

## **Board Committees**

The Board consists of 16 members: 13 physicians, two consumer members, and one physician assistant ex-officio member. Each member of the Board is assigned to various committees to participate in the decision-making functions of the Board. The following list briefly describes committees of the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

**The Investigative Committee** is comprised of four members of the Board. The Committee examines initial complaints, the results of all investigations, and medical malpractice reports. The Committee then makes recommendations to the full Board for actions to be taken on complaints and investigations as well as disciplinary matters.

**The Physician Licensing Committee** is comprised of four members of the Board. The Committee evaluates each applicant's fitness to practice his or her profession in Georgia. It does this by establishing standards for licensure and practice, reviewing all non-routine applications, and conducting interviews with applicants as needed each month in order to grant licenses. The committee sets policy regarding applications process and procedures for staff on how to handle non-routine applications, and develops rules for physician licensure.

**The Wellness Committee** is comprised of five members of the Board. They are charged with reviewing all new cases that may or already have impacted their practice or return to practice. The Committee meets with the practitioner, advocate, and treating physician and assesses the practitioner's individual situation and return to practice, any possible discipline, or restrictions to practice. The Committee maintains a list of acceptable treatment programs and also reviews request from treatment facilities.

**The Rules Committee** is comprised of all members of the Board. It was created to develop rules to govern the performance of health care practitioners regulated by the Board. Its goal is to assist the Board in defining, assessing, and assuring the continued competency of all licensees throughout their professional careers.

**Advisory Committees.** The Board has six Advisory Committees comprised of professionals from the community. There are two or more members of the Board on each advisory committee. The Board regulates the following professions:

- **Perfusion Committee**
- **Acupuncture Committee**
- **Respiratory Care Committee**
- **Physicians Assistant Committee**
- **Orthotists & Prosthetists Committee**
- **APRN Protocol Committee**
- **Cosmetic Laser Professionals Committee**

During the committee meetings the staff along with a member of the Office of the Attorney General is present to answer questions from the committee members. The Committee makes recommendation to the full board for consideration and approval. **All matters reviewed and discussed before the Board Committees are sent to the full board for final review and approval.**