

West Virginia Board of Medicine Quarterly Newsletter



BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

REVEREND RICHARD BOWYER

The newest member of the West Virginia Board of Medicine is Reverend Richard Bowyer, appointed by Governor Joe Manchin III in December, 2008. Reverend Bowyer has the distinction of being appointed to the Board by five different Governors of the State of West Virginia. In 1981, Governor Jay Rockefeller appointed Reverend Bowyer to the Board as a consumer member. In 1987, he was reappointed by Governor Arch Moore, Jr. He served until 1994, and for several years during that time was Chairman of the Complaint Committee. Governor Cecil Underwood appointed Reverend Bowyer to the Board as a consumer member again in 1998. In 2003, Governor Bob Wise appointed him to the Board as a consumer member. Clearly, as a West Virginia Board of Medicine member, he is doing something right.

Reverend Bowyer is a native of Huntington, West Virginia, where he graduated from Huntington High School. After graduating from Marshall University with Honors in Philosophy in 1957, he obtained his Masters of Divinity and Masters of Theology from Duke University in North Carolina. He has additional graduate studies at West Virginia University and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Reverend Bowyer has served as Pastor of Prichard, Shiloh, and Bellamy Chapel United Methodist Churches in Wayne County, West Liberty Federated and Short Creek United Methodist Churches in Ohio County, and Trinity United Methodist Church, Fairmont. He retired as Campus Minister for the Wesley Foundation at Fairmont State University in 2005, after serving forty-three years. Fairmont State University awarded Reverend Bowyer the Doctor of Humane Letters.

In addition to serving in various District, Jurisdictional, and National positions for the United Methodist Church, Reverend Bowyer has been active as a community leader and agency board member. He has served as a member of the Board of Fairmont General Hospital, and as a consumer member of the panel studying lower back pain of the United States Public Health Service Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, as well as a member of the West Virginia Lawyer Disciplinary Board. Currently he serves on the boards of the Monongahela Valley Association of Health Centers, Inc., Valley Health Systems, and North Central West Virginia OIC.

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BOARD ACTIONS January 2009 — March 2009



BOFILL, RANO SOLIDUM, M.D. – Man, WV (02/27/2009)

WV License No. 09512

Board Conclusion: License to practice medicine in Kentucky has been further restricted, limited, or otherwise acted against, or subjected to other discipline; engaged in unprofessional conduct; and knowingly made a false statement in connection with an application for a license.

Board Action: License SURRENDERED effective February 28, 2009, and shall not in the future apply for any license from the Board, and if he does, the application will be denied.

BOLYARD, TIMOTHY A., P.A.-C. – Kingwood, WV (02/18/2009)

WV License No. 00284

Board Conclusion: Performed other than at the direction of a supervising physician; performed tasks not in accordance with the Board-approved job description; failed to comply with provisions of the West Virginia Medical Practice Act and Rules of the Board pertaining to physician assistants; engaged in unprofessional conduct, including performing acts beyond the authorized scope of practice, prescribing other than in good faith and in a therapeutic manner, prescribing to or for a family member, and prescribing a prescription drug not included in the approved job description.

Board Action: License REVOKED effective February 18, 2009, and shall pay the costs and expenses of the proceedings within thirty (30) days of issuance of an invoice by the Board.

CABE, ELLEN MARY, M.D. – Chapmanville, WV (02/12/2009)

WV License No. 22133

Board Conclusion: Having been disciplined by the Virginia Board; dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional conduct; prescribing, dispensing or administering a prescription drug for the licensee's personal use, or for the use of her immediate family; and failing to keep written records justifying the course of treatment.

Board Action: Dr. Cabe was PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for being subjected to disciplinary action by the licensing authority in another state. Her license is RESTRICTED and placed on PROBATION for a period of three (3) years effective February 12, 2009.

CASEY, SEAN OWEN, M.D. – Minnetonka, MN (02/10/2009)

WV License No. 21842

Board Conclusion: License to practice medicine in the State of Alaska and the State of California was acted against or subjected to other discipline.

Board Action: Dr. Casey was PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for having his license to practice medicine and surgery acted against by the licensing authority in the State of Alaska and the State of California.

GREER, II, RONALD E., M.D. - Huntington, WV (03/23/2009)

WV License No. 23550

Board Conclusion: Relating to presenting a false statement in connection with an application for a license.

Board Action: Dr. Greer was PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for providing false information to the Board in connection with his licensure application submitted to the Board in October 2008.

GUO, WEIXING, M.D. – Charleston, WV (02/12/2009)

WV License No. 20962

Board Conclusion: Unprofessional, unethical and dishonorable conduct.

Board Action: Effective February 15, 2009, the license of Dr. Guo was REVOKED and the revocation was immediately STAYED, and until September 1, 2010, Dr. Guo shall cease and desist from prescribing any scheduled controlled substance designated on Schedules II, III, or IV under state and federal law, and he may administer such controlled substances only in a hospital setting and only for purposes of or in connection with anesthesia.

HALLBERG, JOHN ANDREW, M.D. – Fairmont, WV (02/10/2009)

WV License No. 22726

Board Conclusion: License to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island was acted against or subjected to other discipline.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for having his license to practice medicine and surgery acted against by the licensing authority in another state.



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HOOVER, KATHERINE ANNE, M.D. – Lost Creek, WV (01/12/2009)

WV License No. 11571

Board Conclusion: Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the September 11, 2008, Order of the Board.

Board Action: The STAY of REVOCATION of Dr. Hoover's medical license was DISSOLVED and TERMINATED for her failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the September 11, 2008, Order of the Board. The REVOCATION is effective at 12:01 a.m., on Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

Court Action: The Circuit Court of Mingo County, by "Order Granting Motion for Partial Stay" entered January 22, 2009, stayed the Board's Notice of January 12, 2009, pending appeal.

KYER, III, PAUL DEAN, M.D. – South Charleston, WV (01/12/2009)

WV License No. 19792

Board Conclusion: Unprofessional conduct.

Board Action: For a period of three (3) years, the Board may, at its discretion, periodically review Dr. Kyer's professional conduct during which time period he shall comply with specified terms (i.e., enroll in and complete intensive course in managing conflict in medical practice, obtain and watch six disc series on disruptive behavior from the Federation of State Medical Boards). Dr. Kyer was PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for his disruptive conduct at Thomas Memorial Hospital.

LEWIS, KARL CHESTER, M.D. – Tazewell, VA (03/20/2009)

WV License No. 20080

Board Conclusion: Unprofessional conduct.

Board Action: The license of Dr. Lewis shall remain in INACTIVE status. Should Dr. Lewis at any time in the future apply for active status of his West Virginia medical license, he shall comply with any and all requirements in place for reactivation at that time, and shall obtain an evaluation from the West Virginia Medical Professionals Health Program, Inc., stating that he is fully capable to safely return to the active practice of medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia.

POLAVARAPU, PADMAJA, M.D. – Bland, VA (02/12/2009)

WV License No. 17433

Board Conclusion: Unprofessional, unethical, and dishonorable conduct, and having her license acted against in another state.

Board Action: Effective February 7, 2009, the license of Dr. Polavarapu is placed on PROBATION until her license is reinstated in Virginia and the Board has been notified of the full reinstatement in writing from the Virginia Board of Medicine. Until her license is fully reinstated in Virginia, Dr. Polavarapu shall limit her practice of medicine in West Virginia to emergency department practice in a hospital setting, or as a hospitalist. Dr. Polavarapu was PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for the actions which led to the suspension of her medical license in Virginia and for the suspension of her medical license in Virginia.

POULOS, EVANGELOS GEORGES, M.D. – Miami Lakes, FL (03/31/2009)

WV License No. 22089

Board Conclusion: Relating to misrepresentation in a renewal application for a license; unprofessional, unethical and dishonorable conduct; and licenses in other jurisdictions have been acted against and subjected to disciplinary action.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for having his license to practice medicine and surgery acted against by the licensing authorities in the States of Alaska and California; further PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for his false answer on his renewal form submitted to the Board in May 2007; and assessed a CIVIL FINE in the amount of \$1,000.

SADORRA, LAGRIMAS BABIERA, M.D. – Cross Lanes, WV (01/12/2009)

WV License No. 12801

Board Conclusion: Relating to dishonorable, unethical, and unprofessional conduct; failing to perform a statutory or legal obligation placed upon a licensed physician; violating a lawfully promulgated rule of the United States; and engaging in conduct which has the effect of bringing the medical profession into disrepute.

Board Action: License SUSPENDED for a period of one (1) year effective January 8, 2009. At the conclusion of SUSPENSION of Dr. Sadorra's license, and if she has complied with all the provisions of the Consent Order, her license will be reinstated on PROBATION for a period of two (2) years, and subject to Dr. Sadorra's compliance with all provisions of the West Virginia Medical Practice Act and Rules promulgated thereunder during the period of PROBATION, at the conclusion of the PROBATION, her license will be unencumbered.



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SMALL, FAIRLEIGH DAVID, M.D. – Abingdon, VA (03/09/09)

WV License No. 18823

Board Conclusion: Being found guilty of a felony in Virginia, for having his license acted against or subjected to disciplinary action in other states, professional incompetence, and failing to practice medicine at an acceptable level under similar conditions and circumstances.

Board Action: License SURRENDERED effective February 20, 2009, and shall not apply to the Board for licensure in the future, and if he does, his application will be denied.

ST. ONGE, RICKY DONALD, M.D. – Gallipolis, OH (03/23/2009)

WV License No. 18317

Board Conclusion: Unprofessional, unethical, and dishonorable conduct, exercising influence within a patient-physician relationship for the purpose of engaging a patient in sexual activity, and conduct which has the effect of bringing the medical profession into disrepute.

Board Action: License SURRENDERED effective April 1, 2009, at 12:01 a.m. Dr. St. Onge shall not in the future apply for any license from the Board, and if he does, the application will be denied.

WEISS, JULI STONE, M.D. – Gastonia, NC (03/20/2009)

WV License No. 14318

Board Conclusion: Relating to the ability to practice medicine with a reasonable degree of skill and safety for patients.

Board Action: License REINSTATED effective March 20, 2009, and said license is issued for a period of two (2) years and approximately three (3) months, until June 30, 2011, at 11:59 p.m., with the express restriction, limitation and condition that Dr. Weiss be accepted into and successfully complete the anesthesiology residency program at West Virginia University ending June 30, 2009, and that she immediately follow the residency program with a two (2) year anesthesiology clinical fellowship at West Virginia University which she shall successfully complete.

**REVOCATION OF
 MEDICAL CORPORATION CERTIFICATE**

March 9, 2009

Lagrimas B. Sadorra, M.D., Inc.

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2009 RENEWAL PROCESS

Medical Doctors and Podiatrists

Only those medical doctors whose last names begin with the letters M through Z and all podiatrists are required to renew for the years 2009—2011. For the years 2009—2011, the Board of Medicine will not be mailing a paper renewal application to all the medical doctors and podiatrists who are renewing their licenses. Beginning May 14, 2009, licensees who meet the criteria for online renewal may go to the Board's website at www.wvdhhr.org/wvbom and follow the online renewal directions. The criteria are as follows:

1. currently hold an ACTIVE medical/podiatric license;
2. currently hold an INACTIVE medical/podiatric license and will renew in an INACTIVE status;
3. have obtained the required continuing medical/podiatric education;
4. answer "no" to all questions (see "Renewal FAQ's" currently on the Board's website); and
5. desire to pay via credit/debit card.

If a licensee is unable to use the online renewal service, he or she will need to request a paper renewal application to complete and return to the Board offices. The online application or paper application must be completed and submitted **BEFORE** June 30, 2009, at 4:30 p.m.

Drug Dispensing

In mid-April, 2009, those medical doctors and podiatrists who are currently registered with the Board as dispensing physicians will be able to renew their drug dispensing certificates online. These dispensing physicians may go to the Board's website at www.wvdhhr.org/wvbom and follow the online renewal directions. Also, paper renewal applications for drug dispensing will be sent to every current drug dispensing physician. The online application or paper application should be completed and submitted **BEFORE** June 30, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. If not currently registered as a drug dispensing physician, a licensee may call the Board offices at 304.558.2921 x 224 to request a drug dispensing application.

CHANGES TO THE UPCOMING RENEWAL PROCESS

- Medical doctors and podiatrists who currently hold an inactive license and will remain in an inactive status may now renew online, provided they meet the above-outlined criteria.
- Page three of the renewal application pertaining to continuing education requirements has been changed to include two separate certifications of compliance—one for the 50 hours of continuing education and one for the 2 hours of continuing education coursework in end-of-life care, including pain management. The Board hopes this change will alleviate the misrepresentations found during random audits of continuing education.
- Beginning July 1, 2008, at least thirty (30) hours of the required fifty (50) hours of continuing education must be related to the physician's or podiatrist's area or areas of specialty.

SPECIAL NOTE TO PHYSICIANS AND OTHER PRACTITIONERS CONCERNING NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIERS (NPIs)

If you voluntarily surrender your license or retire and you will no longer be furnishing health care in this or any other state, please remember to deactivate your NPI in the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). Deactivating your NPI will help ensure that your NPI is not used fraudulently by others. If you do not know how to deactivate your NPI, you may contact the NPI Enumerator at 1.800.465.3203 for assistance.

TIPS

Keep informed and updated in your particular area of practice.
 Keep good, accurate records. Document.
 Pay attention to any communication from the Board, including newsletters.
 Make sure any staff you have knows Board communications are important.
 Keep your address current with the Board at all times.
 Review the Medical Practice Act and Rules, Board Policies, AMA Code of Ethics.
 Visit Board's website www.wvdhhr.org/wvbom for helpful information.
 Answer license application form questions correctly.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT RENEWAL

Congratulations to those physician assistants who were required to renew their licenses this year. Only sixteen (16) physician assistant licenses expired this year. The Board thanks those physician assistants, totaling over 500, for keeping the Board notified of their current address of record during the last two-year period.

Staff of the West Virginia Board of Medicine 304.558.2921		
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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)

_____ Address 1 _____

_____ Address 2 _____

_____ City, State, Zip, County _____

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HOME ADDRESS:

Check here if same as preferred mailing address

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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:

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Administration: _____

Formal Teaching: _____

Research: _____

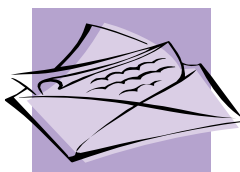
Other Medical/Podiatric Activities: _____

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 7 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 2009 MEETINGS

May 11
July 13
September 14
November 9

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

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