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Message from the Chair: Charles L. White, DO



Dr. Charles White, pictured here with Governor Nathan Deal, is Board Chairperson for the 2011-2012 term. Dr. White is a Board-certified Family Practice physician from Cleveland, Georgia. He was first appointed to the Board by Governor Sonny Perdue in May 2007.

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In November 2011, the Centers for Disease Control published a report, “Overdoses of Prescription Opioid Pain Relievers — United States, 1999-2008”, that contained many troubling statements. According to the report, nearly 100 people died of drug overdoses in the United States *each day* in 2008, and nearly 75% of those deaths involved one or more prescription drugs. Over 40% of all deaths from drug overdoses in 2008 involved prescription opioid pain relievers (OPR). The rate of drug overdose deaths in 2008 (11.9 per 100,000 population) was nearly as high as that of motor vehicle crashes (13.1 per 100,000), the leading cause of injury-related deaths in the US.

According to the study, sales of OPR quadrupled between 1999 and 2010,

and the rate of drug overdose deaths rose by a commensurate amount during that period. Enough OPR were prescribed last year to medicate every American adult with a standard pain treatment dose of 5 mg of hydrocodone taken every four hours for a month.

The Medical Board and every physician in our country have an obligation to take this public health threat seriously. The Board recently adopted Rule 360-3-.06, “Pain Management”, and amended Rule 360-3-.02, “Unprofessional Conduct Defined”, to address the treatment of chronic pain and enable the Board to vigorously defend Georgia against inappropriate prescribing of OPR, and help to alleviate this alarming trend.

Note: A copy of these Rules, as well as answers to some frequently asked questions concerning the pain management rules, are available at www.medicalboard.georgia.gov.

Georgia Immigration Reform Act Requires All Licensees to Provide Affidavit of Lawful Presence and Copy of Document Verifying Lawful Presence

Beginning January 2012, all professional licensees in Georgia were required to submit a notarized affidavit affirming their lawful presence in the United States, along with a verifiable document such as a US passport, driver’s license, or immigration-related document, before their licenses were renewed. This additional requirement was mandated by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011. As a result of this new requirement, the renewal process has been delayed for many licensees, since the affidavit must be notarized and mailed to the Board. *(Continued on page 8)*

Board Elects William J. Butler, MD as New Chair, Richard Weil, MD as New Vice-Chair



Dr. William Butler, incoming Chairperson, is a professor and chairman in the Mercer University School of Medicine's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He has served on the Board since 2007.

On June 7, 2012, the Georgia Medical Board (GCMB) elected Vice-Chairman **William J. Butler, MD** of Macon to chair the Board for the July 2012 – June 2013 term. Dr. Butler, a professor and Chair in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Mercer University School of Medicine and Director of the Central Georgia Fertility Institute, is Board Certified in Obstetrics, Gynecology,

Reproductive Endocrinology, Infertility and Genetics. Prior to moving to Macon in 1999, Dr. Butler was the Director of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology at The Medical University of South Carolina School of Medicine. He was originally appointed to the Board by Governor Sonny Perdue in April 2007. He has been licensed in Georgia since 1982.



The Board also elected **Richard L. Weil, MD** of Atlanta to the position of Vice-Chairman. Dr. Weil, a Board-certified pediatrician at Piedmont Pediatrics, serves as Chief of Pediatrics at Piedmont Hospital and on

the Board of Directors for Kids Health First Pediatric Alliance. A member of the Composite Medical Board since April 2008, Dr. Weil has been honored as a “Top Doc” in pediatrics by *Atlanta Magazine* for four consecutive years beginning in July 2008. In May 2012, he was named by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top 1% pediatric physicians in the nation. Dr. Weil has been licensed in Georgia since 1982.

Deal Appoints Two, Reappoints Two to Board

In October 2011, Governor Nathan Deal appointed Gainesville physician **Gilbert S. Chandler III, MD** to the Board to fill the unexpired term of Jean Sumner, MD. Dr. Chandler, a founding member of Specialty Clinics of Georgia, is a pain management specialist and a member of the American Academy of Pain Medicine, the International Spinal Injection Society, and the Medical Association of Georgia, and is Board Certified in Anesthesiology and in Pain Management. He has been licensed in Georgia since 1992.

In February 2012, Governor Deal appointed Atlanta physician **Wendy A. Troyer, MD** to fill the unexpired term of John T. “Ted” Perry, MD. Since 1999, Dr. Troyer has served as the director of Neonatology Associates of Atlanta, a large practice specializing in neonatology, pediatric intensive care, and pediatric genetics. Dr. Troyer is Board Certified in Pediatrics and in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine. She has been licensed in Georgia since 1990.

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Are you a dispensing physician?

If you dispense medications from your office, you are required to notify the Board. By “dispense,” we mean to issue or administer the medication (as opposed to issuing the prescription only); and we mean dispensing medication other than free samples from the drug manufacturer. The Board is required

by state law to provide the Georgia Board of Pharmacy with the name, location, license number, and DEA number for each physician who dispenses or intends to dispense drugs. A copy of the response form is included on page 15.

Pain Management Clinic Bill and Continuing Education Bills Die; Abortion Bill Passes

HB 972 sought to enact the Georgia Pain Management Clinic Act, and would have required that pain management clinics in Georgia apply for and renew licenses issued and regulated by the Medical Board. The bill also sought to require coroners to provide a copy of their report to the Board if the report indicated that the cause of death could have been the result of medication administered or procedure conducted at a pain management clinic. The bill passed the House by a vote of 124-38 on March 5, 2012. The Senate passed a substitute bill that deleted the coroner-reporting requirement and added a grandfather clause for unlicensed owners of pain management clinics by a vote of

49-3 on March 27, 2012. However, the Senate's substitute bill was not voted on by the House.

HB 954 required physicians to determine probable gestational age of the fetus prior to performing an abortion, except in the case of medical emergency or determination that the pregnancy was medically futile, and limited abortions after 20 weeks to cases in which the mother's health was at risk or the pregnancy was medically futile. The bill specified that violations of its provisions by a physician would constitute unprofessional conduct for license sanction purposes. (*More updates on page 4*)

Deal Reappoints Gross and Lee to Board (continued from page 2)

In July 2011, Governor Deal reappointed Alexander Gross, MD of Cumming to the Board for a new term expiring July 1, 2015. Dr. Gross, who was first appointed to the Board in 2008, is a fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology, the American Society of Dermatologic Surgery, the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, and the American College of Laser

Medicine and Surgery. He served as Board Chairman for the 2010-2011 term.

In October 2011, Governor Deal reappointed Marion Lee, MD of Tifton to a new term expiring July 1, 2014. Dr. Lee is Board Certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology, the American Board of Interventional Pain Physicians, the American Board of Pain Medicine, the

American Board of Addiction Medicine, and the American Board of Independent Medical Examiners. He served on the Nominating Committee of the Federation of State Medical Boards from 2010 to 2012, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Society of Interventional Pain Physicians as its Immediate Past President.

Board Executive Director LaSharn Hughes Elected President of Administrators in Medicine



At its annual meeting in Fort Worth, Texas on April 25, 2012, the Administrators in Medicine (AIM) elected LaSharn Hughes, Executive Director of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, as its new President. Ms. Hughes

succeeds Blake Maresh, Executive Director of the

Washington State Board of Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery. Ms. Hughes, who has served as Executive Director of the Medical Board since 2003, has held several key leadership posts in AIM, including Southern Region Representative, Secretary, and Vice President.

AIM, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1984, is the national organization for state medical and osteopathic board executives.

Jean Rawlings Sumner Appointed Medical Director



In September 2011, Jean Rawlings Sumner, MD resigned her seat on the

Board to accept its appointment as Medical Director effective October 1, 2011. Dr. Sumner, an internal medicine physician in Sandersville, Georgia, has a long and distinguished history of public service to the people of Georgia, and has served as a

member of the Board of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, but also on the Boards of the Georgia Department of Human Resources, the State Medical Education Board, and the Georgia Department of Community Health.

Dr. Sumner is listed as a Local Legend in the National Institutes of Health's National Library of Medicine. A graduate of the Medical College of Georgia's School of Nursing, Dr.

Sumner earned her MD degree from Mercer University School of Medicine in 1986, earning that year's Distinguished Graduate Award. In 1995, she received the James Alley Service Award from the Georgia Rural Health Association for her strong advocacy on behalf of rural health issues. Her acceptance of the appointment to the position of Medical Director fills a role that had been vacant since April 2010.

Legislative and Other Updates (continued from page 3)

HB 785: Passed. Prohibits the conditioning of physician and dentist licensure upon participation in a public or private health insurance plan, public health care system, public service initiative, or emergency room coverage, and reserved sole responsibility of the licensure of physicians in Georgia to the Georgia Medical Board.

HB 247: Passed. Granted immunity to anyone who acted in good faith in accordance with a Physician Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment.

SB 288: Failed. Sought to allow pharmacists to administer all vaccines for patients between the ages of 19 and 49. The bill failed to reach the House floor after passing 43-7 in the Senate.

HB 1303: Failed. Sought to

grant physician assistants the authority to prescribe Schedule II drugs.

HB 1143: Failed. Sought to exempt orthotists and prosthetists from the requirement of Medical Board licensees to earn at least 40 hours of continuing education biennially, and to allow the Board to define how many hours of continuing education are required.

Funding for the Cosmetic Laser Services Act:

Failed. The Board sought funding to implement the Cosmetic Laser Services Act, which was originally passed in 2007 by votes of 139-6 in the House and 46-5 in the Senate, and then was amended and passed in 2008 by votes of 47-0 in the Senate and 156-8 in the House. The bills

required funding by specific reference to the Act in order to become effective. The Board was unsuccessful in its most recent attempt to secure the authority to implement and enforce this law, which seeks to enhance the safety of cosmetic laser patients by mandating licensure and prudent regulation, including training and continuing education.

Prescription Monitoring Program.

In 2011, the General Assembly authorized the creation of a prescription monitoring program. The Board of Pharmacy has posted a Request For Proposal for these services. The Advisory Committee for the program will include five physicians.

Trouble logging in because you can't remember your user ID or password? Follow these tips.

you would like to file a complaint with the Board.
 licensees. If you have never before used this system, you must register first.
 d's home page.



Your user ID is an email address.

Your GCMB user ID should be a valid email address. That's because if you ever forget your password and request a new one, the system will

send you a new temporary password to your user ID (email address). So try to think of the email address you may have used the last time you accessed our online services.

You can reset your password online.

Enter userid press "Next".
 Press "Cancel" to go to main menu.

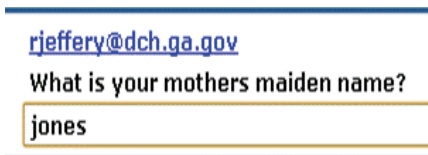


If you know your user ID, you can probably reset your password

yourself. Go to the login page, and instead of trying to log in, just click the link below the password field. Then, you'll be asked to type your user ID. Once you enter your user ID and click "Next," you'll be asked to provide the correct answer to the security question you set up.

After you provide the correct answer to the security question, the system will reset your password to a temporary password and email that to the email address you used as your user ID.

The email message will contain a temporary password you can use to log in.



If you can't see your license number after you log in successfully, call the Board.

If you logged in successfully, but don't see your license number, you may have

logged in as a new user, rather than trying to use your existing user ID and password. This means you created an account as a user who has never before been known to the Board. If you encounter this issue, or cannot log in or reset your password after trying to follow the preceding steps, call the Board at 404-463-8900 or 404-656-3913 for assistance in resetting your account.

Board Announces Intent to Award Professional Health Program Contract

On June 11, 2012, the Board announced that **Georgia Professional Health Program** was the apparent successful offeror to conduct the Board's Professional Health Program. The Request for Proposal was issued on April 24, 2012.

Proposed services include monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired health care professionals, and the contractor will coordinate the evaluations and assessments of participating health care professionals to determine whether they can practice with reasonable skill and safety. The program is designed for professionals who may become unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety because of illness, mental or physical condition, or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, and/or chemicals. The participating professional will bear all costs associated with his or her participation, and will remain fully accountable to the Board for his or her professional practice during the period of PHP participation.

Board Issues Office-Based Surgery Guidelines

Senate Resolution 1222, adopted in April 2010 and sponsored by Don Thomas, Renee Unterman, and Lee Hawkins, urged the Medical Board to develop and adopt guidelines for office-based anesthesia and surgery. After soliciting and receiving input from physicians, members of the Board of Nursing and the nursing community, professional associations, and other interested parties, the Board adopted and issued the guidelines on December 2, 2011.

Dr. Alexander Gross, Immediate Past Chairman of the Board, noted,

“By adopting these guidelines, the Medical Board has set a standard for medical practitioners who perform surgery or utilize sedation in an office setting. The Board’s ultimate goal is to ensure patient safety in these situations. We are grateful for the input we received from numerous sectors of the medical community in creating these protocols.”

The guidelines, which went into effect immediately, are available on the web at <http://www.files.georgia.gov/GCMB/Files/OBS%20Guidelines.pdf>.

Pain Management Rules Adopted

On January 6, 2012, the Board adopted rules and additional guidelines regarding pain management. Rule 360-3-.06, “Pain Management,” requires patients who are prescribed chronic opiate therapy to be seen and checked for compliance at least as frequently as every 90 days, as well as being tested for compliance on a random basis. In licensed hospice settings, the physician must have the patient’s medical history, physical examination, and informed consent. Other requirements documenting competence in pain management or palliative medicine may be applicable to you if more than half of your practice’s annual patient population is comprised of chronic pain management patients receiving Schedule II or III substances. Please go to the Board’s website to view the rule, as well as answers to frequently asked questions about it.

Know the Law About Writing Prescriptions



Did you know that the State Board of Pharmacy issued a policy that requires you to use

security paper approved by the Pharmacy Board for all written prescription orders for Schedule II drugs after September 30, 2012? On June 6, 2012, the Pharmacy Board issued an updated policy regarding tamper-resistant prescription pads. The pads must have features designed to prevent unauthorized copying, erasure/modification, or counterfeiting of prescription forms, and must have the Pharmacy Board’s seal of approval affixed to the prescription form. The security paper must have an identifying lot number,

and each piece of paper in the prescription pad must be numbered sequentially, beginning with the number one. The requirements do not apply to prescriptions transmitted to the pharmacy by telephone, facsimile, or electronic means, or to prescriptions written for hospital inpatients or outpatients, nursing home or mental health facility residents, or individuals incarcerated in local, state, or federal facilities where the order is given directly to the pharmacy and the patient never has the opportunity to handle the written order.

To view the Pharmacy Board’s policy on security paper approved for Schedule II prescriptions, go to www.sos.georgia.gov/plb/pharmacy and click the link to view the memo regarding security paper.

Pharmacy law gives pharmacists the authority to refuse any prescription they don’t want to fill—whether the prescription is from a physician in Georgia or out of state.

Maintaining Patient Records After Retiring From or Leaving a Practice

How long do I need to keep my records?

It is unprofessional conduct to fail to maintain a patient's records for at least ten years from the patient's last visit. *Rule 360-3-.02(16)(a)*.

What should I do with my records if I retire or sell my practice?

The preceding requirement does not apply to a physician who has retired from or sold his or her medical practice if the physician has notified his patients of the retirement or sale of practice:

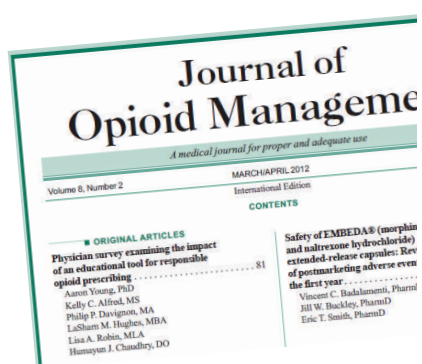
1. By **mail**, to the last known address of his or her patients;
2. By **public notice** in the newspaper of greatest circulation in each county in which the physician practices or practiced, and in a local newspaper that serves the immediate practice area; and
3. By **placing a sign**, in a conspicuous location in or on the façade of the physician's office,

announcing the physician's retirement or sale of the practice at least 30 days prior to the retirement or sale. The sign must remain posted until the date of the retirement or sale, and must advise patients of their opportunity to transfer or receive their records.

Each notification method (mail, newspaper, and sign) must offer to provide the patient's records (or copies) to another provider of the patient's choice, and, if the patient requests it, to the patient.

The periods specified in Rule 360-3-.02 may be less than the length of time necessary for a physician to protect himself or herself against other adverse actions, and pediatric and psychiatric records may have other stipulations. You should consult your own legal counsel or malpractice insurer for advice applicable to your particular circumstances. *Rule 360-3-.02(16)*.

Georgia survey finds guide to responsible opioid prescribing educational, effective



A study published in the March/April 2012 issue of the *Journal of Opioid Management* found that over 80% of Georgia physicians who read a book on prescribing opioids agreed it was a useful educational tool, and 42% of primary care physicians reported they would make practice changes based on what they learned—indicating that education efforts focused on primary care practitioners can yield significant results for health care policy makers and regulators. The study, co-authored by Aaron Young,

Ph.D., Kelly Alfred, MS, Philip Davignon, MA, Lisa Robin, MLA, Humayun Chaudhry, DO, and Georgia Medical Board Executive Director LaSharn Hughes, MBA, surveyed 12,666 Georgia physicians six weeks after they received the book *Responsible Opioid Use: A Physician's Guide* (Fishman, 2007). The book, which was mailed by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) to over 165,000 physicians in the US, is available on the FSMB website (fsmb.org/cme/index.html).

Updating your contact information could save you more than 60 days and thousands of dollars in lost income, fines, and additional fees

Approximately 75 to 90 days before your license expires, the Board sends a courtesy reminder to your address of record. Each month, many of these notices are returned because the licensee's address has changed.

Of the nearly 2,000 physician licenses that lapsed due to non-renewal between January 2008 and December 2009, almost 7 percent were subsequently reinstated. Renewing a physician license costs \$230 for two years and typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete. Reinstating a physician license is a much more costly undertaking, both in time and money, with an applica-

tion fee of \$500 and often taking two months or more to complete. When taking the lost income into account, inadvertently allowing a license to lapse could cost a physician \$20,000 or more. Add to that the cost of a fine and reprimand if the licensee practices medicine without a license, and it is easy to see that it pays to keep your contact information current.

You can view and update your license online any time, and if you are not online, you can fax your update to 404-656-9723. The few minutes you spend keeping the Board updated could save you thousands of dollars down the road.

Immigration Reform Act Adds Time to Renewal Process *(continued from page 1)*

Once the Board receives the affidavit and copy of the document verifying the licensee's lawful presence in the US, the Board must manually validate the licensee's lawful presence before approving the renewal application. For licensees who are not US citizens, but are in the US, the Board must obtain verification of the lawful status directly from the US Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Naturalization Services.

To avoid such delays in the renewal of your license, please mail the notarized affidavit to the Board today, and fax or email a copy of a verifiable document. You do not need to wait for your renewal period to do this, and it could possibly prevent costly delays in the processing of your renewal application when you do renew. The affidavit is included in this newsletter (on page 14) for your convenience.

Things you need to know about telemedicine practice in Georgia

Prescribing controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs for a patient based solely on a consultation via electronic means is unprofessional conduct in Georgia. It is also unprofessional conduct to provide treatment via electronic or other means unless a history and physical examination has been performed by a Georgia licensee. When on call or covering for another physician, it may be permissible to prescribe a 72-hour supply of medications. It may also be permissible to prescribe medications in a documented emergency. The rule does not prohibit the attending physician from obtaining consultations or recommendations from other physicians. See Rule 360-3-.02(5) and (6).

DEA Requiring Protocol Number for APRN Prescribers

Effective December 1, 2011, the Drug Enforcement Agency began requiring a Georgia Medical Board protocol number from APRNs who apply for DEA numbers in Georgia. The protocol number, which is not a license number, indicates only that the Medical Board has accepted the protocol as meeting the minimum accepted standards of medicine. The Board began issuing protocol numbers with its letters accepting protocols on December 1, 2011 in an effort to help expedite requests for DEA numbers by APRNs who need to prescribe Schedule III, IV, and V drugs.

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee News

EMR: Caution Advised!

The Board is encountering frequent investigative cases involving electronic medical records. The proliferation of drop-down and copy-forward notes has led to some issues for physicians, about whom the Board has received complaints. It is sometimes clear that the physician entered data which is inaccurate—for instance, describing a uterine exam for a patient who has had a hysterectomy—but in other cases, it is not so clear. Remember, the medical record may speak for or against you in a malpractice or investigative case. The mantra oft-heard in PA school, “Document what you do, and only what you do,” is sometimes forgotten in the hectic activity of a PA’s schedule.

Although it is easy to click and go, make sure the record accurately reflects your interactions with the patient.

William Paulsen, AA, Leaves Committee; Sandra Bergeron, AA, Joins Committee

William Paulsen, who served many years on the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee to the Board, submitted his resignation from the Committee in December 2011. As an experienced Anesthesiology Assistant educator and head of the South University Anesthesiology Assistant program, Mr. Paulsen was an invaluable resource for the Committee and the Board on matters regarding Anesthesiology Assistant practice and licensure. A key contributor to the complete revision of the PA Rules after the passage of HB 109, Mr. Paulsen leaves to pursue his successful career in another state. The PA Advisory Committee and the Board wish him every success and happiness in his new position.

Sandra Bergeron, AA was installed as a new member of the Committee on February 3, 2012.

Respiratory Care Advisory Committee Position Statement on the Unacceptability of Concurrent Respiratory Therapy

Concurrent therapy, defined as one Respiratory Care Professional (RCP) rendering inhaled treatments to multiple patients simultaneously in an unmonitored patient care area, has been identified by the Joint Commission as a detriment to patient care. Medicare issued the following statement regarding concurrent therapy: “It is not being delivered according to Medicare coverage guidelines; that is, the therapy is not being provided individually.” It is the position of the Committee that organizations should be strongly discouraged from adopting a policy or practice by which patients are left unattended during the administration of respiratory medication delivery, as this practice is seen as being contradictory to safe clinical practice.

The Committee believes that it is the duty and obligation of every license to provide safe and skillful patient care. The licensee must assess each patient in

his or her care, and each health care facility should have policies and procedures in place that discourage or prohibit the administration of concurrent therapy. The Committee encourages adherence to the American Association for Respiratory Care position paper on concurrent therapy, which states, “Indiscriminate use of concurrent therapy may lead to declines in quality and may jeopardize patient safety. Aerosolized medications administered during treatments have potential adverse reactions.” The AARC paper concludes, “Concurrent therapy may not only adversely affect quality of care and patient safety, but can lead to a decline in job satisfaction and a loss of trained personnel. Such adverse results further exacerbate the health care workforce shortage. Ultimately, it is the ethical and professional responsibility of respiratory therapists to assure their patients receive both safe and effective care of the highest quality.”

Board Disciplinary Action Report

The following report lists public disciplinary actions taken by the Board between July 1, 2011 and June 10, 2012. These cases have been investigated and are now part of the public record. Although every effort is made to ensure that the information is correct, you should read the order in its entirety. The Board may include several provisions in an order, and the description of the discipline in this report may not reflect all the actions in the order. You may view these public orders on our website at www.medicalboard.georgia.gov.

Revocations, Voluntary Surrenders, and Suspensions

Profession	License	Name	Date	Discipline
Respiratory Care	4617	ELLIS, EUGENE MITCHELL	3/1/2012	Revocation
Physician	15853	BROUSSARD, CAROLYN	8/5/2011	Voluntary Surrender
Physician	41934	REDDY, RAJASHAKER	8/5/2011	Voluntary Surrender
Physician	55643	SHAVER, MARLA LYNN	9/1/2011	Voluntary Surrender
Physician	51657	GUPTA, NARENDRA KUMAR	10/7/2011	Voluntary Surrender
Physician	32547	DESANDRE, FRANK ARTHUR	3/2/2012	Voluntary Surrender
Physician	40745	MOORE, MARYANNE WALKER	3/2/2012	Voluntary Surrender
Physician	13211	FINCH, CHARLES STANLEY	3/26/2012	Voluntary Surrender
Physician	43202	FANTAUZZI, MARK RUDOLPH	5/3/2012	Voluntary Surrender
Physician	11414	MACON, PHILIP FREDERICKE	5/4/2012	Voluntary Surrender
Physician	39735	BLOUNT, RONNIE	7/1/2011	Summary Suspension
Physician Assistant	4088	IMES, ALLAN BROWN	8/12/2011	Summary Suspension
Physician	55164	MCCANTS, NICOLE LYNNE	8/16/2011	Summary Suspension
Physician Assistant	1844	WILLIAMS, NORRIS	4/3/2012	Summary Suspension
Physician	21447	BANEGURA, FABIO KATUREEBE	9/1/2011	Suspension
Physician	32366	COUNCIL, RUTHANNE	9/1/2011	Suspension
Physician	39073	CLINE, HORACE LEE III	10/7/2011	Suspension
Physician	64409	MACATOL, MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER	10/7/2011	Suspension
Physician	62863	MAURYA, VAIBHAV	10/24/2011	Suspension
Physician	33928	AVERY, KAREN INEZ BENTLEY	11/4/2011	Suspension
Physician	55164	MCCANTS, NICOLE LYNNE	11/4/2011	Suspension
Physician	44063	PURVIS, JERRY GAINES JR	2/7/2012	Suspension
Physician	65010	JACQUES, ARNOLD J	3/1/2012	Suspension
Physician	44500	JOHNSTON, MICHAEL STANLEY	3/16/2012	Suspension
Physician	29423	CHAPMAN, JAMES EARL	5/21/2012	Suspension
Physician	65010	JACQUES, ARNOLD J	3/1/2012	Suspension

Board Disciplinary Action Report (continued from page 10)**Public Reprimands, Public Practice Restrictions, Fines, and Probation**

Profession	License	Name	Date	Discipline
Physician	16343	FREEMONT, JAMES M	8/5/2011	Public Reprimand
Physician Assistant	3607	MARCY, VANESSA	8/5/2011	Public Reprimand
Physician Assistant	4088	IMES, ALLAN BROWN	9/1/2011	Public Reprimand
Physician	49847	ZAKERS, GREGORY O'NEAL	10/7/2011	Public Reprimand
Physician Assistant	5735	ZUNDEL, SHANNON DAWN	10/7/2011	Public Reprimand
Respiratory Care	7587	HAINLEY, SUPRINA MELISA	10/20/2011	Public Reprimand
Respiratory Care	7313	KING, CYNTHIA ELAINE	11/4/2011	Public Reprimand
Physician Assistant	4679	MOULTON, AMBER ADELE	11/21/2011	Public Reprimand
Physician	38299	MANSFIELD, KATHY E	12/2/2011	Public Reprimand
Physician	62805	AN, CAROLINE SHUN-TSU	2/3/2012	Public Reprimand
Respiratory Care	7521	FORDHAM, LISA KELLY	2/3/2012	Public Reprimand
Physician	25677	TANNER, MARK LESLIE	3/1/2012	Public Reprimand
Physician	25459	MACHERET, LEONID	3/29/2012	Public Reprimand
Physician	49472	PROLER, MEYER LEON	3/29/2012	Public Reprimand
Physician	56667	WILLIAMS, ANTONIO ALEXANDER	3/29/2012	Public Reprimand
Acupuncturist	233	CHEN, HONG	4/2/2012	Public Reprimand
Physician	31574	CHENEY, DAVID MARSHALL	5/3/2012	Public Reprimand
Physician	54745	HUYNH, TUAN ANH	5/3/2012	Public Reprimand
Physician	41142	JACOB, STEPHEN CHACKO	5/3/2012	Public Reprimand
Physician	36466	THOMSON, MARION KIMBERLY	10/7/2011	Practice Restriction
Physician	62120	ROBINSON, TONYA ALISA	9/1/2011	Public Fine
Physician	27809	ENUMAH, FESTUS IBEGBUNA	10/7/2011	Public Fine
Physician	63747	WANG, YIHAN	1/6/2012	Public Fine
Physician	56853	MUNGARA, PADMANABHA RAJU	2/3/2012	Public Fine
Physician	55782	MARLER, KEVIN DWAIN MD	8/5/2011	Probation
Physician	39735	BLOUNT, RONNIE	10/7/2011	Probation
Physician	38821	JUNCO, ANTHONY JR	10/7/2011	Probation
Physician	42184	BOARD, ELIZABETH MAUDE	11/4/2011	Probation
Physician	38659	LUBIN, BARRY HOWARD	11/4/2011	Probation
Physician	38358	SCHLEY, ROBERT SOMMERVILLE	12/2/2011	Probation
Physician	63014	WAGUESPACK, SCOTT JOSEPH	12/2/2011	Probation
Physician	39367	HIGHTOWER, RICHARD R JR	1/6/2012	Probation
Physician Assistant	3640	HOLLOWAY, CHARLES WILLIAM	1/26/2012	Probation
Physician	22444	MAYBERRY, WILLIAM STOY	2/3/2012	Probation
Physician	29557	WHITE, DOUGLAS RAY	3/1/2012	Probation
Physician	31334	STUART, LLOYD S	3/14/2012	Probation

Board Disciplinary Action Report (continued from page 11)**Modifications and Terminations of Public Orders**

Profession	License	Name	Date	Discipline
Physician	26444	BAILEY, DONALD HOSFORD	9/8/2011	Amended Public Order
Respiratory Care	2226	HORTON, WILLIAM JEFFREY	9/8/2011	Amended Public Order
Physician	17841	KELLY, JAMES CORBITT	12/2/2011	Amended Public Order
Respiratory Care	2226	HORTON, WILLIAM JEFFREY	2/3/2012	Amended Public Order
Physician	44683	BERGERON, RHETT LEON	2/10/2012	Amended Public Order
Physician	38821	JUNCO, ANTHONY JR	3/1/2012	Amended Public Order
Physician	55782	MARLER, KEVIN DWAIN MD	3/21/2012	Amended Public Order
Physician	48063	MCGEE, TRACY SCOTT	7/15/2011	Terminated Probation
Physician	30938	ALMON, WILLIAM RICHARD	8/5/2011	Terminated Probation
Respiratory Care	1054	PARKER, SUE EILEEN	9/1/2011	Terminated Probation
Physician	22247	LUKE, CLAUDE MICHAEL	10/7/2011	Terminated Probation
Physician	17340	WHEATLEY, JOSEPH KEVIN	10/7/2011	Terminated Probation
Physician	43503	WAGNER, ROBERT JAY	11/4/2011	Terminated Probation
Physician	25387	ROSSER, LARRY RAY	12/2/2011	Terminated Probation
Physician	47225	JOHNSON, THOMAS CLAYTON	12/13/2011	Terminated Probation
Physician	50370	GKNAVORIAN, SONIA STELLA	1/6/2012	Terminated Probation
Physician	46856	GROSE, LEE LOREN	1/6/2012	Terminated Probation
Physician	28826	MORGAN, WILLIE EDWARD	1/6/2012	Terminated Probation
Physician	21355	POAG, JOYCE HOUSTON	1/6/2012	Terminated Probation
Physician	54051	ROTH, DAVID SAMUEL	1/6/2012	Terminated Probation
Physician	44381	WILLIAMS, KENNETH R JR	1/6/2012	Terminated Probation
Physician	31391	MOYENDA, KAMAU	2/3/2012	Terminated Probation
Physician Assistant	3463	NOBLES, JAMES STEPHEN	2/3/2012	Terminated Probation
Physician Assistant	3566	LAUGHERTY, ROBERT IRICK	3/1/2012	Terminated Probation
Physician Assistant	2876	FORREST, MICHAEL DAVID	3/29/2012	Terminated Probation
Physician	30153	MOSELEY, JOHN LEIHUGH	3/29/2012	Terminated Probation
Physician	30062	FOSTER, GREGORY ALLEN	3/30/2012	Terminated Probation
Physician Assistant	3922	TUCKER, VICTOR JASON	8/18/2011	Terminated Suspension
Physician	24404	CARTER, JAMES HENRY JR	12/2/2011	Terminated Terms
Physician	18983	BENTON, PATRICIA LEE	2/3/2012	Terminated Terms
Physician	22369	HERRING, DAVEY DONALD	3/1/2012	Terminated Terms

Answers to Some Frequently-Asked Questions

What duties can a medical assistant perform?

A medical assistant is defined as an unlicensed person employed by the physician to whom he or she delegates certain medical tasks. A physician may delegate the following tasks to medical assistants: subcutaneous and intramuscular injections, obtaining vital signs, administering nebulizer treatments, and removing sutures and changing dressings. Physicians may only allow medical assistants to provide services for which the medical assistants have been properly trained, and the physician must maintain accurate and complete records of professional services rendered. *Rule 360-3-.05.*

Does a physician need a license if he or she is reading radiology film from another state?

A physician who reads radiology film for a Georgia patient must be licensed in Georgia.

Can I prescribe medicines to my family members or myself?

According to Rule 360-3-.02, it is unprofessional conduct to write prescriptions for controlled substances for personal use or, except for documented emergencies, for immediate family members (“immediate family members”, as defined in the rule, includes spouses, children, siblings, and parents). *Rule 360-3-.02(2).*

When must a chaperone be present?

A chaperone must be present when you conduct a physical examination of the breast and/or genitalia of a patient of the opposite sex. *Rule 360-3-.02(12).*

Who can perform conscious sedation in my office?

A licensed healthcare provider such as an anesthesiologist or certified nurse anesthetist (APRN). *Georgia Composite Medical Board: Office-based Anesthesia and Surgery Guidelines.*

Board Recognizes Perry for Service as Member and Chairman



John T. “Ted” Perry, MD resigned his seat on the Georgia Composite Medical Board in January 2012 after nearly 6 years of service on the Board. Dr. Perry, a Board-certified Bartow

County general surgeon, was first appointed in April 2006 by Governor Sonny Perdue to fill an unexpired term. He was reappointed to a full term in 2009.

During his distinguished tenure on the Board, Dr. Perry served as the Board’s Chairman from July 2009 to June 2010, and chaired several Board advisory committees. The Board thanks Dr. Perry for his exemplary service to the people of Georgia.

Speaker’s Bureau

Would you like to have a speaker from the Georgia Medical Board at your next meeting? The Board members and staff are available for speaking engagements. Topics include “Protecting Your License,” “Sexual Misconduct,” “Drug Diversion and Pill Mills,” and “Prescribing,” as well as other issues that you may be interested in. For more information, contact Carol Dorsey at cdorsey@dch.ga.gov.

Affidavit for Renewal of Medical Board License

If you have not submitted your affidavit for renewal of your license, please send it now , so your license renewal is not delayed. The list of acceptable documents to verify your lawful presence in the US can be accessed at http://law.ga.gov/vgn/images/portal/cit_1210/63/43/173963603Secure_and_verifiable_document_list%208.5.11.pdf .

O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(2) Affidavit for Renewal of Medical Board License

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a professional license, as referenced in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, from the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the undersigned applicant verifies one of the following with respect to my application for a public benefit:

- 1) _____ I am a United States citizen.
- 2) _____ I am a legal permanent resident of the United States.
- 3) _____ I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency. My alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is:

_____.

The undersigned applicant also hereby verifies that he or she is 18 years of age or older and has provided at least one secure and verifiable document, as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(1), with this affidavit.

The secure and verifiable document attached to this affidavit can best be classified as:

_____.

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20, and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Executed in _____ (city), _____(state).

GA License Number	Printed Name of Applicant
GA License Number	Printed Name of Applicant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS
THE ___ DAY OF _____, 20___

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Submit this affidavit and at least one verifiable document by fax to 404-651-7864 or by email to securedocuments@dch.ga.gov.
- 2. Then, mail this **original** affidavit (not the verifiable document) to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree St NW, 36th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Dispensing Physician Notification Letter

If you dispense or intend to dispense medications, please take a moment to print or copy this page and send it to the Board by email, fax, or mail.

To: LaSharn Hughes, Executive Director
Georgia Composite Medical Board
2 Peachtree St, NW, 36th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303

Email: Medbd@dch.ga.gov
Fax: 404-656-9723

Date: _____

Subject: Dispensing Physician Notification

Dear Ms. Hughes:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Georgia Composite Medical Board:

of my intent to become a Dispensing Physician in the State of Georgia. Attached is a list of each clinic and address where I intend to be a dispensing physician.

I am a dispensing physician. Attached is a list of each clinic and address where I am a dispensing physician.

Sincerely,

Physician's Signature

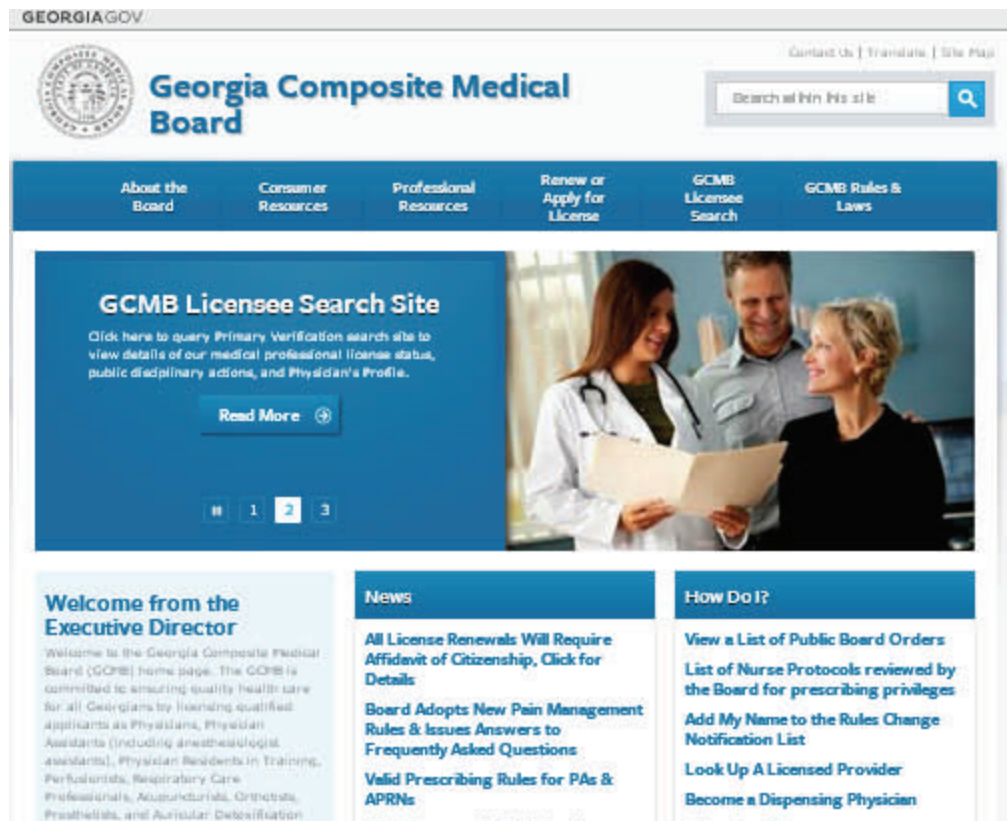
Medical License # _____

DEA # _____

/Attachment

Board Launches Redesigned Website

On May 30, 2012, the Board launched its newly redesigned website, with features such as internal search and contact functionality for users, and more accessible and easy-to-use content. The new design is intended to make the user's experience more intuitive. The "Contact Us" link at the top of each page now takes the user to the contact page for the Board, rather than the state's main website (Georgia.Gov), and the search field on the page now defaults to a search of the Medical Board's site, instead of defaulting to a search of all the Georgia government sites.



While the look, feel, and functionality of the Board's website has been improved, the addresses for the pages in the site have not been changed. This means that if you had already bookmarked some of the pages in our website, your bookmarks should still take you to the right places.

If you have any questions or comments about the Board's redesigned website, or if you have suggestions for other improvements we can make, please let us know by email (Medbd@dch.ga.gov), phone (404-657-6492), or mail (to the Board's address at 2 Peachtree St NW, 36th, Atlanta, GA 30303).

The Medical Board needs you!

If you want to help regulate your profession by becoming a physician peer reviewer, please send us a current CV and letter describing your practice, specialty, and certifications. We especially need specialists in internal medicine, IM with pain focus, and pain management. You must have an unrestricted license to practice in Georgia.

ID Cards, Wall Certificates Available Online

Missing your licensee ID card or need another wall certificate for your office? The Board's website (<https://versa.medicalboard.georgia.gov/datamart/gadchMainMenu.do>) allows you to order these items easily and securely.

ID cards are mailed to your mailing address of record 2 to 3 days after the order is received. Wall certificates are mailed within 7 days.

Do you have malpractice coverage? Recent legislation requires physicians to disclose whether they are covered or not.

Can Planning For Healthy Babies Help Your Patients?

Planning for Healthy Babies (P4HB) is a program supported by the federal government to help reduce the number of small babies born at risk for life-long health challenges, such as developmental delays, respiratory illness and loss of vision.

Georgia's P4HB waiver is the first in the country to focus on reducing low birth weight rates. The waiver extends family planning services to uninsured women between the ages of 18 through 44 who are not eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP/PeachCare for Kids®).

Women between the ages of 18 through 44, who are not pregnant, are uninsured and are within the monthly family income limits (for example, as much as \$29,420 annual income for a family of two), may be eligible.

Your patients may be allowed to enroll in:

- **Family Planning** – for all eligible women. Patients receive an annual physical, family planning counseling, birth control, STD and pregnancy tests, pap smears and more.
- **Inter-Pregnancy Care (IPC)** – only for women who have delivered a baby on or after January 1, 2011, weighing less than 3 pounds, 5 ounces. Patients receive Family Planning, limited primary care and dental services, Resource Mother services and more.
- **Resource Mother** – parenting, nutrition and healthy lifestyles information and support for women who have delivered a baby weighing less than 3 pounds, 5 ounces.

The P4HB program provides no-cost family planning services to eligible women in Georgia because healthy moms are more likely to have healthy babies.

For information, call 1-877-P4HB-101 (1-877-744-2101) or visit www.P4HB.org.



Calendar of Board Meetings and Holidays, 2012

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Wednesday, July 4	Independence Day (closed)
Thursday, July 12	GCMB Board meeting 2 Peachtree St, NW, 36th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Thursday, August 9 and Friday, August 10	GCMB Board meeting 2 Peachtree St, NW, 36th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Monday, September 3	Labor Day (closed)
Thursday, September 13	GCMB Board meeting 2 Peachtree St, NW, 36th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Thursday, October 4 and Friday, October 5	GCMB Board meeting 2 Peachtree St, NW, 36th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Monday, October 8	Columbus Day (closed)
Thursday, November 1 and Friday, November 2	GCMB Board meeting 2 Peachtree St, NW, 36th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Monday, November 12	Veterans Day (closed)
Thursday, November 22	Thanksgiving Day (closed)
Friday, November 23	Robert E. Lee's Birthday (closed) (observed)
Thursday, December 6 to Friday, December 7	GCMB Board meeting 2 Peachtree St, NW, 36th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Monday, December 24	Washington's Birthday (closed) (observed)
Tuesday, December 25	Christmas Day (closed)

Contact Information

Licensure Applications

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Clinical Perfusionist

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Orthotist and Prosthetist

Katonya Reynolds
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Acupuncturist

Gladys Henderson
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Residency Training Permit

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Ordering Verification of Georgia Licensure for Other Licensing Boards

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The Georgia Composite Medical Board's mission is to protect the health of Georgians through the proper licensing of physicians and certain members of the healing arts and through objective enforcement of the Medical Practice Act.

Active Licenses, June 23, 2012:

Physician	31,494
Physician Assistant	3,456
Respiratory Care Professional	5,094
Acupuncturist	219
Perfusionist	134
Resident Physician	2,088
Orthotist & Prosthetist	221

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