The numbers reported below may include multiple providers on one complaint therefore, reported case counts and reported totals by specialty will not match. A "no mention" indicates no complaints for a specialty in that year.

2011 INVESTIGATIONS

Specialty:

Addiction Medicine	3
Ambulatory Medicine	1
Anesthesiology	41
Cardiovasc Diseases	33
Child Psychiatry	1
Dermatology	12
Emergency Medicine	45
Endocrinology	4
Family Medicine	9
Family Practice	82
Gastroenterology	30
General Practice	10
Geriatrics	1
Gynecology	7
Hospitalist	1
Infectious Diseases	5
Infertility	3
Internal Medicine	145
Maternal/Fetal Medicine	3
Neo/Perinatal Med	6
Nephrology	6
Neurology	16
Neuroradiology	1
Nuclear Medicine	1
Obstetrics	1
Obstetrics/Gynecology	78
Oncology	1
Oncology,Gynecologic	3
Oncology,Hematology	6
Oncology,Radiation	6
Ophthalmology	24
Otolaryngology	7
Pain Management	27
Pathology	1
Pathology,Anatomic	2
Pathology,Forensic	1

2010 INVESTIGATIONS

Specialty:

Allergy	1
Allergy/Immunology	2
Anesthesiology	37
Bariatrics	1
Cardiovasc Diseases	32
Child Psychiatry	1
Cosmetic Medicine	1
Critical Care	1
Dermatology	10
Emergency Medicine	53
Emergency/Critical Care/Trauma	1
Endocrinology	6
Family Medicine	11
Family Practice	77
Gastroenterology	23
General Practice	12
Gynecology	7
Hospice and Palliative Medicine	1
Infectious Diseases	1
Infertility	1
Internal Medicine	166
Maternal/Fetal Medicine	2
Neo/Perinatal Med	2
Nephrology	6
Neurology	14
Obstetrics/Gynecology	49
Oncology,Gynecologic	2
Oncology,Hematology	2
Oncology,Radiation	2
Ophthalmology	24
Otolaryngology	11
Pain Management	26
Pathology,Anatomic	2
Pathology,Clinical	1
Pediatrics	33
Peds,Critical Care	2

2011 INVESTIGATIONS

Specialty:	
Pediatrics	29
Peds/Critical Care	2
Peds,Emergency Medicine	1
Peds,Hemat/Oncology	1
Peds,Neurology	2
Physical Med/Rehab	20
Physician Assistant	39
Practitioner of Respiratory Care	28
Psychiatry	17
Public Health	2
Pulmonary Diseases	9
Radiology	4
Radiology,Diagnostic	24
Radiology,Interventional	3
Radiology,Therapeut	1
Rheumatology	1
Surgery,Cardiothoracic	2
Surgery,Cardiovasc	8
Surgery,Colon/Rectal	2
Surgery,Cosmetic	1
Surgery,General	57
Surgery,Hand	2
Surgery,Maxillofac	3
Surgery,Neurological	18
Surgery,Oncologic	1
Surgery,Orthopedic	52
Surgery,Plastic	15
Surgery,Traumatic	2
Surgery,Urologic	4
Surgery,Vascular	6
Urgent Care	2
Urology	39
No Specialty Listed/Not Licensed	8
TOTAL	1028

2010 INVESTIGATIONS

Specialty:	
Peds,Endocrinology	1
Peds,Hemat/Oncology	5
Peds,Infectious Dis	1
Peds,Neurology	2
Peds,Urology	1
Physical Med/Rehab	31
Physician Assistant	39
Practitioner of Respiratory Care	20
Preventative Medicine	2
Psychiatry	23
Pulmonary Diseases	11
Radiology	3
Radiology,Diagnostic	13
Radiology,Interventional	1
Radiology,Therapeut	4
Rheumatology	3
Sleep Disorders	1
Surgery,Cardiothoracic	1
Surgery,Cardiovasc	9
Surgery,Colon/Rectal	2
Surgery,General	42
Surgery,Hand	9
Surgery,Maxillofac	3
Surgery,Neurological	11
Surgery,Oncologic	1
Surgery,Orthopedic	52
Surgery,Plastic	21
Surgery,Thoracic	4
Surgery,Transplant	1
Surgery,Traumatic	2
Surgery,Urologic	2
Surgery,Vascular	3
Urgent Care	3
Urology	15
No Specialty Listed/Not Licensed	11
TOTAL	976

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE STATS 2011

Investigative Committee A

Total Cases Considered	473
Total Cases Authorized for Filing of Formal Complaint (to be Published)	39
Total Cases Authorized for Peer Review	10
Total Cases Requiring an Appearance	44
Total Cases Authorized for a Letter of Concern	81
Total Cases Authorized for Further Follow-up or Investigation	9
Total Cases Reviewed for Compliance	1
Total Cases Authorized for Closure	289

Investigative Committee B

Total Cases Considered	381
Total Cases Authorized for Filing of Formal Complaint (to be Published)	19
Total Cases Authorized for Peer Review	13
Total Cases Requiring an Appearance	29
Total Cases Authorized for a Letter of Concern	76
Total Cases Authorized for Further Follow-up or Investigation	7
Total Cases Reviewed for Compliance	0
Total Cases Authorized for Closure	237

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE STATS 2012 – YEAR TO DATE (10/2012)

Investigative Committee A, Year to Date

Total Cases Considered	344
Total Cases Authorized for Filing of Formal Complaint (to be Published)	21
Total Cases Authorized for Peer Review	31
Total Cases Requiring an Appearance	18
Total Cases Authorized for a Letter of Concern	82
Total Cases Authorized for Further Follow-up or Investigation	6
Total Cases Reviewed for Compliance	1
Total Cases Authorized for Closure	185

Investigative Committee B, Year to Date

Total Cases Considered	289
Total Cases Authorized for Filing of Formal Complaint (to be Published)	10
Total Cases Authorized for Peer Review	28
Total Cases Requiring an Appearance	25
Total Cases Authorized for a Letter of Concern	61
Total Cases Authorized for Further Follow-up or Investigation	7
Total Cases Reviewed for Compliance	0
Total Cases Authorized for Closure	158

LICENSING STATS 2011

In 2011, the Board issued the following total licenses:

- 494 physician licenses
- 101 limited licenses for residency training
- 79 physician assistant licenses
- 172 practitioner of respiratory care licenses
- 3 perfusionist licenses

LICENSING STATS

2012 – YEAR TO DATE (10/2012)

For the year to date, the Board has issued the following licenses:

- 358 physician licenses
- 111 limited licenses for residency training
- 55 physician assistant licenses
- 112 practitioner of respiratory care licenses
- 3 perfusionist licenses

NOTIFICATION OF ADDRESS CHANGE, PRACTICE CLOSURE AND LOCATION OF RECORDS

Pursuant to NRS 630.254, all licensees of the Board are required to "maintain a permanent mailing address with the Board to which all communications from the Board to the licensee must be sent." A licensee must notify the Board in writing of a change of permanent mailing address within 30 days after the change. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of a fine or initiation of disciplinary proceedings against the licensee.

Please keep in mind that the address you provide will be viewable by the public on the Board's website.

Additionally, if you close your practice in Nevada, you are required to notify the Board in writing within 14 days after the closure, and for a period of 5 years thereafter, keep the Board apprised of the location of the medical records of your patients.

WHOM TO CALL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Management:	Douglas C. Cooper, CMBI Executive Director
	Edward O. Cousineau, J.D. Deputy Executive Director/Legal
	Donya Jenkins Financial Manager
Administration:	Laurie L. Munson, Chief
Legal:	Bradley O. Van Ry, J.D. General Counsel
	Erin L. Albright, J.D. Deputy General Counsel
Licensing:	Lynnette L. Daniels, Chief
Investigations:	Pamela J. Castagnola, CMBI, Chief

2012 BME MEETING & HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January 2 – New Year's Day holiday (*observed*)
January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday
February 20 – Presidents' Day holiday
March 9-10 – Board meeting
May 28 – Memorial Day holiday
June 8-9 – Board meeting
July 4 – Independence Day holiday
September 3 – Labor Day holiday
September 7-8 – Board meeting
October 26 – Nevada Day holiday
November 12 – Veterans' Day holiday (*observed*)
November 22-23 – Thanksgiving/family day holiday
November 30-December 1 – Board meeting
December 25 – Christmas holiday

2013 BME MEETING & HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January 1 – New Year's Day holiday
January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday
February 18 – Presidents' Day holiday
March 8-9 – Board meeting
May 27 – Memorial Day holiday
June 7-8 – Board meeting
July 4 – Independence Day holiday
September 2 – Labor Day holiday
September 6-7 – Board meeting
October 25 – Nevada Day holiday
November 11 – Veterans' Day holiday
November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving/family day holiday
December 6-7 – Board meeting
December 25 – Christmas holiday

Unless otherwise noted, Board meetings are held at the Reno office of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and videoconferenced to the conference room at the offices of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners/Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, 6010 S. Rainbow Blvd., Building A, Suite 1, in Las Vegas.

Hours of operation of the Board are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT

ACOSTA, Emmanuel, M.D. (10462)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Suspension of Dr. Acosta's medical license in Kentucky on the basis that Dr. Acosta's practice of medicine in Kentucky constituted a danger to the health, welfare and safety of patients, and Dr. Acosta's medical practice in Nevada being in the same specialty and field as that leading to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure's action.

Statutory Authority: NRS 630.326(1) [risk of imminent harm to the health, safety or welfare of the public or any patient served by the physician].

Action Taken: On August 13, 2012, the Investigative Committee summarily suspended Dr. Acosta's license until further order of the Investigative Committee or the Board of Medical Examiners.

BARARIA, Vinay Kumar, M.D. (11355)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged violation of the terms of a pretrial release by a federal district court, including illegal sales of controlled substances and blatant violation of federal and state controlled substance prescribing laws.

Statutory Authority: NRS 630.326(1) [risk of imminent harm to the health, safety or welfare of the public or any patient served by the physician].

Action Taken: On July 24, 2012, the Investigative Committee summarily suspended Dr. Bararia's license until further order of the Investigative Committee or the Board of Medical Examiners.

BECK, Samuel, M.D. (10416)
Reno, Nevada

Summary: Alleged false and deceptive advertising and administering controlled substances purchased over the Internet from Canadian pharmacies that did not utilize a Nevada certified website and were not licensed by the state of Nevada or certified by the Nevada Board of Pharmacy.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.304(2) [advertising the practice

of medicine in a false, deceptive or misleading manner]; one violation of NRS 630.306(2)(a) [engaging in any conduct which is intended to deceive]; one violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute]; one violation of NRS 630.306(3) [administering, dispensing or prescribing any controlled substance to others except as authorized by law].

Disposition: On September 7, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Beck violated NRS 630.306(3), as set forth in Count IV of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) complete 12 hours of continuing medical education (CME) regarding ethics, or other medically related subject matter, 6 to be in person; (3) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution. Counts I, II and III of the Complaint were dismissed.

BLANCO-CUEVAS, Neri, M.D. (10819)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice related to Dr. Blanco-Cuevas' treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On September 7, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Blanco-Cuevas violated NRS 630.301(4), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) public reprimand; (2) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution.

BOYD, Susan L., M.D. (7944)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice related to Dr. Boyd's treatment of three patients, and failure to maintain medical records.

Charges: Three violations of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On September 7, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement

agreement by which it found Dr. Boyd violated NRS 630.306(1) [failure to maintain, timely, legible, accurate and complete records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient] (two counts) and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) public reprimand; (2) complete ten hours CME regarding medical record keeping; (3) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution.

CHEN, Eugene Yu-Tze, M.D. (6251)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Disciplinary action taken against Dr. Chen's medical license in Texas, alleged failure to report said disciplinary action to the Board and alleged failure to maintain appropriate medical records related to Dr. Chen's treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.304(1) [obtaining, maintaining or renewing or attempting to obtain, maintain or renew a license to practice medicine by bribery, fraud or misrepresentation or by any false, misleading, inaccurate or incomplete statement]; one violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]; one violation of NRS 630.306(2)(a) [engaging in any conduct which is intended to deceive]; one violation of NRS 630.306(11) [failure to report in writing, within 30 days, disciplinary action taken against him in Texas]; and one violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken against his medical license in Texas].

Disposition: On September 7, 2012, the Board found Dr. Chen violated NRS 630.304(1), NRS 630.301(9) and NRS 630.306(11), as set forth in Counts I, II and V of the First Amended Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) complete ten hours CME regarding medical ethics; (3) be assessed costs and

expenses of investigation and prosecution. Counts III, IV and VI of the First Amended Complaint were dismissed.

CHOPRA, Gobinder Singh, M.D. (8963)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged failure to maintain appropriate medical records and failure to disclose to the Board, as required, the investigation and charges against him by the Department of Health and Human Services related to Medicare billing issues.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.304(1) [obtaining, maintaining or renewing or attempting to obtain, maintain or renew a license to practice medicine by bribery, fraud or misrepresentation or by any false, misleading, inaccurate or incomplete statement]; one violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1), [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On September 7, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Chopra violated NRS 630.3062(1), as set forth in Count III of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,000 fine; (3) complete ten hours in-person CME regarding medical records and/or billing; (4) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution. Counts I and II of the Complaint were dismissed.

DEL VECCHIO, Francis Xavier, M.D. (7962)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to maintain appropriate medical records related to Dr. Del Vecchio's treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On September 7, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement

agreement by which it found Dr. Del Vecchio violated NRS 630.3062(1), as set forth in Count II of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) complete five hours in-person CME regarding electronic medical records; (3) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution. Count I of the Complaint was dismissed.

EELLS, James Robert, M.D. (6500)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged failure to disclose to the Board, as required, the investigation and charges against him by the United States Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services related to Medicare billing issues.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.304(1) [obtaining, maintaining or renewing or attempting to obtain, maintain or renew a license to practice medicine by bribery, fraud or misrepresentation or by any false, misleading, inaccurate or incomplete statement]; one violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute].

Disposition: On September 7, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Eells violated NRS 630.304(1) and NRS 630.301(9), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,000 fine; (3) complete six hours in-person CME regarding medical records and/or billing; (4) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution.

FEINGOLD, Robert, M.D. (7916)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged improper prescribing of appetite suppressants to patients, malpractice and failure to maintain appropriate medical records related to Dr. Feingold's treatment of patients.

Charges: Three violations of NRS 630.3062(b) [engaging in conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of standards of practice established by regulation of the Board]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1) [failure to maintain, timely, legible, accurate and complete records relating to the

diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]; two violations of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.306(7) [continual failure to exercise the skill or diligence or use the methods ordinarily exercised under the same circumstances by physicians in good standing practicing in the same specialty or field].

Disposition: On June 8, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Feingold violated NRS 630.3062(b) as set forth in Counts II and III of the First Amended Complaint, and NRS 630.3062(2), as set forth in Count IV of the First Amended Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) \$6,000 fine (\$2,000 per count); (2) 12 hours AMA Category I CME regarding medical record keeping and management of weight loss patients; (3) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution. Counts I, V VI and VII of the First Amended Complaint were dismissed.

GOLDBERG, Eric Lawrence, M.D. (11117)

Crystal Bay, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice related to Dr. Goldberg's treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On September 7, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Goldberg violated NRS 630.301(4), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand (2) complete ten hours CME regarding reading abdominal CT scans and/or diagnosing renal cell carcinoma; (3) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution.

HO, Ralph Tinghan, M.D. (9766)

Reno, Nevada

Summary: Disciplinary action taken against Dr. Ho's medical license in North Dakota and alleged failure to report said disciplinary action to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken against his medical license in

another state]; one violation of NRS 630.306(11) [failure to report in writing, within 30 days, disciplinary action taken against him by another state].

Disposition: On June 8, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Ho violated NRS 630.301(3), as set forth in Count I of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) probation to run concurrently with his probation in North Dakota and end after the Board receives verification of successful completion of his probation in North Dakota; (2) public reprimand; (3) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution. Count II of the Complaint was dismissed.

KASSAHUN, Mulugeta Dessie, M.D. (10930)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice related to Dr. Kassahun's treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On September 7, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Kassahun violated NRS 630.301(4), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$500 fine; (3) complete 12 hours in-person CME regarding medical systems errors/procedures and/or medical records; (4) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution.

KYLE, William Shane, M.D. (10972)
Henderson, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice related to Dr. Kyle's treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On June 8, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Kyle violated NRS 630.301(4), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) ten hours CME regarding shoulder dislocation, fracture, injuries, reduction and/or treatment, four to be in person; (3) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution.

PHILLIPS, Maryanne, M.D. (7635)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged prescribing of controlled substances in a manner not authorized by law, engaging in conduct intended to deceive, and failure to maintain appropriate medical records related to Dr. Phillips' treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.306(2)(a) [engaging in conduct which is intended to deceive]; one violation of NRS 630.306(2)(c) [engaging in conduct which is in violation of a regulation adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy]; one violation of NRS 630.306(3) [administering, dispensing or prescribing a controlled substance except as authorized by law]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1) [failure to maintain, timely, legible, accurate and complete records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On June 8, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Phillips violated NRS 630.306(2)(a), as set forth in Count I of the Complaint, and NRS 630.3062(1), as set forth in Count IV of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) revocation of license, with the revocation stayed contingent upon compliance with 36 months' probation subject to certain terms and conditions, (2) public reprimand; (3) \$10,000 fine (\$5,000 per count); (4) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution. Counts II and III of the Complaint were dismissed.

REGALADO, Maria Corazon Orozco, M.D. (8966)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged failure to report the unlicensed practice of medicine by two unlicensed individuals.

Charges: one violation of NRS 630.305(1)(e) [aiding, assisting employing or advising an unlicensed person to engage in the practice of medicine contrary to the provisions of [NRS Chapter 630] or regulations of the Board]; one violation of NRS 630.3065(3) [willful failure to perform a statutory or other legal obligation imposed upon a licensed physician]; one violation of NRS

630.3062(6) [failure to report any person the licensee knows, or has reason to know, is in violation of the provisions of [NRS Chapter 630] or regulations of the Board within 30 days after the licensee knows or has reason to know of the violation].

Disposition: On June 8, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Regalado violated NRS 630.3062(6), as set forth in Count III of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$500 fine; (3) 40 hours community service with the Ad Hoc Task Force on Unlicensed Healthcare; (4) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution. Counts I and II of the Complaint were dismissed.

REMBETSKI, Thomas Edward, M.D. (5964)

Reno, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice related to Dr. Rembetski's treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On June 8, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Rembetski violated NRS 630.301(4), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) ten hours in-person CME regarding laparoscopic cholecystectomy and related follow up; (3) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution.

SIDDIQUI, Abdul-Sami, M.D. (8548)
North Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice related to Dr. Siddiqui's treatment of five patients.

Charges: Five violations of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On June 8, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Siddiqui violated NRS 630.3062(1) [failure to maintain, timely, legible, accurate and complete records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient] (five counts), and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) six hours in-person CME regarding medical record

keeping; (3) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution.

SINGER, Richard, M.D. (2612)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Voluntary surrender of privileges at two hospitals while under, or to avoid, investigation relating to his professional competence or conduct and Dr. Singer's stated intent to continue the active practice of medicine in Nevada.

Statutory Authority: NRS 630.326(1) [risk of imminent harm to the health, safety or welfare of the public or any patient served by the physician].

Action Taken: On August 31, 2012, the Investigative Committee summarily suspended Dr. Singer's license until further order of the Investigative Committee or the Board of Medical Examiners.

STARR, Edwin Gary., M.D. (5715)

Reno, Nevada

Summary: Alleged sexual activity with a patient and failure to report to the Board a civil lawsuit against him for malpractice and settlement of that lawsuit.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(5) [engaging by a practitioner in any sexual activity with a patient who is currently being treated by the practitioner]; one violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute]; one violation of NRS 630.3068(1)(a) [failing to report to the Board an action of malpractice against him]; one violation of NRS 630.3068 (1)(c) [failing to report to the Board the settlement of an action for malpractice against him].

Disposition: On September 7, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Starr violated NRS 630.301(5), as set forth in Count I of the Complaint, and NRS 630.301(9), as set forth in Count II of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,000 fine; (3) perform 40 hours of community service in a medically related field; (4) complete ten hours in-person CME regarding medical ethics and/or patient boundaries; (5) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and

prosecution. Counts III and IV of the Complaint were dismissed.

THOMAS, Dianna Jean, M.D. (7097)

Reno, Nevada

Summary: Alleged willful failure to comply with an order of an Investigative Committee of the Board, failure to make medical records of patients available for inspection and copying and terminating the care of patients without adequate notice.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.3065(2)(a) [willful failure to comply with an order of the Board or a committee designated by the Board to investigate a complaint against a physician]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(4) [failure to make the medical records of a patient available for inspection and copying as provided in NRS 629.061]; one violation of NRS 630.304(7) [terminating the medical care of a patient without adequate notice or without making other arrangements for the continued care of a patient]; one violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute].

Disposition: On September 7, 2012, the Board found Dr. Thomas violated NRS 630.3065(2)(a), NRS 630.3062(4) and NRS 630.301(9), as set forth in Counts I, II and IV of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) suspension of her medical license indefinitely, and prior to consideration by the Board of any request by Dr. Thomas to lift said suspension, Dr. Thomas to undergo a psychological examination, pre-approved by the Board; (2) public reprimand; (3) \$6,000 fine (\$2,000 per count); (4) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution. Count III of the Complaint had been dismissed at the time of the hearing on the matter.

WONG, Steve, M.D. (9020)

Henderson, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to maintain appropriate medical records related to Dr. Wong's treatment of a patient; alleged failure to disclose arrests on license renewal forms.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1) [failure to maintain, timely, legible, accurate and complete records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]; one violation of NRS 630.304(1) [obtaining, maintaining or renewing a license to practice medicine by bribery, fraud or misrepresentation or by any false, misleading inaccurate or incomplete statement]; one violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute]; one violation of NRS 630.306(2)(a) [engaging in conduct which is intended to deceive].

Disposition: On June 8, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Wong violated NRS 630.3062(1), as set forth in Count II of the First Amended Complaint, and NRS 630.304(1), as set forth in Count III of the First Amended Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$5,000 donation to charity; (3) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution. Counts I, IV and V of the First Amended Complaint were dismissed.

YEE, Larry, M.D. (4655)

North Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged prescribing controlled substances without proper DEA registration privileges.

Statutory Authority: NRS 630.326(1) [risk of imminent harm to the health, safety or welfare of the public or any patient served by the physician].

Action Taken: On August 31, 2012, the Investigative Committee summarily suspended Dr. Yee's license until further order of the Investigative Committee or the Board of Medical Examiners.

ZAMZAM, Sami Salih , M.D. (10242)

Ada, Michigan

Summary: Alleged continuing to act as a medical director/consultant for a medical spa in Nevada after leaving state; approving a protocol for HCG injections which did not require a patient to be seen by an individual licensed to practice medicine; and failing to take action to ensure his DEA license and medical license were not utilized to procure dangerous drugs or controlled substances.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.305(1)(e) [aiding, assisting employing or advising an unlicensed person to engage in the practice of medicine contrary to the provisions of [NRS Chapter 630] or regulations of the Board].

Disposition: On June 8, 2012, the Board accepted a settlement agreement by which it found Dr. Zamzam violated NRS 630.305(1)(e), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) \$3,000 fine; (2) reimbursement of the Board's costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution.

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PUBLIC REPRIMANDS ORDERED BY THE BOARD

SAMUEL BECK, M.D.

September 14, 2012

Samuel Beck, M.D.
Associated Anesthesiologists of Reno
300 South Arlington Ave.
Reno, NV 89501

Dr. Beck:

On September 7, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement between you and the Board's Investigative Committee relating to the formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case No. 12-27088-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement and your consent, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions of numerous Internet purchases of Dysport from Medica Depot and RxPad that violated related Nevada State Board of Pharmacy statutes and regulations pertaining to Canadian pharmacies and Internet pharmacies, for selling and distributing controlled substances in the state of Nevada, constituted a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes 630.306(3). The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded; to complete twelve (12) hours of CME regarding the subject of ethics, or other medically related subject matter, with attendance in-person for six (6) hours and the remaining six (6) hours may be online, and within one (1) year; to reimburse the Board the sum of \$1,337.29 within thirty (30) days; and the terms of this Agreement shall be reported as required by law.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and

which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

NERI BLANCO-CUEVAS, M.D.

September 14, 2012

Neri Blanco-Cuevas, M.D.
4441 S. Eastern Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Dr. Blanco-Cuevas:

On September 7, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you regarding Case Number 12-12338-1.

In accordance with its acceptance, the Board has entered an Order which indicates that in treating the patient referenced in the underlying Complaint, your associated conduct could be construed as a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes 630.301(4); as a result you are to be publicly reprimanded and you reimburse the Board the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case, that amount being \$2,292.19.

It is now my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

SUSAN L. BOYD, M.D.

September 14, 2012

Susan L. Boyd, M.D.
2010 Goldring Avenue, #200
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Dr. Boyd:

On September 7, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you regarding Case Number 11-10054-1.

In accordance with its acceptance, the Board has entered an Order which indicates that you were found guilty of a two-count violation of Nevada Revised Statutes 630.3062(1), that you are to be publicly reprimanded, that you complete ten (10) hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) regarding the subject of medical record keeping, which are to be in addition to any CME requirements that are regularly imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the state of Nevada, and that you shall reimburse the Board the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case, that amount being \$3,369.37.

It is now my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

EUGENE YU-TZE CHEN, M.D.

September 17, 2012

Eugene Yu-Tze Chen, M.D.
3870 East Flamingo Rd., #A2-334
Las Vegas, NV 89121

Dr Chen:

On September 7, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) adjudicated the matter between you and the Board's Investigative Committee (IC) relating to the formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case No. 11-7218-1.

In accordance with its findings at the Board meeting, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions constituted obtaining, maintaining and/or renewing your license to practice medicine by misrepresentation or by false, misleading, inaccurate and/or incomplete statements, a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 630.304(1), engaging in conduct that brought the medical profession into disrepute, a violation of NRS 630.301(9), and failing to report the Texas Medical Board disciplinary action to the Board, a violation of NRS 630.306(11). The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded; to attend ten (10) CMEs within one (1) year; and to reimburse the Board the sum of \$4,519.15 to the Board within one hundred twenty (120) days.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

GOBINDER SINGH CHOPRA, M.D.

September 14, 2012

Gobinder Singh Chopra, M.D.
3201 S. Maryland Parkway, Suite 314
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Dr. Chopra:

On September 7, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement between you and the Board's Investigative Committee relating to the formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case No. 12-12610-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement and your consent, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions constituted the failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient, a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes 630.3062(1). The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded; to pay a fine of \$1,000.00 within thirty (30) days; to complete ten (10) hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) in medical records and/or billing, in person, and within one (1) year; to reimburse the Board the sum of \$763.40 within thirty (30) days; and the terms of this Agreement shall be reported as required by law.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

**FRANCIS XAVIER
DEL VECCHIO, M.D.**

September 14, 2012

Francis Xavier Del Vecchio, M.D.
7816 Foothill Ash Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89117

Dr. Del Vecchio:

On September 7, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement between you and the Board's Investigative Committee relating to the formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case No. 11-11516-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions constituted the failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient, a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes 630.3062(1). The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded; to attend five (5) hours of CME in electronic medical records, in-person, in addition to the normal requirements for licensure within one (1) year; to reimburse the Board the sum of \$2,625.27 within ninety (90) days; and the terms of this Agreement shall be reported as required by law.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

JAMES ROBERT EELLS, M.D.

September 17, 2012

James Robert Eells, M.D.
7106 Smoke Ranch Road #110
Las Vegas, NV 89128

Dr. Eells:

On September 7, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement between you and the Board's Investigative Committee relating to the formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case No. 12-8459-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement and your consent, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions constituted the obtaining, maintaining or renewing or attempting to obtain, maintain or renew a license to practice medicine by bribery, fraud or misrepresentation or by any false, misleading, inaccurate or incomplete statement, a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 630.304(1), and the engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute, a violation of NRS 630.301(9). The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded; to pay a fine of \$1,000.00 within one hundred eighty (180) days; to attend six (6) hours of CME in medical records and/or billing, in-person and within one (1) year; to reimburse the sum of \$669.84 within one hundred eighty (180) days; and the terms of this Agreement shall be reported as required by law.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

ERIC LAWRENCE GOLDBERG, M.D.

September 17, 2012

Eric Lawrence Goldberg, M.D.
P.O. Box 517
Crystal Bay, NV 89402

Dr. Goldberg:

On September 7, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement between you and the Board's Investigative Committee relating to the formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case No. 12-29614-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement and your consent, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions constituted the failure of a physician, in treating a patient, to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances as defined by Nevada Administrative Code 630.040, a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes 630.301(4). The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded; to attend ten (10) hours of CME in reading abdominal CT scans and/or diagnosing renal cell carcinoma, in person and within one (1) year; to reimburse the Board the sum of \$1,254.40 within thirty (30) days; and the terms of this Agreement shall be reported as required by law.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

RALPH TINGHAN HO, M.D.

June 13, 2012

Ralph Tinghan Ho, M.D.
59 Damonte Ranch Parkway, #B104
Reno, NV 89521

Dr. Ho:

On June 8, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement between you and the Board's Investigative Committee relating to the formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case #12-20171-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the agreement, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions constituted a violation of Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.301(3). The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded and orders you to pay the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case in the amount of \$559.73 as outlined in the settlement agreement.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

MULUGETA DESSIE KASSAHUN, M.D.

September 17, 2012

Mulugeta Dessie Kassahun, M.D.
Urology Specialists of Nevada
5701 W. Charleston Blvd., #201
Las Vegas, NV 89146

Dr. Kassahun:

On September 7, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement between you and the Board's Investigative Committee relating to the

formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case No. 12-29294-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions constituted the failure of a physician, in treating a patient, to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances as defined by Nevada Administrative Code 630.040, a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes 630.301(4). The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded; to attend twelve (12) hours of CME in medical systems errors/procedures and/or medical records, in-person and within one (1) year; to pay a fine of \$500.00 within thirty (30) days; to reimburse the Board the sum of \$1,476.82 within thirty (30) days and the terms of the Agreement shall be reported as required by law.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

WILLIAM SHANE KYLE, M.D.

William Shane Kyle, M.D.
10561 Jeffreys Street, Suite 100
Henderson, NV 89052

Dr. Kyle:

On June 8, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement between you and the Board's Investigative Committee relating to the formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case #11-28683-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the agreement, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions constituted a violation of Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.301(4) and

Nevada Administrative Code 630.040 for failing to advise the patient to immediately seek a reduction of the dislocation at an emergency room. The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded and orders you to pay the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case in the amount of \$1,158.92 and participate in ten (10) hours of CME in shoulder dislocation, fracture, injuries, reduction and/or treatment, four (4) of which are to be in person, as outlined in the settlement agreement.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

MARYANNE PHILLIPS, M.D.

June 13, 2012

Maryanne Phillips, M.D.
5052 South Jones, Ste 135
Las Vegas, NV 89118

Dr. Phillips:

On June 8, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you in Case Number 11-10032-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board has entered an Order finding that you engaged in conduct intended to deceive, a violation of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) Section 630.306(2)(a), and that you failed to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records related to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient, a violation of NRS 630.3062(1). The Order calls for your license to be revoked and that the

revocation be stayed and that you be placed on thirty-six (36) months probation subject to the following terms and conditions: that you be publicly reprimanded; that you comply with all state and federal laws regarding the prescribing, administration and dispensing of dangerous drugs and controlled substances; that you be subject to random reviews of patient records and your prescribing profile; that you pay a fine of \$5,000 for each count, for a total of \$10,000; and that you reimburse the Board the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

**MARIA CARAZON OROZCO
REGALADO, M.D.**

June 13, 2012

Maria Corazon Orozco Regalado, M.D.
1321 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite #101
Las Vegas, NV 89146

Dr. Regalado:

On June 8, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement between you and the Board's Investigative Committee relating to the formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case #12-12597-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the agreement, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions constituted a violation of Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.3062(6). The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded and orders you to pay a fine of \$500.00, pay the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the

investigation and prosecution of this case in the amount of \$900.63 and perform forty (40) hours of community service with the Ad Hoc Task Force on Unlicensed Healthcare as outlined in the settlement agreement.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

THOMAS REMBETSKI, M.D.

June 13, 2012

Thomas Edward Rembetski, M.D.
6554 S. McCarran Blvd., #B
Reno, NV 89509

Dr. Rembetski

On June 8, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement between you and the Board's Investigative Committee relating to the formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case #11-8522-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the agreement, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions constituted a violation of Nevada Revised Statute 630.301(4) and Nevada Administrative Code 630.040. The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded and orders you to pay the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case in the amount of \$2,185.53, and participate in ten (10) hours of CME in laparoscopic cholecystectomy as outlined in the settlement agreement.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and

which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

ABDUL-SAMI SIDDIQUI, M.D.

June 13, 2012

Abdul-Sami Siddiqui, M.D.
P.O. Box 363159
North Las Vegas, NV 89036-7159

Dr. Siddiqui:

On June 8, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you regarding Case Number 11-12158-1.

In accordance with its acceptance, the Board has entered an Order which indicates that you were found guilty of a five-count violation of NRS 630.3062(1), that you are to be publicly reprimanded, that you complete six (6) hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) regarding the subject of medical record keeping, which are to be in addition to any CME requirements that are regularly imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the state of Nevada, and that you shall reimburse the Board the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case, that amount being \$4,162.43.

It is now my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

EDWIN GARY STARR, M.D.

September 17, 2012

Edwin Gary Starr, M.D.
1875 Plumas St. #6
Reno, NV 89509

Dr. Starr:

On September 7, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement between you and the Board's Investigative Committee relating to the formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case No. 12-9963-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions constituted the engaging in sexual activity with a patient who is currently being treated, a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 630.301(5), and the engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute, a violation of NRS 630.301(9). The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded; to pay a fine of \$1,000.00 within thirty (30) days; to perform forty (40) hours of community service in a medically related field within one (1) year; to attend ten (10) hours of CME in medical ethics and/or patient boundaries, in-person and within one (1) year; to reimburse the Board the sum of \$1,220.34 within 30 days; and the terms of the Agreement shall be reported as required by law.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

DIANNA JEAN THOMAS, M.D.

September 17, 2012

Dianna Jean Thomas, M.D.
18124 Wedge Parkway #233
Reno, NV 89511

Dr. Thomas:

On September 7, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) adjudicated the matter between you and the Board's Investigative Committee (IC) relating to the formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case No. 11-10302-1.

In accordance with its findings at the Board meeting, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions constituted willfully failing to comply with an Order to appear before the IC, a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 630.3065(2)(a), failing to make the medical records of Patients A, B and/or C available for inspection and copying as provided in NRS 629.061, a violation of NRS 630.3062(4), and engaging in conduct that brought the medical profession into disrepute, a violation of NRS 630.301(9). The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded; for your license to be suspended; to pay a fine of \$6,000.00 and to reimburse the Board the sum of \$2,617.34 within ninety (90) days.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

STEVE WONG, M.D.

June 12, 2012

Steve Chung-Ming Wong, M.D.
10624 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite A345
Henderson, NV 89052

Dr. Wong:

On June 8, 2012, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement between you and the Board's Investigative Committee relating to the formal Complaint filed against you in Legal Case #10-12651-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the agreement, the Board entered an Order finding that your actions constituted a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes 630.3062(1) and 630.304(1), for the failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of the patient, and by your incomplete and inaccurate answer(s) on six (6) successive applications for licensure or renewal with the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners from 2001 to 2009.

The Order calls for you to be publicly reprimanded and orders you to pay the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case in the amount of \$8,752.52, and pay the amount of \$5,000.00 to a charity that is mutually agreed upon by the parties as outlined in the settlement agreement.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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