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New Board of Medicine Members

The Board welcomes 3 new members since the last Board Briefs was sent to you.

- Martha S. Wingfield, Citizen Member from Ashland
- James L. Jenkins, RN, Citizen Member from Mechanicsville
- Jacob W. Miller, DO, Osteopathic Medicine Member from Virginia Beach

The Board would like to thank its departing members, **Deborah DeMoss Fonseca**, **The Honorable Jasmine Gore**, and **Wayne Reynolds**, **DO**.

Currently the Board has a vacant MD seat in the 1st Congressional District created by Dr. Barbara Allison-Bryan's appointment to the position of Senior Deputy Director of the Department of Health Professions.

Clarifying the Board's Opioid Regulations

The Board of Medicine has had guidance on the prescribing of opioids since 1997. The Board developed its own guidance document initially, and then adopted the Federation of State Medical Boards Model Policy on opioids in 2004, and a revised version in 2013. All previous guidance and the current regulations share the intention of having prescribers be more thoughtful and cautious in their use of these drugs, thereby enhancing patient and public health safety. Following the regulations should ensure safe and effective treatment of patients, and keep a practitioner out of trouble with the Board.

The Board has become aware that some of its licensees have not read the Regulations Governing Prescribing of Opioids and Buprenorphine. There may be licensees that are depending on less than accurate information from others in the prescribing community who have not read the regulations, or have read them but are laboring under a misunderstanding or two. It is critical that you read the regulations.

Here are several "myths" about the regulations of which the Board has become aware. Acute and chronic pain management, as well as treatment for addiction, will be safer and more available if these beliefs can be dispelled.

1. The Board of Medicine will sanction my license if I write opioids.

The Board of Medicine may sanction a licensee if s/he is negligent in the treatment of patients with opioids. There are basic principles for the standard of care in the treatment of pain and addiction, and the Board has incorporated them into the regulations. As stated above, if a prescriber follows the regulations, s/he should stay out of trouble with the Board.



2. The Board restricts the amount of opioids I can prescribe.

The regulations suggest that the lowest effective dose of opioid be written for the fewest days possible. Already, this requirement in the regulations has resulted in less opioid being written for acute pain. In regards to chronic pain, the regulations require documentation of the rationale for doses exceeding 120 MME's per day. They also require that you document every three months the reason to continue opioid treatment. If it is your judgment that your patient can tolerate lower doses, the Board understands that the process of tapering should be done slowly and safely.

3. I will have to see my patients every three months.

Although seeing chronic pain patients every three months is not a bad idea, the regulations only require a review of the course of pain treatment, new information on the etiology of the pain, the patient's overall state of health, and a check of the Prescription Monitoring Program. It is anticipated that the final regulations will reduce the requirement for drug screens/quantitative assays to an initial screen and one done randomly each year thereafter. Currently however, screens must be done every three months for the first year and at least every six months thereafter.

4. The Board prohibits the use of buprenorphine mono-product tablets for the treatment of office-based addiction.

The Board was responsive to the physicians and patients that believe in the phenomenon of naloxone intolerance. Three percent of a practitioner's prescriptions can be for mono-product tablets. Although naloxone is now being recognized as safe for pregnant women, the regulations still allow for the monoproduct to be written in pregnancy.

5. Documentation will not save me from the Board.

In fact, documentation may be the only thing that will save you from sanction by the Board. There are requirements for recording many aspects of your care of pain patients and addiction patients. Follow the prompts in the regulations and you should be in compliance with the Board's requirements.

6. I cannot write enough opioid medication for my patients in the hospital.

The regulations exempt the treatment of pain in hospitalized patients, as well as the treatment of patients in nursing homes and assisted living facilities that utilize a sole source pharmacy. The treatment of patients in hospice or palliative care and patients with cancer is also exempt from the regulations.



If you have not read the regulations, it is critical that you do so. Here is the link to the current Emergency Regulations.

https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/medicine/leg/EmergencyText_082417.docx

And here is the link to the current Frequently Asked Questions that go with the Emergency Regulations.

https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/medicine/docs/FAQPrescribingBuprenorphine.pdf

Overdose Deaths in 2016

The following statistics are from the Executive Summary of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Annual Report 2016.

• The number of drug/poisoning deaths in 2016 increased by 38.9% compared to 2015, the biggest single year increase ever recorded in Virginia

• The 2016 rate of drug/poison deaths that occurred in Virginia was 17.0 per 100,000 persons

- Fatal fentanyl and/or heroin overdoses surpassed prescription opioid (excluding fentanyl) overdoses in 2015 and this trend continued at a greater magnitude in 2016
- Fentanyl and/or heroin were involved in 57.0% of all drug/poison cases in Virginia in 2016
- Over 94% of all fatal opioid overdoses in 2016 were accidents

• Out of all opioids in 2016, fentanyl (Rx, illicit, and analogs) was responsible for the largest number of deaths (54.8%)

PA and NP Training for Office-Based Treatment of Opioid Addiction

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) are the federal agencies that issue waivers and special prescribing identification #'s for PA's and NP's authorizing them to provide outpatient treatment for opioid addiction. To apply for a waiver and a special DEA #, PA's and NP's must obtain 24 hours of required training. You can go directly to the SAMHSA website and learn more about how to obtain the training at the following link.



https://www.samhsa.gov/programs-campaigns/medication-assisted-treatment/trainingmaterials-resources/qualify-np-pa-waivers

New Laws

Here are a number of laws pertinent to your practice. For each there is a brief summary. To read the entire law, click on the link after the summary.

HB 226/SB 222 Patients; medically or ethically inappropriate care not required.

Establishes a process whereby a physician may cease to provide health care that has been determined to be medically or ethically inappropriate for a patient. Effective 7/1/18.

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HB 313/SB 728 Prescription Monitoring Program; prescriber and dispenser patterns, annual review, report.

Requires the Director of the Department of Health Professions to annually review controlled substance prescribing and dispensing patterns. The bill requires the Director to conduct such review in consultation with an advisory panel consisting of representatives from the relevant health regulatory boards, the Department of Health, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. The bill requires the Director to make any necessary changes to the criteria for unusual patterns of prescribing and dispensing and report any findings and recommendations for best practices to the Joint Commission on Health Care by November 1 of each year. **Effective 7/1/18**.

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HB 501 Home hospice programs; disposal of drugs.

Requires every hospice to develop policies and procedures for the disposal of drugs dispensed as part of the hospice plan of care for a patient, which shall include requirements that such disposal be (i) performed in a manner that complies with all state and federal requirements for the safe disposal of drugs by a licensed nurse, physician assistant, or physician who is employed by or has entered into a contract with the hospice program; (ii) witnessed by a member of the patient's family or a second employee of the hospice program who is licensed by a health regulatory board within the Department of Health Professions; and (iii) documented in the patient's medical record. Effective 7/1/18.

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HB 793 Nurse practitioners; practice agreements.

Eliminates the requirement for a practice agreement with a patient care team physician for a licensed nurse practitioner who has completed the equivalent of at least five years of full-time clinical experience and submitted an attestation from his patient care team physician stating (i) that the patient care team physician has served as a patient care team physician on a patient care team with the nurse practitioner pursuant to a practice agreement; (ii) that while a party to such practice agreement, the patient care team physician routinely practiced with a patient population and in a practice area included within the category for which the nurse practitioner was certified and licensed; and (iii) the period of time for which the patient care team physician practiced with the nurse practitioner under such a practice agreement. The bill requires that a nurse practitioner authorized to practice without a practice agreement (a) only practice within the scope of his clinical and professional training and limits of his knowledge and experience and consistent with the applicable standards of care, (b) consult and collaborate with other health care providers based on the clinical conditions of the patient to whom health care is provided, and (c) establish a plan for referral of complex medical cases and emergencies to physicians or other appropriate health care providers. The bill requires (1) the Boards of Medicine and Nursing to jointly promulgate regulations governing the practice of nurse practitioners without a practice agreement; (2) the Department of Health Professions, by November 1, 2020, to report to the General Assembly a process by which nurse practitioners who practice without a practice agreement may be included in the online Practitioner Profile maintained by the Department of Health Professions; and (3) the Boards of Medicine and Nursing to report information related to the practice of nurse practitioners without a practice agreement that includes certain data, complaints and disciplinary actions, and recommended modifications to the provisions of this bill to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the Chairman of the Joint Commission on Health Care by November 1, 2021. Effective 7/1/18.

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HB 854 Polysomnographic technology; students or trainees, licensure.

Provides that a student enrolled in an educational program in polysomnographic technology or a person engaged in a traineeship does not require a license to practice polysomnographic technology, provided that such student or trainee is under the direct supervision of a licensed polysomnographic technologist or a licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine. The bill requires any such student or trainee to be identified to patients as a student or trainee in polysomnographic technology. The bill also provides that any such student or trainee is required to have a license to practice after 18 months



from the start of the educational program or traineeship or six months from the conclusion of such program or traineeship, whichever is earlier. **Effective 7/1/18**.

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HB 915/SB 829 Military medical personnel program; personnel may practice under supervision of physician, etc.

Directs the Department of Veterans Services to establish a program in which military medical personnel may practice and perform certain delegated acts that constitute the practice of medicine or nursing under the supervision of a licensed physician or podiatrist or the chief medical officer of an organization participating in such program, or his designee who is licensed by the Board of Medicine and supervising within his scope of practice. The bill allows the chief medical officer of an organization participating in such program to, in consultation with the chief nursing officer of such organization, designate a registered nurse licensed by the Board of Nursing or practicing with a multistate licensure privilege to supervise military personnel participating in such program while engaged in the practice of nursing. **Effective 7/1/18.**

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HB 1173/SB 632 Controlled substances; limits on prescriptions containing opioids.

Eliminates the surgical or invasive procedure treatment exception to the requirement that a prescriber request certain information from the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) when initiating a new course of treatment that includes prescribing opioids for a human patient to last more than seven days. Under current law, a prescriber is not required to request certain information from the PMP for opioid prescriptions of up to 14 days to a patient as part of treatment for a surgical or invasive procedure. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2022. **Effective 7/1/18.**

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HB 1251/SB 726 CBD oil and THC-A oil; certification for use, dispensing.

Provides that a practitioner may issue a written certification for the use of cannabidiol (CBD) oil or THC-A oil for the treatment or to alleviate the symptoms of any diagnosed condition or disease determined by the practitioner to benefit from such use. Under current law, a practitioner may only issue such certification for the treatment or to alleviate the symptoms of intractable epilepsy. The bill increases the supply of CBD oil or THC-A oil a pharmaceutical processor may dispense from a 30-day supply to a 90-day supply. The bill reduces the minimum amount of cannabidiol or tetrahydrocannabinol acid per milliliter for a dilution of the Cannabis plant to fall under the definition of CBD oil or THC-A oil,



respectively. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care. The bill contains an emergency clause. **Effective 3/9/18.**

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HB 1378 Surgical assistants; renewal of registration.

Provides that in cases in which a surgical assistant was initially registered on the basis of a credential as a surgical assistant or surgical first assistant issued by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting, the National Surgical Assistant Association, or the National Commission for the Certification of Surgical Assistants or a successor thereof, the surgical assistant must attest that such credential is still current upon applying for renewal of his registration as a surgical assistant. **Effective 7/1/18.**

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HB 1524 Health record retention; practitioners to maintain records for a minimum of six years

Requires health care practitioners licensed by the Board of Medicine to maintain health records for a minimum of six years following the last patient encounter. The bill also provides that practitioners are not required to maintain health records for longer than 12 years from the date of creation except for (i) health records of a minor child, which shall be maintained until the patient reaches the age of 18 or becomes emancipated, with a minimum of six years following the last patient encounter, and (ii) health records that are required by contractual obligation or federal law to be maintained longer. **Effective 7/1/18**.

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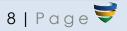
HB 1556/SB 832 Prescription Monitoring Program; adds controlled substances included in Schedule V and naloxone.

Adds controlled substances included in Schedule V for which a prescription is required and naloxone to the list of covered substances the dispensing of which must be reported to the Prescription Monitoring Program. This bill is identical to SB 832. Effective 7/1/18.

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SB 544 Prescription drugs; donation of used medicines.

Requires that the existing prescription drug donation program regulated by the Board of Pharmacy accept eligible prescription drugs from individuals, including those residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or intermediate care facilities established for



individuals with intellectual disability (ICF/IID), licensed hospitals, any facility operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, from an agent pursuant to a power of attorney, a decedent's personal representative, a legal guardian of an incapacitated person, and a guardian ad litem donated on behalf of the represented individual. The bill also provides liability protection for those who donate, accept, and dispense such unused drugs. **Effective 7/1/18.**

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SB 882 Prescription refill; protocol

Provides that a prescriber may authorize a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse to approve additional refills of a prescribed drug for no more than 90 consecutive days, provided that (i) the drug is classified as a Schedule VI drug; (ii) there are no changes in the prescribed drug, strength, or dosage; (iii) the prescriber has a current written protocol, accessible by the nurse, that identifies the conditions under which the nurse may approve additional refills; and (iv) the nurse documents in the patient's chart any refills authorized for a specific patient pursuant to the protocol and the additional refills are transmitted to a pharmacist in accordance with the allowances for an authorized agent to transmit a prescription orally or by facsimile pursuant to current law and regulations of the Board of Pharmacy. **Effective 7/1/18.**

http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+ful+CHAP0380

Informing Patients about Cobalt Poisoning

House Bill 621 would require the Board of Medicine to adopt regulations requiring practitioners licensed by the Board who perform joint replacement surgery to inform their patients of the risk of cobalt poisoning, the symptoms of cobalt poisoning, and the steps patients should take if they begin to experience symptoms of cobalt poisoning. The bill was left in the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (HWI) and may be taken up in the 2019 General Assembly. However, the Chairman of HWI requested that practitioners be notified of these risks, symptoms and recommended steps.

Cobalt and Chromium Poisoning

- A number of cases of cobalt and chromium poisoning have appeared in the literature related to metal-on-metal total hip replacement implants.
- It is the Board's understanding is that metal-on-metal hip implants are seldom used in Virginia. Most of the manufacturers have taken them off the market.



- In minute amounts, cobalt is an essential element for health in humans as a component of Vitamin B-12. Chromium, likewise, is an essential trace element. However, if cobalt and chromium rise above acceptable levels, they can have an impact on health.
- Studies have shown that levels of cobalt and chromium rise in the first year or two
 post metal-on-metal implant, and then decline. It might be reasonable to check a
 cobalt or chromium level 18-24 months post-operatively if a metal-on-metal hip
 implant or hinged knee replacement is used. Checks thereafter would be based
 on the initial value and patient symptomatology. There is some thought that the
 levels may begin to rise again five years after a metal-on-metal implant which may
 be after a patient has left the care of the orthopedist and is being followed
 by his/her primary care provider. Therefore, primary care providers should also be
 attuned to the possibility of cobalt and chromium toxicity in a patient that has a
 metal-on-metal implant.

Education of Patients

The following points, at a minimum, are what should be shared with patients.

<u>Risk of Cobalt and Chromium Poisoning</u>

Although the risk is low, if you are an orthopedist anticipating implanting a metalon-metal prosthesis, you should inform your patient of the possibility of cobalt and chromium poisoning. It would also be good for primary care providers to share information about toxicity related to metal-on-metal implants with their patients who have such a prosthesis.

• Symptoms of Cobalt and Chromium Poisoning

The patient should be told the signs and symptoms of cobalt and chromium poisoning. These can include persistent or worsening hip or groin pain, inflammation, swelling, evidence of tissue death, evidence of bone loss, painless masses, depression, and short term memory problems. Other correlations that have been made with cobalt and chromium poisoning are tinnitus, vertigo, deafness, blindness, optic neuropathy, convulsions, headaches, peripheral neuropathy, cardiomyopathy, hypothyroidism, polycythemia and carcinogenesis.

Instructions to Patients

Patients should be instructed to call their orthopedist or their primary care to be assessed if they believe they may be experiencing possible cobalt or chromium poisoning. Early medical intervention is especially important in patients with reduced renal function and those that have issues with their immune system.



Cannabidiol Oil and THC-A Oil Certification

The 2016 General Assembly passed law that authorized physicians to issue a certification for a patient with intractable epilepsy to be treated with cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil. The patient or parent/guardian that is in possession of the oil can present the certification form in court if necessary. The 2018 General Assembly expanded the treatment possibilities with oils by passing law that authorizes a physician to issue a certification "for treatment or to alleviate the symptoms of a diagnosed condition or disease determined by the practitioner to benefit from such use." The certification form can be found on the Board of Medicine homepage. It is to be completed by the physician and given to the patient, parent or guardian. A copy should be placed in the patient's medical record. Here is the link to the certification form. https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/medicine/docs/Cannabidiol_oil.pdf

The law indicates that physicians that issue certifications will need to be registered with the Board of Pharmacy. Once the Board of Pharmacy has implemented the registration process, <u>physicians and patients</u>, along with the parents and legal guardians of those patients who are minors or incapacitated adults, will have to register with the Board of Pharmacy in order for a written certification to be issued and the processor to dispense the oils to patients.



New Vision Requirements from DMV

<u>New Vision Requirements for Driving - Revised DMV Vision</u> Form (MED 4)

Effective July 1, 2017, the minimum visual field for an unrestricted driver's license was increased from 100 to 110 degrees of horizontal vision.

In partnership with representatives of the DMV Medical Advisory Board, the Virginia Optometric Association, and the Virginia Society of Eye Care Professionals and Surgeons, DMV has updated the Customer Vision Report to reflect the new requirement and to improve overall reporting. To access the new report form <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Additionally, at the request of the Virginia General Assembly, DMV conducted a study of the visual field requirements to determine if additional changes are necessary. For more details on the study, an explanation of the changes made to DMV's Vison Form (MED 4), and information on how DMV evaluates visual field information <u>CLICK HERE</u>

If you have questions or would like further clarification on any the information provided, please contact Rebecca Parsio, DMV's Healthcare Compliance Officer at Rebecca.Parsio@dmv.virginia.gov or (804) 367-4380.



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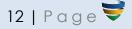
Upcoming Meetings

- April 13th Executive Committee
- May 18th Legislative Committee
- May 28th Office closed for Memorial Day
- June 4th-6th Advisory Board Meetings
- June 14th Full Board

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Board Members 2017-2018

Syed Salman Ali, MD	Maxine M. Lee, MD
2nd Term Expires June 2020	1st Term Expires June 2018
District: 11 – Vienna	District: 6 - Roanoke
David Archer, MD	Jacob W. Miller, DO
1st Term Expires June 2020	Unexpired Term – Expires June 2020
District: 2 - Norfolk	Osteopath – Virginia Beach
J. Randolph Clements, DPM	Kevin O'Connor, MD, President
2nd Term Expires June 2018	2nd Term Expires June 2020
Podiatrist - Roanoke	District: 10 – Leesburg
Lori D. Conklin, MD, Secretary-Treasurer	David Taminger, MD
2nd Term Expires June 2021	1st Term Expires June 2019
District: 5 – Charlottesville	District: 4 - Midlothian
Alvin Edwards, PhD	Svinder Toor, MD
1st Term Expires June 2019	1st Term Expires June 2019
Citizen Member - Charlottesville	District: 3 – Norfolk
David C. Giammittorio, MD	Nathaniel Ray Tuck, Jr., DC, Vice-President
2nd Term Expires June 2020	2nd Term Expires June 2021
District: 8 - Lorton	Chiropractor - Blacksburg
Jane Hickey, JD	Kenneth J. Walker, MD
1st Term Expires 2019	2nd Term Expires June 2020
Citizen Member – Richmond	District 9 - Pearisburg
James L. Jenkins, Jr.	Martha S. Wingfield
1st Term Expires 2021	1st Term expires June 2021
Citizen Member – Mechanicsville	Citizen Member - Ashland
Isaac Koziol, MD	VACANT
1st Term Expires June 2020	Unexpired Term Expires June 2020
District: 7 - Manakin Sabot	District: 1

Applying for a Position - The majority of board/commission seats come due on June 30 each year. While applications are taken year round, we strongly recommend having your application submitted online by March 15 to be fully considered for the upcoming round of appointments.

https://commonwealth.virginia.gov/va-government/gubernatorial-appointments



BOARD BRIEFS #85

Advisory Board Members					
Acupuncture	Athletic Trainers	Behavior Analysis	Genetic Counseling		
Lynn Almloff, L.Ac.,	Deborah B. Corbatto,	Amanda A. Kusterer,	Heather A. Creswick,		
Chair	AT, VC	ABA	CGC		
Janet L. Borges, L.Ac.,	Michael J. Puglia, AT,	Kate Lewis, BA, VC	Marilyn Jerome		
VC	Jeffrey B. Roberts, MD	Asha Patton Smith, MD	Foust, MD		
Sharon Crowell, L.Ac.	Sara L. Whiteside, AT,	Gary M. Fletcher –	John M. Quillin, PhD,		
Leslie Rubio - Citizen	Chair	Citizen	MPH, MS, Chair		
Chheany W. Ung, MD	Trilizsa Trent - Citizen	VACANT BA SEAT	Lori Swain–Citizen,		
			VC		

Matthew J. Thomas,

ScM, CGC

Midwifery	Occupational Therapy	Physician Assistants	Polysomnographic Technology
Maya Gunderson,	Breshae Bedward, OT,	Rachel Carlson, PA-C,	Debbie Akers, RPSGT,
СРМ	VC	VC	VC
Natasha Jones -	Karen Lebo - Citizen	Thomas Parish, PA-C	Johnathan Clark,
Citizen	Raziuddin Ali, MD	Frazier Frantz, MD	RPSGT, Chair
Ami Keatts, MD	Kathryn Skibek, OT,	Portia Tomlinson, PA-	Marie Quinn - Citizen
Kim Pekin, CPM, Chair	Chair	C, Chair	Anna Rodriguez,
Mayanne Zielinski,	Dwayne Pitre, OT	Tracey Dunn -Citizen	RPSGT
CPM, VC			VACANT MD SEAT

Radiological Technologist	Respiratory Therapists	Interested in serving on an advisory board?
Jan Gillespie Clark, RT,	Sherry Compton, RRT,	Applying for a Position - The majority of
Chair	Chair	board/commission seats come due on June 30 each year. While applications are taken
Joyce O. Hawkins, RT,	Hollee Freeman, PhD-	year round, we strongly recommend having
VC	citizen	your application submitted online by March 15 to be fully considered for the upcoming
Patti S. Hershey, RT	Lois Rowland, RRT, VC	round of appointments.
Margaret E. Toxopeus,	Daniel Rowley, RRT,	https://commonwealth.virginia.gov/va- government/gubernatorial-appointments
MD	Bruce K. Rubin, MD	
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Board Decisions

The following list contains decisions from August 2017 to February 2018. You may access these decisions at <u>www.dhp.virginia.gov</u> (select "License Lookup") or at <u>www.vahealthprovider.com</u> for most MDs, DOs and DPMs. You may also contact the Board Office at (804) 367-4505 to request a copy.

NAME AND LICENSE NUMBER	DATE OF ACTION	AUGUST 2017 THRU FEBRUARY 2018 ACTIONS
Callan, James E., M.D. 0101-248378 Fleming Island, FL	8/7/17	License subject to terms and conditions based on action by the Florida Board of Medicine.
Cinnamond, Cade C., D.O. 0102-202271 Suffolk, VA	8/31/17	Licensee ordered to enter HPMP based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Priest, Michael B., M.D. 0101-256848 Huddleston, VA	8/17/17	Reprimand and ordered to remain in HPMP based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Yost, Tony E., M.D. 0101-239132 Greeneville, TN	8/17/17	Reprimand based on action by the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners.
Yu, Benson W., M.D. 0101-048810 Plymouth, MI	7/17/17	Terms and conditions terminated and license reinstated to a full and unrestricted status.
Palmer, Tracey Lynn, O.T. 0119-005174 Chesapeake, VA	8/17/17	Licensee ordered to enter HPMP based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Ternus, Jane Ellen, R.T. 0117-005406 Roanoke, VA	8/30/17	Voluntary surrender for indefinite suspension based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Malone, Paul G., P.A. 0110-002686 Lynchburg, VA	9/6/17	Summary suspension as continued practice may be a substantial danger to the public health and safety.
Krohn-Polsinello, Marie E., RT 0117-002965 Farmville, VA	9/28/17	Summary suspension as continued practice may be a substantial danger to the public health and safety.
Butler, Michael J., M.D. 0101-050127 Fayetteville, AR	9/11/17	Mandatory suspension based on suspension of license by the PA State Board of Medicine.
Callan, James E., M.D. 0101-248378 Fleming Island, FL	9/1/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 8/7/17; license restored to full and unrestrictive status.
Cho, Jai Jong, M.D. 0101-034437 Charlottesville, VA	9/25/17 9/25/17	Mandatory suspension based on action by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine. License reinstated with restrictions pursuant to
	.,,.,	the Board Order entered 3/31/2014.



Dorr, Cynthia E., M.D. 0101-052405 Chesapeake, VA	9/13/17	Reprimand; License suspended with suspension stayed contingent upon remaining in HPMP based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Hussein, Diaa Eldin A., M.D. 0101-054559 Morganton, NC	9/8/17	Reprimand and restricted from treating female patients based on action by the NC State Medical Board.
Hutton, Jamie Sue, M.D. 0101-242820 Quicksburg, VA	9/25/17	Required to enter HPMP based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Jones, Michael W., D.O. 0102-205019 Owensboro, KY	8/3/17	Licensure granted with prohibition from treating chronic pain patients based on action by the KY Board of Medical Licensure.
Kanwal, Gurcharan S., M.D. 0101-021217 Coeburn, VA	9/28/17	Voluntary permanent surrender of license based on health issues.
McCutchen, William, III, D.O. 0102-203807 Wagram, NC	9/26/17	Mandatory suspension based on action by the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery.
McLaughlin, William H., M.D. 0101-052612 Winchester, VA	9/11/17	Voluntary permanent surrender of license based on retirement.
Zhou, Huping, M.D. 0101-254394 Fairfax, VA	9/27/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 10/11/16; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Crotts, Sara E., RT 0117-007279 Salem, VA	9/27/17	Voluntary surrender in lieu of continued compliance with HPMP.
Mehfoud, Albert M., RT 0117-001766 Midlothian, VA	9/28/17	Reprimand based on an inappropriate confrontation with a resident in a memory care facility.
Palmer, Tracey L., OT 0119-005174 Chesapeake, VA	9/15/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 8/17/17; shall continue to comply with HPMP contract.
Chambers, Andrew J., M.D. 0101-255675 Charlottesville, VA	10/4/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 9/9/16; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Cinnamond, Cade C., D.O. 0102-202271 Suffolk, VA	10/2/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 8/31/17; shall continue to comply with HPMP contract.
Crouse, Micah S., M.D. 0101-244405 Lexington, OH	10/2/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 1/6/16; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Ferguson, Robert L., M.D. 0101-045698 Fayetteville, NC	10/31/17	Mandatory suspension based on action by the North Carolina Medical Board.
Hutton, Jamie S., M.D. 0101-242820 Quicksburg, VA 22847	10/25/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 9/25/17; license reflects current active status, shall continue to comply with HPMP contract.



Malone, Paul G., P.A. 0110-002686 Lynchburg, VA	10/13/17	Voluntary surrender for revocation of license based on engaging in sexual contact with multiple patients by virtue of the practitioner/ patient relationship; inappropriate prescribing and unprofessional and disruptive conduct.
Mercado-Stallard, Barbara, M.D. 0101-059310 Spotsylvania, VA	10/26/17	Reprimand based on failure to enter into a practice agreement prior to supervising a physician assistant.
Moore, Teresa A., M.D. 0101-052933 Charlotte Court House, VA	10/4/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 9/13/16; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Mosuro, Yosuf A., M.D. 0101-057716 Houston, TX	10/25/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 03/20/14; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Pilgrim, Caroline E., P.A. 0110-004560 Cumming, GA	10/16/17	Reprimand based on practicing without a practice agreement.
Reddy, Swarna B., M.D. 0101-236578 Sterling, VA	10/30/17	Reprimand based on one patient case of inappropriate standard of care.
Stone, James B., III, M.D. 0101-019370 Wytheville, VA	10/13/17	Reprimand based on prescribing methadone without DEA registration as a narcotic treatment program.
	10/18/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 10/13/17; license restored to full and unrestrictive status.
Thompson, Lee A., P.A. 0110-001042 Galax, VA	10/27/17	Reprimand and ordered to remain in HPMP based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Burnett, Erika D., R.T. 0117-007440 Hopewell, VA	10/27/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 10/4/17; license reflects current active status, shall continue to comply with HPMP contract.
Tolbert, Braheem Z., D.C. 0104-557187 Petersburg, VA	10/25/17	Voluntary permanent surrender of license based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance use/abuse.
Wagner, Scott B., D.C. 0104-555923 Charlottesville, VA	10/2/17	Reprimand; \$1000 monetary penalty based on directing and authorizing unlicensed employees to take x-rays.
	10/4/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 10/2/17; license restored to full and unrestrictive status.
Balentine, Kerry L., M.D. 0101-235062 Shelby, NC	11/09/17	License reinstated and must continue to comply with NC Medical Board and notify Virginia Board of return to practice in Virginia.
Gyarteng-Dakwa, Kwadwo, M.D. 0101-230956 Greensboro, NC	11/27/17	Mandatory suspension based on action by the NC state Medical Board.



Kane, Scott L., P.A. 0110-004665 Cape Coral, FL	11/13/17	Reprimand based on engaging in sexual contact or conduct with a patient concurrent with and by virtue of the practitioner/patient relationship.
Khorsand-Ravan, Fariborz, M.D. 0101-048296 San Francisco, CA	11/02/17	Mandatory suspension based on suspension of license by the Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline.
Kwiatkowski, Timothy C., M.D. 0101-253415 Roanoke, VA	11/29/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 09/17/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
McKenzie, Paula A., M.D. 0101-041141 Alexandria, VA	11/08/17	License permanently restricted from practicing obstetrics and performing gynecological surgeries based on loss of hospital privileges.
Pitman, John M., Jr., M.D. 0101-014066 Williamsburg, VA	11/13/17 Effective 12/31/17	Voluntary permanent surrender of license based on multiple cases of inappropriate prescribing and pain management.
Pitman, John M., III, M.D. 0101-052484 Williamsburg, VA	11/17/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 5/2/2017; license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Scotti, Stephen D., M.D. 0101-248252 Edina, MN	9/27/17	Reinstatement denied based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients and the public.
Segall, Errol A., M.D. 0101-031662 Fairfax, VA	11/14/17	Reprimand based on one patient case of inappropriate prescribing.
Stein, Martin H., M.D. 0101-030679 Washington, DC	10/26/17	Reinstatement denied based on failure to provide satisfactory evidence of ability to resume the practice of medicine in a safe and competent manner.
Watson, Brandon J., M.D. 0101-252650 Hanover, MD	11/01/17	License reinstated.
Woodard, Dean H., M.D. 0101-041539 Marion, VA	11/13/17	License reinstated and subject to terms and conditions.
Legg, Victoria L., O.T. 0119-005004 Blountville, TN	11/13/17	License revoked based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse and resignation from HPMP.
White, Erica R., O.T. 0119-004723 Midlothian, VA	10/10/17	License subject to terms and conditions based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Burnett, Erika D., R.T. 0117-007440 Hopewell, VA	10/04/17	Ordered to enter into HPMP based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Krohn-Polsinello, Marie E., R.T. 0117-002965 Farmville, VA	11/13/17	Suspension based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.



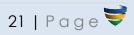
Thompson, Donald R., Jr., R.C.P. 0117-006203 Chesterfield, VA	12/13/17	Summary suspension as continued practice may be a substantial danger to the public health and safety.
Fox, Steven G., P.A. 0110-840508 Fredericksburg, VA	12/11/17	Reprimand based on patient case of inappropriate prescribing and pain management, and inadequate physical exams/assessments.
Hawkins, Hillary S., M.D. 0101-046529 Mechanicsville, VA	12/7/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 03/29/17; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestrictive status.
Keeley, Robert C., M.D. 0101-038335 Roanoke, VA	11/13/17	Reprimand based on patient case of inappropriate standard of care.
Kil, Daniel H., M.D. 0101-263692 McLean, VA	12/6/17	License granted with a reprimand based on action by the Medical Board of California; and ordered to continue to comply with California order.
Meyers, James H., M.D. 0101-054886 Louisville, KY	12/19/17	Mandatory suspension based on action by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.
Pandya, Rujuta, M.D. 0116-027244 Gaithersburg, MD	12/19/17	Reprimand and ordered to remain in HPMP based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness or substance abuse.
Rajan, Soundar, M.D. 0101-043759 Chesapeake, VA	12/14/17	Reprimand; license subject to terms and conditions based on multiple cases of prescribing controlled substances without a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship.
Washington, Karen J., M.D. 0101-236700 Chesapeake, VA	12/18/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 11/28/16; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestrictive status.
Hedgepath, Robert L., D.C. 0104-000278 Bedford, VA	12/1/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 11/23/17; license reflects current active status, shall continue to comply with HPMP contract.
Brandveen, Kim J., R.T. 0117-002945 Petersburg, VA	12/12/17	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 11/7/16; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Goodman, Lori N., B.A. 0133-000589 Moyock, NC	12/19/17	Indefinite suspension based on multiple patient cases of fraudulent billing; and inability to practice with reasonable skill or safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Krause, Craig C., M.D. 0101-233772 Gainesville, VA	1/18/18	Summary suspension as continued practice may be a substantial danger to the public health and safety.
Ahsan, Muhammed, M.D. 0101-251038 Birmingham, MI	1/23/18	Mandatory suspension based on action by the Michigan Board of Medicine.



Ayele, Petros A., M.D. 0101-242641 Dumfries, VA	12/8/17	Reprimand; License subject to terms and conditions based on patient case of inappropriate standard of care.	
Belt, Mark E., M.D. 0101-256924 Atlanta, GA	12/21/17	Mandatory suspension based on action by the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners.	
Chen, Tao, M.D. 0101-245164 Mobile, AL	1/29/18	Reprimand based on action by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.	
Fuentes, Edwin L., M.D. 0102-050134 Danville, VA	1/16/18	Mandatory suspension based on two felony convictions in the US District Court for the Western District of Virginia, to wit: Health care fraud and attempt to evade tax.	
Jones, David J., M.D. 0101-236088 McLean, VA	12/14/17	Reprimand and indefinite probation; License subject to terms and conditions based on multiple patient cases of inappropriate prescribing.	
Lander, Christopher J., M.D. 0101-043353 Charlottesville, VA	1/9/18	Mandatory suspension based on three felony convictions in the Circuit Court of Albemarle County, VA, to wit: shoot firearm within 1000 feet of school, discharge firearm from motor vehicle, and brandish firearm within 1000 feet of school.	
Larue, Michael S., P.A. 0110-001381 Clifton Forge, VA	1/9/18	Reprimand based on unauthorized prescribing.	
Rajan, Soundar, M.D. 0101-043759 Chesapeake, VA	1/23/18	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 12/14/17; license restored to full and unrestrictive status.	
Scranage Clarence, Jr., M.D. 0101- 038398 King George, VA	1/9/18	Mandatory suspension based on conviction of 19 felonies in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, to wit: 1 count of conspiracy to distribute oxycodone and 18 counts of distribution of controlled substances	
Hedgepath, Robert L., D.C. 0104-000278 Bedford, VA	11/29/17	License subject to terms and conditions based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness	
Thompson, Donald R., Jr., R.T. 0117- 006203 Richmond, VA	1/29/18	Continued on indefinite suspension for not less than 12 months.	
Crouch, James J., M.D., 0101-235303 Virginia Beach, VA	02/15/18	Summary suspension as continued practice may be a substantial danger to the public health and safety.	
Ayele, Petros A., M.D. 0101-242641 Dumfries, VA	2/6/18	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 12/08/17; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestrictive status.	
Blair, Shawn M., P.A. 0110-001382 Newport News, VA	2/20/18	Reinstatement of license denied based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness or substance abuse.	



Dimock, John L., M.D. 0101-260965 Kenbridge, VA	2/20/18	Mandatory suspension based on action by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, Canada.	
Emiliani, Nicolas A., M.D. 0101-028833 Colonial Heights, VA	2/16/18	Reprimand based on inappropriate maintenance of Schedule II & III controlled substances and re-dispensing surrendered	
	2/21/18	medications. Compliance with the Board's Order entered 2/16/18; license restored to full and unrestrictive status.	
Harrington, Gary C., M.D. 0101-049107 Greenville, AL	2/16/18	Compliance with Board Order; license restored to full and unrestricted status.	
Harssema, Martin J., M.D. 0101-263149 Alexandria, VA	2/14/18	Mandatory suspension based on a felony conviction, to wit: found guilty in a court- martial of the United States Department of the Air Force, seven counts of fraternization.	
Khorsand-Ravan, Fariborz, M.D. 0101-048296 San Francisco, CA	2/6/18	Voluntary surrender of license based on retirement.	
Merchia, Pankaj, M.D. 0101-244136 Boca Raton, FL	2/16/18	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 5/26/17; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestrictive status.	
Resk, Joan M., D.O. 0102-050166 Boones Mill, VA	2/16/18	Voluntary permanent surrender of license based on multiple cases of inappropriate prescribing.	
Shaw, William E., Jr., M.D. 0101-050789 Charlottesville, VA	2/7/18	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 10/15/12; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestrictive status.	
Taintor, Nicholas B., M.D. 0101-255825 Washington, DC	2/7/18	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 7/31/17; license reflects current active status, shall continue to comply with HPMP contract.	
Zinnanti, William J., M.D. 0101-250714 Santa Cruz, CA	2/12/18	Reinstated with terms and conditions.	
Conforti, Amy Lee, O.T. 0119-001615 Roanoke, VA	2/6/18	License subject to terms and conditions based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness	
	2/20/18	and/or substance abuse Compliance with the Board's Order entered 2/6/18; license reflects current active status, shall continue to comply with HPMP contract.	



Limited ("Limited"), Respiratory Care Practitioners, Occupational Therapists, Athletic Trainers, Polysomnographic Technologists, or Behavioral Analyst were issued a license and a reprimand, or violation with no sanction, based upon practicing without a license for a period of time:

Brown, Ashia, Poly Tech 0135-000482	8/4/17
Christopher, Katie, Rad. Tech 0120-009424	9/26/17
Thweatt, Alta L., Poly Tech 0135-000485	9/29/17
Rojas Juarez, Karina, Lt. Rad. Tech. 0122-002605	4/20/17
Walker, Ciara, Rad. Tech. 0120-006854	10/20/17
Brandveen, Kim J., Poly Tech 0135-000487	10/4/17
Griffin, Dale R., Poly Tech 0135-000487	10/04/17
McKenna, Kayla R., Rad. Tech 0120-009494	11/30/17
Stevens, Chrystal M., Rad. Tech 0120-004078	11/29/17
Tenney, Anthony M., Rad. Tech 0120-009496	11/30/17
McDonald, Angela W., Poly Tech 0135-000492	11/7/17
Peck, Erica, Poly Tech 0135-000495	11/29/17
Russell, Helen F., Poly Tech 0135-000496	12/15/17
Clary, Katherine D., B.A. 0133-000019	2/9/18
Mouton, Jay P., Poly Tech 0135-000508	2/21/18

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