

# West Virginia Board of Medicine Quarterly Newsletter



## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE AHMED D. FAHEEM, M.D.

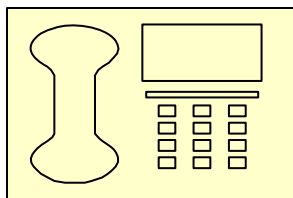
Dr. Faheem is from Hyderabad, India. His medical training and residency was in India, England, and the United States. He won several awards for his teaching of medical students and residents at the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Medicine. Dr. Faheem is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in General Psychiatry, Geriatric Psychiatry, and Addiction Psychiatry. He is board certified as well by the American Board of Adolescent Psychiatry. Dr. Faheem is a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in the United Kingdom and is the author of several scientific papers, a book chapter, and a book on cultural psychiatry. Dr. Faheem is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the West Virginia University in Morgantown in addition to having a full-time private practice in Beckley, West Virginia, where he resides.

Dr. Faheem was elected as a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association in 1989 and has now attained Distinguished Life Fellow status, the highest honor that the profession can bestow. He was the recipient of the Wyeth-Ayerst Outstanding Community Service Award, West Virginia State Medical Association, August 1991. Dr. Faheem has served as the President of Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital, President of the Raleigh County Medical Society, and as President of the West Virginia Psychiatric Association. Dr. Faheem is currently an Associate Medical Director of General Psychiatry and Medical Director of Adolescent Psychiatry at Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital. Dr. Faheem also served as the President of the West Virginia State Medical Association from 2001 to 2002.

Dr. Faheem established a Teen Outreach Program in Beckley for troubled teenagers and continues to be an active participant in various community activities. Dr. Faheem chairs the West Virginia Comprehensive Behavior Health Commission and is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Appalachian Regional Healthcare, which oversees nine different hospitals in Kentucky and West Virginia.

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**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. 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.



**West Virginia Board of Medicine  
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## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT RENEWAL

Congratulations to those physician assistants who were required to renew their licenses this year and who did so. Approximately thirty (30) physician assistant licenses expired this year. The Board thanks those physician assistants, totaling over 600, for keeping the Board notified of their current address of record during the last two-year period.

### National Recognition Earned by Board Investigator

On January 20, 2011, the West Virginia Board of Medicine was notified by the Executive Director of Administrators in Medicine (AIM) that our Investigator, Leslie Thornton, CMBI, will be this year's recipient of the Ronald K. Williamson Memorial Award. This award may be given annually by the AIM Board of Directors in recognition of excellence in the public protection work of board investigators to those who have demonstrated outstanding investigative work and dedication to improving investigative techniques and thus improving complaint-handling services for the public.

Ms. Thornton is certainly deserving of this award, which she will receive at the AIM Awards Luncheon held in conjunction with the AIM Annual Conference Seattle, Washington, this Spring.

Ms. Thornton is also one of the first women in the nation to attain Certification as a Medical Board Investigator through AIM and most recently was instrumental in establishing the West Virginia Chapter of the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI).

We are all very proud of Ms. Thornton's recognition at the national level.

<b>Staff of the West Virginia Board of Medicine</b>		
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224	<b>Teresa L. Westfall</b>	Receptionist/Certification and Verification Coordinator



## BOARD ACTIONS January 2011—March 2011



ARTOUNIAN, VAZGEN ROGER, M.D. - Phoenix, AZ (01/06/2011)

WV License No. 21354

Board Conclusion: Relating to unprofessional conduct and relating to licenses in other jurisdictions having been acted against and subjected to disciplinary action.

Board Action: Placed on PROBATION for a period of one (1) year, with specific terms, and PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for having his license acted upon in a different state.

BARKER, FREDERICK WILLIAM, M.D. – Union, SC (03/28/2011)

WV License No. 15881

Board Conclusion: Relating to presenting a false statement in connection with a renewal application.

Board Action: GRANTED reactivation of his expired license to practice medicine and surgery effective March 28, 2011. Dr. Barker paid to the Board \$300 for providing false information to the Board, \$200 of which is designated a fine for his deficiency of two (2) hours of continuing education in end-of-life care, including pain management during the required period, and \$100 of which is designated administrative costs.

COOPER, JOSEPH ANDERSON, P.A.-C. – Beckley, WV (03/30/2011)

WV License No. 1214

Board Conclusion: Relating to performing as a physician assistant other than at the direction and under the supervision of a supervising physician licensed by the Board and relating to unprofessional conduct.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for his unprofessional conduct in performing his duties as a physician assistant other than at the direction and under the supervision of a supervising physician licensed by the Board.

DUFFY, TRESSIE MONTENE, M.D. – Martinsburg, WV (03/14/2011)

WV License No. 19978

Board Conclusion: Relating to violating a rule and lawful order of the Board.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for violating the terms of her February 2010 Consent Order; assessed a \$1,000 FINE; and shall undergo regular, individual psychological counseling by a Board-approved licensed mental health professional for a period of eighteen (18) months, who shall provide written quarterly reports to the Board.

ESSER, JAMES MARK, M.D. – Clearwater Beach, FL (02/04/2011)

WV License No. 19830

Board Conclusion: Relating to presenting a false statement in connection with a renewal application.

Board Action: Dr. Esser's voluntarily surrendered medical license was placed in ACTIVE status effective February 4, 2011, and he paid to the Board \$300 for providing false information to the Board on his application submitted to the Board, \$200 of which is designated a fine for his deficiency of two (2) hours of continuing education in the subject of end-of-life care, including pain management, during the required period, and \$100 of which is designated administrative costs.



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JAMIE, SHAHROOZ SAHEB, M.D. – Clay, WV (01/06/2011)

WV License No. 10485

Board Conclusion: Relating to making or filing reports the licensee knows to be false and which are signed in the capacity as a licensed physician; making a deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representation in the practice of medicine; failing to perform a legal obligation; dishonorable, unethical, or unprofessional conduct; and 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 6, 2011, and said suspension is STAYED, subject to terms and conditions, including a \$10,000 FINE.

KUBICKI, KRZYSZTOF JERZY, M.D. – New Cumberland, WV (03/28/2011)

WV License No. 17474

Board Conclusion: Relating to the inability to practice medicine and surgery. . .with reasonable skill and safety due to. . .abuse of drugs or alcohol.

Board Action: License reinstated and suspended. Such suspension is immediately stayed, and effective March 28, 2011, Dr. Kubicki's license is placed on PROBATION for a period of two (2) years, subject to terms.

MOORE, DAVID ALLEN, P.A.-C. – Beckley, WV (01/26/2011)

WV License No. 00877

Board Conclusion: The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption. . .and prescribing a controlled substance under state or federal law, to or for himself. . .

Board Action: License extended and continued until January 31, 2012, subject to his continued employment by Appalachian Psychiatric Services, to be supervised by Ahmed D. Faheem, M.D., and Safiullah Syed, M.D., and subject to terms.

MURPHY, CHRISTOPHER JOHN, M.D. – Martinsburg, WV (02/15/2011)

WV License No. 23918

Board Conclusion: Relating to prescribing other than in good faith; violating any rule of the Board; unprofessional and unethical conduct; prescribing for the use of his immediate family; and conduct calculated to bring or has the effect of bringing the medical profession into disrepute.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for prescribing controlled substances to his wife; FINED \$500; and shall successfully complete a continuing medical education course, which includes the subject of prescribing to immediate family members.

MURPHY, DONALD RAY, P.A.-C. – Fayetteville, WV (03/30/2011)

WV License No. 664

Board Conclusion: Relating to performing as a physician assistant other than at the direction and under the supervision of a supervising physician licensed by the Board and relating to unprofessional conduct.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for his unprofessional conduct in performing his duties as a physician assistant other than at the direction and under the supervision of a supervising physician licensed by the Board.

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NUNAN, PATRICK JOSEPH, D.P.M. – West Chester, OH (01/26/2011)

WV License No. 00203

Board Conclusion: Relating to presenting a false statement in connection with a renewal application.

Board Action: Dr. Nunan's podiatric license was placed in ACTIVE status effective January 26, 2011, and he paid to the Board \$300 for providing false information to the Board on his applications submitted to the Board, \$200 of which is designated a fine for his deficiency of two (2) hours of continuing education in the subject of end-of-life care, including pain management, during the required period, and \$100 of which is designated administrative costs.

PARSONS, NOLAN CHARLES, JR., M.D. – Charleston, WV (03/09/2011)

WV License No. 10238

Board Conclusion: Relating to unprofessional and unethical conduct; bringing the medical profession into disrepute; and gross negligence in the use and control of prescription forms.

Board Action: Effective March 18, 2011, at 11:59 p.m., Dr. Parson's license is SURRENDERED to the Board, and his drug dispensing registration issued by the Board is TERMINATED March 14, 2011, at 12:01 a.m. Dr. Parsons shall SURRENDER his Drug Enforcement Administration registration certificate(s) to the Drug Enforcement Administration on March 7, 2011. Dr. Parsons will not apply to the Board for licensure in the future; and if he does, his application will be denied.

RHOADS, SEAN PATRICK, P.A.-C. – Martinsburg, WV (02/16/2011)

WV License No. 1253

Board Conclusion: Relating to failure to comply with a rule of the Board; habitual use of drugs; unprofessional conduct, including performing tasks beyond his authorized scope of practice; prescribing a controlled substance other than in good faith; and prescribing controlled substances under state or federal law, to or for himself, or to or for any member of his immediate family.

Board Action: GRANTED a license effective February 16, 2011, license immediately SUSPENDED and the suspension is immediately STAYED, and Mr. Rhoads is placed on PROBATION for a period of five (5) years, subject to terms.

RIFFE, JENNIFER, P.A.-C. – Princeton, WV (02/07/2011)

WV License No. 00686

Board Conclusion: Relating to performing a task not in accordance with the job description approved by the Board and unprofessional conduct for prescribing a controlled substance which is not included in the approved job description for that physician assistant or which is not included in the approved state formulary for physician assistants.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in prescribing phentermine, a Class IV controlled substance, not on her approved drug formulary and shall read and study the Rule of the Board on prescriptive privileges for physician assistants and submit to the Board a two (2) page typed summary of her understanding of the Rule.

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SIDDIQI, SHAH NAWEED, M.D. – Spring, TX (01/11/2011)

WV License No. 18898

Board Conclusion: Relating to unprofessional and unethical conduct and having his license acted against in another state.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for his unprofessional and/or unethical behavior and shall within six (6) months from the date of the entry of the Consent Order, complete a clinical competency assessment and eight (8) hours of continuing medical education in the subject of physician-patient communication, and provide proof thereof to the Board.

STATUM, KASEY AVIS, M.D. – Martinsburg, WV (02/07/2011)

WV License No. 21877

Board Conclusion: Relating to mental impairment.

Board Action: License placed in an ACTIVE status, effective February 7, 2011, under specified terms.

STEWART, STACI KAY, M.D. – Fairmont, WV (02/04/2011)

WV License No. 20494

Board Conclusion: The inability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety due to abuse of drugs or alcohol.

Board Action: License placed in an INACTIVE status effective February 4, 2011, and shall remain in an INACTIVE status until she appears before the Complaint Committee of the Board and the Complaint Committee establishes, in its sole discretion, that Dr. Stewart is fully prepared to safely return to the active practice of medicine in the State of West Virginia. Prior to any appearance by Dr. Stewart before the Complaint Committee, Dr. Stewart shall provide a written plan of employment, which is a predicate to any further conditions, limitations, and accommodations placed upon her license to practice medicine by the Complaint Committee.

TAJEN, NEJAT MANSUR, M.D. – Knoxville, TN (03/14/2011)

WV License No. 17086

Board Conclusion: Relating to unprofessional and unethical conduct; and having his license acted upon in another state.

Board Action: License SURRENDERED effective March 14, 2011.

WAGNER, PAUL DEAN, M.D. – Charleston, WV (03/01/2011)

WV License No. 23276

Board Conclusion: Unprofessional and unethical conduct and having his license acted upon in another state.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for having his license acted against in another state.

## 2011 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 2011—2013. For the years 2011—2013, 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 12, 2011, licensees who meet the criteria for online renewal may go to the Board's website at [www.wvbom.wv.gov](http://www.wvbom.wv.gov) and follow the online renewal directions. The criteria are as follows:

1. currently hold an ACTIVE medical/podiatric license; or
2. currently hold an INACTIVE medical/podiatric license and will renew in an INACTIVE status; and,
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. A request form for a paper renewal application is available on our website under the "FORMS" section and is also available in this Newsletter on page 9. Paper renewal applications will be mailed on May 12, 2011. The online application or paper application must be completed and submitted **BEFORE** Thursday, June 30, 2011, at 4:30 p.m.

### ***Drug Dispensing***

On April 12, 2011, 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.wvbom.wv.gov](http://www.wvbom.wv.gov) and follow the online renewal directions. If a drug dispensing physician 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 licensee may call the Board offices at 304.558.2921 x 224 to request a drug dispensing renewal application. The online application or paper application should be completed and submitted **BEFORE** Thursday, June 30, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee for each West Virginia office location where drugs are dispensed. There is also a small credit/debit card convenience fee for renewing online.

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## 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.



**\*\*REQUEST FOR PAPER RENEWAL APPLICATION\*\***  
**2011 – 2013**  
**Medical Doctors M—Z**  
**Podiatrists A—Z**

**I am requesting that a paper renewal application be mailed to the address printed below.**

**Please note that the paper renewal application will be mailed to you on May 12, 2011.**

LICENSEE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip

**Licensee's Original Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Licensee's WV Medical/Podiatric License No** \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the above information and mail or fax to:**

West Virginia Board of Medicine  
101 Dee Drive, Suite 103  
Charleston, WV 25311  
Fax: 304.558.2084

### 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)

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Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip, County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOME ADDRESS:**

Check here if same as preferred mailing address

**MAIN WORK ADDRESS:**

Check here if same as preferred mailing address

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Address 1  
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Address 2  
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City, State, Zip, County  
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Phone Fax  
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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:**

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Address 1  
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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:**

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

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

Direct Patient Care: \_\_\_\_\_

Administration: \_\_\_\_\_

Formal Teaching: \_\_\_\_\_

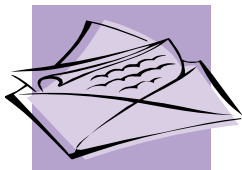
Research: \_\_\_\_\_

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 10 of this Newsletter. You may also visit the Board's website at [www.wvbom.wv.gov](http://www.wvbom.wv.gov) 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.

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## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Since the Board is no longer mailing paper copies of its newsletter, it is important that you keep us apprised of your current e-mail address. As licensees of this Board, you are charged with knowledge of the contents of each newsletter.



To provide a current e-mail address, please send an e-mail containing your name and license number to the Board at [wvbomnewsletter@wv.gov](mailto:wvbomnewsletter@wv.gov).

REMEMBER, all newsletters may be accessed at our website at [www.wvbom.wv.gov/newsletter.asp](http://www.wvbom.wv.gov/newsletter.asp). Publication dates are: January, April, July, and October.

### WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE 2011 MEETINGS

May 16  
July 11  
September 12  
November 14

All Board meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.