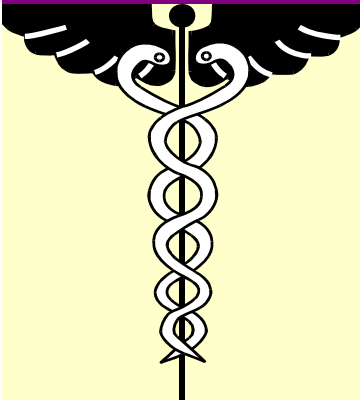


West Virginia Board of Medicine Quarterly Newsletter



BOARD MEMBER PROFILE R. Curtis Arnold, D.P.M.

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Dr. Arnold was appointed to the Board of Medicine in October, 2007, by Governor Joe Manchin III. He has served on the Board in the past, for over a decade, appointed first in 1993 by then Governor Gaston Caperton, and reappointed by Governor Cecil Underwood. Dr. Arnold is one of two podiatrist members of the Board and now has been appointed as a member of the Licensure Committee.

Born in South Charleston, West Virginia, Dr. Arnold attended Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. He studied podiatry at the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, obtaining his D.P.M. degree in 1986. Dr. Arnold was licensed to practice podiatry in West Virginia in 1986, and from July, 1986, through June, 1987, Dr. Arnold participated in post-graduate training at the V.A. Medical Center in Huntington. He is a member of the American Podiatric Medical Association and the West Virginia Podiatric Medical Association, and has been engaged in the private practice of podiatry in South Charleston for twenty years. Dr. Arnold enjoys hospital privileges at Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston. He worked with the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners in 2007, writing and reviewing test questions for the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Part III, and he is a Board member of the newly formed West Virginia Medical Professionals Health Program, Inc.

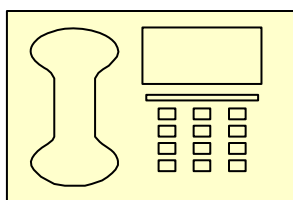
Dr. Arnold and his family reside on a farm in Hamlin, West Virginia, where he enjoys being with his horses in his leisure time.

**METHADONE HYDROCHLORIDE TABLETS USP 40 MG
(DISPERSIBLE)**

As of January 1, 2008, manufacturers of methadone hydrochloride tablets 40 mg (dispersible) have voluntarily agreed to restrict distribution of this formulation to only those facilities authorized for detoxification and maintenance treatment of opioid addiction, and hospitals. Manufacturers will instruct their wholesale distributors to discontinue supplying this formulation to any facility not meeting the above criteria.

Methadone is a long-lasting opioid medication used in the treatment of pain and narcotic addiction. The 5 mg and 10 mg formulations indicated for the treatment of pain will continue to be available to all authorized registrants, including retail pharmacies. The 40 mg methadone formulation is indicated for the detoxification and maintenance treatment of opioid addiction. The 40 mg strength is not FDA approved for use in the management of pain. Thus, the distribution and availability of the 40 mg formulation will be limited to registrants in only those settings using the 40 mg formulation for the appropriate indication.

The DEA and pharmaceutical industry agree that the reported increase in methadone-related adverse events merits action and further agree to a united effort to assure that methadone is properly distributed, consistent with its approved uses. Industry and the federal entities involved commit to monitor the progress of this initiative.



REMINDER
TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR
CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

The Board has a toll free number for callers within West Virginia who have consumer complaints against an M.D., D.P.M., or P.A.-C. The toll free number is 877.867.6411. For all matters other than complaints, the Board's main number, 304.558.2921, must be used.



PAST BOARD MEMBERS HONORED

The Board recognizes its departing Board members for their many years of service:

Rev. Richard Bowyer

for twenty-two years of excellent leadership and service as a public member of the West Virginia Board of Medicine in protecting and promoting the quality and safety of medical care for the citizens of the State of West Virginia.



Leonard Simmons, D.P.M.,

for outstanding service and contributions made to the West Virginia Board of Medicine for over twenty-two years, including seven years as Vice President, in protecting the quality and safety of medical and podiatric care for the citizens of the State of West Virginia.



Lee Elliott Smith, M.D.,

for twelve years of outstanding vision and prominent leadership and as Vice President in advancing the mission and purpose of the West Virginia Board of Medicine, as well as the contributions he has made nationally as a member of this Board.

BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR MANCHIN

R. Curtis Arnold, D.P.M., a podiatrist from South Charleston, West Virginia, has been appointed to the Board for a term ending September 30, 2011.

Carlos C. Jimenez, M.D., an internist from Glen Dale, West Virginia, has been appointed to the Board for a term ending September 30, 2011.

Joe E. Miller, LtCol USMC (Ret), M.A., from Hurricane, West Virginia, has been appointed to the Board to serve as a lay member, with a term ending September 30, 2012.

NOTICE REGARDING UPCOMING RENEWAL

Those medical doctors whose last names begin with the letters A through L will be renewing their medical licenses for the period July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2010. In mid-May, 2008, the Board will have available on its website an online application.

Beginning in May, 2008, those who are unable to renew online must request a paper application from the Board.

Further information will be provided in the first quarter Board Newsletter, which will be coming to you in April, 2008.

<http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvbom>

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Carlos C. Jimenez, M.D.
Glen Dale

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Morgantown

R. Curtis Arnold, D.P.M.
South Charleston

Vettivelu Maheswaran, M.D.
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Michael L. Ferrebee, M.D.
Morgantown

Bill May, D.P.M.
Huntington

Angelo N. Georges, M.D.
Wheeling

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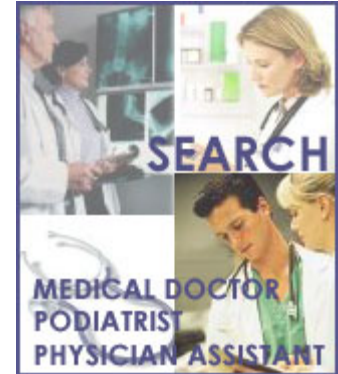
Kenneth Dean Wright, P.A.-C.
Huntington

Beth Hays, M.A.
Bluefield

NEW BOARD EMPLOYEE

The Board welcomes Charlotte Ann Pulliam as the Board's Complaint Coordinator. Charlotte Ann comes to the Board with over thirty years of combined experience in physician-related activities and health care administration.

Licensees are reminded that Board of Medicine staff must have correct mailing address information. Licensees who are unsure as to whether the Board of Medicine has their correct addresses on file may access "SEARCH" at www.wvdhhr.org/wvbom. They may also call the West Virginia Board of Medicine at 304.558.2921, extension 220.



We have a new feature on the "Disciplinary Action" page of our website: [Recent Board Actions](#).

Staff of the West Virginia Board of Medicine 304.558.2921		
Ext #		
227	Robert C. Knittle, M.S.	Executive Director
214	Deborah Lewis Rodecker, J.D.	Counsel
215	John K. McHugh, J.D.	Disciplinary Counsel
212	M. Ellen Briggs	Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director
222	Leslie A. Higginbotham	Investigator, CMBI
210	Charlotte A. Jewell	Physician Assistant Coordinator
216	Michael R. Lilly	Information Systems Coordinator
224	Pennie Price	Receptionist/Certification and Verification Coordinator
213	Charlotte Ann Pulliam	Complaint Coordinator
220	Deb Scott	Fiscal Officer
221	Sheree J. Smith	Licensure Analyst



BOARD ACTIONS October 2007 — December 2007



BEESON, NATALIE R., P.A.-C. – Morgantown, WV (12/26/2007)

WV License No. 00868

Board Conclusion: Failed to comply with the provisions of W. Va. Code § 30-3-16(n) and 11 CSR 1B 14.1, relating to physician assistants.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for writing prescriptions with no authority to do so having been granted by the Board.

BONASSO, PATRICK C., M.D. – Fairmont, WV (12/26/2007)

WV License No. 13108

Board Conclusion: Delegating professional responsibilities to a person when the physician delegating such responsibilities knows or has reason to know that such person is not qualified by licensure to perform them.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for supervising a physician assistant while the physician assistant was writing prescriptions with no authority to do so having been given by the Board.

DHALIWAL, SANJIT KAUR, M.D. – Beckley, WV (11/19/2007)

WV License No. 21522

Board Conclusion: Violation of Board Rule concerning completion of continuing medical education requirement.

Board Action: Dr. Dhaliwal shall pay to the Board a CIVIL FINE in the amount of \$100 per credit hour for her deficiency of two (2) hours of continuing medical education (“CME”) in the subject of end-of-life care, including pain management, for the licensure renewal period from July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2006, or a total of \$200. Further, on or before December 31, 2007, Dr. Dhaliwal shall report and document to the Board her completion of the two (2) hours of CME in the subject of end-of-life care, including pain management.

DURRENBERGER, STEPHEN DAVID, M.D. – Huntington, WV (10/04/2007)

WV License No. 19772

Board Conclusion: Delegating professional responsibilities to a person whom the licensee knows or has reason to know is not qualified by licensure to perform the responsibilities; aiding or assisting an unlicensed person to practice medicine and delegating professional responsibilities to a person whom the licensee knows or has reason to know is not qualified by licensure to perform the responsibilities; and gross negligence in the use and control of prescription forms.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for allowing an unlicensed individual to write prescriptions of controlled substances for the treatment of patients using pre-signed prescription slips obtained from Dr. Durrenberger.

HARNED, MAX ALLEN, M.D. – Bruceton Mills, WV (12/26/2007)

WV License No. 12679

Board Conclusion: Conviction of a crime which is a felony, failure to perform a legal or statutory obligation placed upon a physician, and unprofessional conduct.

Board Action: License REVOKED effective December 26, 2007, and continuing for the duration of the incarceration to which he is sentenced as a result of his conviction, and until such time as the Board can determine, in its sole discretion, that he is fully prepared to return to the active practice of medicine.

HARRER, DAVID STANLEY, M.D. – Washington, DC (11/19/2007)

WV License No. 19685

Board Conclusion: Presenting false statements in connection with applications for a license.

Board Action: Granted ACTIVE status for his currently inactive license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia effective November 19, 2007. Further, Dr. Harrer shall pay to the Board \$300, \$200 of which is designated a fine for his deficiency of two (2) hours of continuing medical education in end-of-life care including pain management during the required periods, \$100 of which is designated administrative costs.

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BOARD ACTIONS October 2007 — December 2007

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MCMURRY, JOHN PELHAM, M.D. – Spencer, WV (10/15/2007)

WV License No. 20759

Board Conclusion: Failing to keep written records justifying the course of treatment of certain patients, and practicing or offering to perform services outside the scope of his normal practice; and prescribing controlled substances for the use of immediate family, and failing to conform to the principles of the American Medical Association, including opinion 8.19 regarding Self-Treatment or Treatment of Immediate Family Members.

Board Action: For a period of three (3) years following entry of the Order, the Board may, at its discretion, periodically review Dr. McMurry's prescribing practices and maintenance and handling of patient medical records and charts. While the Order is in effect, Dr. McMurry can continue to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia unrestricted, provided he continues to comply with specified terms required of all physicians for the maintenance of licensure in this State. Dr. McMurry was PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for attempting to perform services outside the scope of his normal practice by prescribing controlled substances to twelve (12) male patients for whom he failed to maintain proper medical records justifying the course of treatment.

OLIVIER, ALBERT FRANCOIS, M.D. – Mesa, AZ (10/03/2007)

WV License No. 22930

Board Conclusion: Having his license acted against in another state.

Board Action: Dr. Olivier was PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for the deficiencies resulting in the public reprimand by the Arizona Medical Board.

PARIKH, MANISH K., M.D. – Ashland, KY (11/28/2007)

WV License No. 21926

Board Conclusion: Presenting false statements in connection with applications for a license.

Board Action: Granted ACTIVE status for his currently inactive license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia effective November 28, 2007. Further, Dr. Parikh shall pay to the Board \$300, \$200 of which is designated a fine for his deficiency of two (2) hours of continuing medical education in end-of-life care including pain management during the required periods, \$100 of which is designated administrative costs.

SCHEMENAUER, STEPHEN, P.A.-C. – Marietta, OH (11/28/2007)

WV License No. 01309

Board Conclusion: Unprofessional conduct.

Board Action: License REVOKED effective November 28, 2007, for his false answers in connection with his initial licensure and in subsequent discussion with the Physician Assistant Committee of the Board.

SICKLES, DOYLE RUSSELL, M.D. – Bridgeport, WV (10/31/2007)

WV License No. 12344

Board Conclusion: Conviction of a crime which is a felony, failure to perform a legal or statutory obligation placed upon a physician, and unprofessional conduct.

Board Action: License REVOKED effective October 31, 2007, and continuing for the duration of the incarceration to which he is sentenced as a result of his conviction, and until such time as the Board can determine, in its sole discretion, that he is fully prepared to return to the active practice of medicine.

WINGFIELD, THOMAS WHETSELL, M.D. – Gastonia, NC (11/7/2007)

WV License No. 20352

Board Conclusion: License to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina has been acted against or subjected to other discipline.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for being subjected to disciplinary action by the licensing authority in another state.

LICENSING STATISTICS As of December 31, 2007

<u>MEDICAL DOCTORS</u>	<u>PODIATRISTS</u>	<u>PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS</u>
Medical Licenses Granted This Year	Podiatric Licenses Granted This Year	Physician Assistant Licenses Granted This Year
381	4	66
Active Licensed Medical Doctors	Active Licensed Podiatrists	Active Licensed Physician Assistants
5,379	103	542
Active Licensed Medical Doctors Practicing in West Virginia	Active Licensed Podiatrists Practicing in West Virginia	
3,837	75	
Inactive Licensed Medical Doctors	Inactive Licensed Podiatrists	
692	16	

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND THE FEDERATION CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION SERVICE

At its meeting held on September 10, 2007, the members of the West Virginia Board of Medicine voted to allow physician assistants applying for licensure in this State to utilize the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) to obtain and report his/her "core" medical credentials. In doing so, the Board agrees to accept such documentation as provided by FCVS as primary source verification of those credentials.

FCVS will collect all information and documents in accordance with the most recent version of the FCVS Policies and Procedures. The documentation FCVS provides only serves to supplement portions of the Board's overall licensure process, and the Board reserves the right to reject any or all portions of the documentation provided. Physician assistant participation in this service is strictly voluntary, and such services are provided at no cost to the Board.

If there are any further questions regarding this matter, contact the Board's Physician Assistant Coordinator, Charlotte Jewell, at Extension 210.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME: _____ **LICENSE#:** _____

(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

By law, you must keep this office apprised of any and all address changes. If not currently practicing, check here

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS (Required):

(This address is public information, except phone & email)

HOME ADDRESS:
 Check here if same as preferred mailing address

Address 1 _____
 Address 2 _____
 City, State, Zip, County _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

MAIN WORK ADDRESS:

Check here if same as preferred mailing address

 Address 1

 Address 2

 City, State, Zip, County

 Phone _____ Fax _____

 Email

Enter average weekly on call hours for ALL locations: _____

List **AVERAGE HOURS** worked per week (not on call) at this location:

Direct Patient Care: _____
 Administration: _____
 Formal Teaching: _____
 Research: _____
 Other Medical/Podiatric Activities: _____

SECOND WORK ADDRESS:

 Address 1

 Address 2

 City, State, Zip, County

 Phone

List **AVERAGE HOURS** worked per week (not on call) at this location:

Direct Patient Care: _____
 Administration: _____
 Formal Teaching: _____
 Research: _____
 Other Medical/Podiatric Activities: _____

THIRD WORK ADDRESS:

 Address 1

 Address 2

 City, State, Zip, County

 Phone

List **AVERAGE HOURS** worked per week (not on call) at this location:

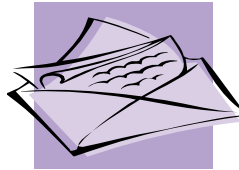
Direct Patient Care: _____
 Administration: _____
 Formal Teaching: _____
 Research: _____
 Other Medical/Podiatric Activities: _____

Enter your self-designated primary and secondary SPECIALTY here: (M.D.'s and D.P.M.'s ONLY)
 Primary Specialty: _____ Secondary Specialty: _____

LICENSEE'S ORIGINAL SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

RETURN FORM TO: West Virginia Board of Medicine, 101 Dee Drive, Suite 103, Charleston, WV 25311

CHANGE OF ADDRESS INFORMATION



NOTE: There is a Change of Address Form located on Page 9 of this Newsletter. You may also visit the Board’s website at www.wvdhhr.org/wvbom for a Change of Address Form. By law, a licensee of the Board of Medicine must keep this office apprised of any and all address changes. The preferred mailing address of a licensee is the licensee’s address of record, which is public information, with the exception of the telephone number and e-mail address.

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE 2008 MEETINGS

January 14
March 10
May 12
July 14
September 8
November 10

ALL BOARD MEETINGS BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M.

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