



# Georgia Composite Medical Board

Summer 2023 — Newsletter

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. The mission of the Georgia Composite Medical Board is to protect the health of Georgians through the proper licensing of physicians and certain members of the healing arts and through the objective enforcement of the *Medical Practice Act*. We want to keep you informed along the way, and this newsletter will provide you with updated information on what is happening here at the Board. Enjoy!

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## **Drs. Bostock, Gangasani elected to lead GCMB into 2024**

During the Board meeting on June 29, the Georgia Composite Medical Board voted to select William K. Bostock, DO, as chair for 2023-2024. Sreeni Gangasani, MD, was also elected to serve as vice chair.

Dr. Bostock is a family medicine physician with Northeast Georgia Physicians Group and a member of the core faculty with the Family Medicine Residency Program at Northeast Georgia Medical Center. He previously worked at Northside Gwinnett and practiced family medicine in Gwinnett County for 35 years. Bostock was a Promina Health System board member and has served as chairman on the board of the Gwinnett Hospital System PHO. He is also a member of many state and national societies, including the American College of Osteopathic Physicians, American Osteopathic Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Medical Association. He graduated from medical school at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, and completed a family medicine residency at the Medical College of Georgia.

Dr. Gangasani is a practicing cardiologist in Lawrenceville for over 20 years with board certifications in cardiovascular disease, echocardiography, nuclear cardiology, and heart failure and transplantation. He is founding partner of Cardiovascular Group based in metro Atlanta. He was past president of Georgia Association of Physicians of Indian heritage (GAPI), past board of trustee and vice chair of American Association of Physicians of Indian origin (AAPI), chair of 37th AAPI convention in Atlanta in 2019, chair of AAPI Global Health Summit, 2019-20 in Hyderabad, India and 39th AAPI convention in Atlanta. He was past chair of Department of Internal Medicine at Northside Gwinnett Hospital, past board member of Gwinnett Medical Center Foundation and current director of GAPI Volunteer clinic, immediate past chair of its board of directors, ATMGUSA (Association of Telugu Medical graduates of USA). He served as chair of AAPI Awards committee for year 2020-2021. He attended medical school at Kurnool Medical College and completed an internal medicine residency and cardiology fellowship at William Beaumont Hospital in Michigan.

Dr. Bostock succeeds Matthew Norman, MD, whose term as chair concluded on June 30. The term for Drs. Bostock and Gangasani starts on July 1, and will extend through June 30, 2024.

## Board Members

**William Bostock, DO**  
Chair

Gwinnett County

**Sreeni Gangasani, MD**  
Vice Chair

Gwinnett County

**John S. Antalis, MD**

Whitfield County

**Subrahmanya Bhat, MD**

Henry County

**Kathryn Cheek, MD**

Taylor County

**Ruthie Crider, MD**

Bulloch County

**Debi Dalton, MD**

Cobb County

**Charmaine Faucher, PA-C**

Cobb County

**Austin Flint, MD**

Hall County

**Judy Gardner**

Fulton County

**Alexander S. Gross, MD**

Dekalb County

**Charles E. Harris, Jr.**

Hall County

**J. Jeffrey Marshall, MD**

Fulton County

**Matthew Norman, MD**

Fulton County

**Barby J. Simmons, DO**

Henry County

## DEA: New training requirements for registered practitioners

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has enacted a new one-time, eight-hour training requirement for all DEA-registered practitioners on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.

Beginning on June 27, 2023, practitioners will be required to check a box on their online DEA registration form—regardless of whether a registrant is completing their initial registration application or renewing their registration—affirming that they have completed the new training requirement.

The deadline for satisfying this new training requirement is the date of a practitioner's next scheduled DEA registration submission—regardless of whether it is an initial registration or a renewal registration—on or after June 27, 2023. This one-time training requirement affirmation will not be a part of future registration renewals.

[Click HERE](#) for more information on DEA's website about this topic, including how to satisfy this new training requirement and what accredited groups may provide trainings that meet this new requirement.

[Click HERE](#) to view the DEA's official letter to registered practitioners about this requirement.

## GCMB to use VeriDoc for acupuncture license verifications

The Georgia Composite Medical Board will begin using [VeriDoc](#) to process licensure verifications for its Acupuncture licenses (both full and limited). This profession will now join many of the Board's other professions in using VeriDoc for transmission of license verifications: Physicians, Residency Training Permits, Physician Assistants, Respiratory Care Professionals, and Genetic Counselors.

"VeriDoc's practically instant verification process enjoyed by many Georgia physicians and other licensees will now extend to acupuncturists," said GCMB Executive Director Daniel Dorsey. "Acupuncturists using VeriDoc to send a verification of their Georgia license to other state licensing boards will now only take minutes to process."

Acupuncture verifications will begin to be transmitted electronically to other licensing boards through VeriDoc on or after July 5, 2023. All verifications processed through VeriDoc on behalf of the Board are considered primary source verifications under [National Committee for Quality Assurance](#) standards.

Please contact the GCMB with any questions.

More information on VeriDoc can be found on their website: <https://www.veridoc.org/>

## Board Calendar

- July 4  
State Holiday  
(Board office closed)
- August 3  
Board meeting
- August 31  
Board meeting
- September 4  
State Holiday  
(Board office closed)
- October 5  
Board meeting
- October 9  
State Holiday  
(Board office closed)

## Board Rules Update

Below is a list of Rule amendments scheduled for a hearing on August 3, 2023.

- [Rule 360-13-.01 "Requirements for Board Certification"](#)
- [Rule 360-13-.02 "Applications"](#)
- [Rule 360-13-.03 "Temporary Permits"](#)
- [Rule 360-13-.04 "Reciprocity"](#)
- [Rule 360-13-.07 "Renewal and Recertification"](#)
- [Rule 360-13-.08 "Inactive Status"](#)
- [Rule 360-13-.09 "Reinstatement"](#)
- [Rule 360-13-.10 "Continuing Education Requirements"](#)
- [Rule 360-13-.12 "Practice of Respiratory Care Without Certification Prohibited; Exceptions"](#)
- [Rule 360-13-.13 "Composition and Responsibilities of the Respiratory Care Advisory Committee"](#)
- [Rule 360-13-.14 "Notice of Inability to Practice with Reasonable Skill and Safety"](#)
- [Rule 360-13-.15 "Changes in Medical Directors"](#)
- [Rule 360-13-.16 "Consumer Information and Awareness Act. Standards for Respiratory Care Professional"](#)

## Recent Public Board Orders

Below is a list of recent Public Board Orders issued by the GCMB. To view all previous Board orders, please visit the Board's website: <https://medicalboard.georgia.gov/about-us/list-monthly-public-board-orders>

### April 2023

- [Jeffery Dale Hoffman, MD](#)  
[Public Consent Order](#)
- [Daryl Mossburg](#)  
[Voluntary Cease and Desist Order](#)
- [Jennifer Miller Rafus](#)  
[Order of Completion](#)
- [Dwayne Watkins, MD](#)  
[Order of Completion](#)

### May 2023

- [Lisa Lipton](#)  
[Consent Agreement for Licensure](#)
- [River City Rehabilitation](#)  
[Public Consent Order](#)

### June 2023

- [Mark Griffis, MD](#)  
[Public Consent Agreement for Reinstatement](#)
- [Eduardo Moreno Mandujano, PA](#)  
[Voluntary Surrender](#)
- [Melvin Perry, MD](#)  
[Final Decision](#)
- [Samuel Teniola, MD](#)  
[Public Consent Order](#)
- [Crystal Terrill, DO](#)  
[Public Consent Order](#)

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