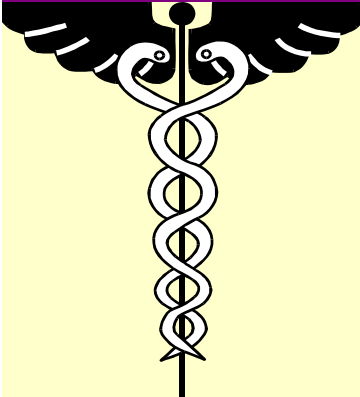


# West Virginia Board of Medicine Quarterly Newsletter



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## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

In 2005, after appointing Michael Lee Ferrebee, M.D., to a special committee for hospitals and nursing homes in West Virginia, Governor Joe Manchin appointed Dr. Ferrebee to the Board of Medicine. Dr. Ferrebee is a member of the Board's Complaint Committee.

Dr. Ferrebee graduated from Wheeling College in 1984 and from the West Virginia University School of Medicine four years later. In 1992, he completed post-graduate Internship and Residency training at the Akron General Medical Center in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics and completed fellowship training at LeBonheur Children's Hospital at the University of Tennessee in Memphis in 1995 in pediatric critical care. Dr. Ferrebee was an assistant professor in Pediatrics for the next three years at the West Virginia University School of Medicine and was named West Virginia University Department of Pediatrics Outstanding Teacher of the Year, for 1995 – 1996. In 1993, Dr. Ferrebee was Board certified in Pediatrics and recertified in 2001. He remains Board eligible in Internal Medicine and Pediatric Critical Care.

In addition to a number of responsibilities in the Pediatrics Department at West Virginia University, over the years Dr. Ferrebee has served and continues to serve on a variety of committees at Monongalia General Hospital, in Morgantown.

Dr. Ferrebee has worked in emergency rooms at Fairmont General Hospital, Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, and for the last six years has been a full-time staff ER physician at Monongalia General Hospital. Subsequent to special study at the National Wound Healing Center in Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Ferrebee has practiced as a wound care and hyperbaric medicine physician at the Wound Healing Center of Monongalia General Hospital and his specialty at Monongalia General Hospital is emergency medicine.

Dr. Ferrebee has co-authored several abstracts and a chapter on Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome in The 5 Minute Clinical Consult (Griffith H, Dambro M) Philadelphia: Lea & Febiger, 1992 – 2002. He also shares four patents, with research colleagues, related to lysophosphatidate and patents on molecular cloning of the human homolog of the LPA receptor clone #1 LPAP and on molecular cloning of the mouse homolog of the LPA receptor-clone MLPARI.

Dr. Ferrebee lives with his wife and five children in Morgantown, where he is an active member of St. John's Catholic University Parish, Sarah's Table (providing assistance serving the less fortunate dinner on Sunday) and is actively involved in helping coach community basketball and football with children.

## BOARD HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Mr. Robert C. Knittle** was employed as the Board's new Executive Director in December, 2005. Mr. Knittle comes to the Board after serving as the Executive Director of Pressley Ridge, Pennsylvania and West Virginia programs, since 1993. Mr. Knittle holds a Masters of Science degree from Radford University, Virginia. In addition, he has a wide array of postgraduate training and education. Mr. Knittle brings to the Board over 19 years experience in public and private nonprofit management.

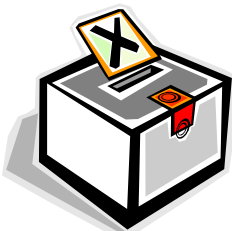
The Board conducted a nationwide search and found Mr. Knittle to be the most outstanding of numerous, fine candidates. The Board welcomes Mr. Knittle.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD

Effective November 15, 2005, Governor Manchin appointed four (4) members to the Board of Medicine.

**Michael C. Ferrebee, M.D.**, is an emergency medicine physician from Morgantown. **Bill May, D.P.M.**, will serve as one (1) of the Board's podiatric members, and he is from Huntington. **Ms. Beth Hayes** is from Bluefield, and will serve as one (1) of the Board's lay members. **Kenneth Dean Wright, P.A.-C.**, from Huntington, was appointed as the Board's physician assistant representative.

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220	<b>Deb Scott</b>	Fiscal Officer
213	<b>Sheree Smith</b>	Complaints Coordinator



## ELECTION OF JOHN A. WADE, JR., M.D., AS BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

At the November, 2005, meeting of the Board, John A. Wade, Jr., M.D., was elected as Vice President of the Board. Dr. Wade has been a member of the West Virginia Board of Medicine since 2001. He was also appointed as Chair of the Board's Licensure Committee and continues to serve as the Chair of the Board's Legislative Committee.

**WEST VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF MEDICINE  
2006 MEETINGS**

**January 9**  
**March 13**  
**May 8**  
**July 10**  
**September 11**  
**November 13**

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

### West Virginia Board of Medicine Board Members

**Angelo N. Georges, M.D., President**  
Wheeling

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Point Pleasant

**Catherine Slep, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary**  
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**Rev. Richard Bowyer**  
Fairmont

**Michael L. Ferrebee, M.D.**  
Morgantown

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**M. Khalid Hasan, M.D.**  
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**Ms. Beth Hays**  
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Charles Town

**Bill May, D.P.M.**  
Huntington

**Leonard Simmons, D.P.M.**  
Fairmont

**Lee Elliott Smith, M.D.**  
Princeton

**Badshah J. Wazir, M.D.**  
South Charleston

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



**BOARD ACTIONS**  
**October 2005 — December 2005**



ADKINS, PAULA CLARK, M.D. – Huntington, WV (11/30/2005)

WV License No. 21581

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

Board Action: Dr. Adkins' license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia shall remain INACTIVE until she demonstrates that she has obtained the North Carolina Physicians Health Program's ("NCPHP") advocacy, completed any and all treatment evaluations recommended by the NCPHP, and complied with terms of the Consent Order for a period of at least six (6) months.

CHANDRASEKHAR, SUBRAMANIYAM, M.D. – Wheeling, WV (12/01/2005)

WV License No. 20461

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

Board Action: Licensed again effective December 12, 2005, subject to: immediately upon issuance, Dr. Chandrasekhar's license is revoked, and such revocation is immediately stayed, and Dr. Chandrasekhar's license shall for a five (5) year period be placed on PROBATION, subject to terms.

CURTIN, WILLIAM JAMES, M.D. – South Williamson, KY (11/18/2005)

WV License No. 18918

Board Conclusion: The Board found good cause to amend and does amend paragraph eight (8) of its September 14, 2005, Order, due to Dr. Curtin's inability to pay the costs within thirty (30) days.

Board Action: Shall pay costs in the amount of \$5,926 to the Board in minimum installments of \$200 monthly until such time as the entire assessed costs are paid. If Dr. Curtin falls two (2) months behind in monthly payments owed, Dr. Curtin shall pay the full remaining amount due and owing immediately, or he may surrender his license and not be required to complete the payment owed at that time. If Dr. Curtin falls two (2) months behind in monthly payments owed and does not do what he is required to do, the stay of revocation shall be dissolved and terminated and his license shall stand revoked.

FREUND, ALVIN, M.D. – Shepherdstown, WV (10/05/2005)

WV License No. 18548

Board Conclusion: Renewing a license to practice medicine and surgery by making an alleged false statement in connection with a licensure application.

Board Action: License SURRENDERED effective September 30, 2005.

HOFFMAN, DONALD LAWRENCE, M.D. – Morgantown, WV (10/06/2005)

WV License No. 17028

Board Conclusion: Renewing a license to practice medicine and surgery by making a false statement in connection with a licensure application.

Board Action: License SUSPENDED effective December 1, 2005. Said suspension was STAYED immediately, pending compliance with all terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order.

HUNTER, EDWARD B., JR., M.D. – Bluefield, WV (10/20/2005)

WV License No. 19844

Board Conclusion: Relating to the inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to excessive use and abuse of alcohol, and relating to unprofessional, unethical conduct.

Board Action: The suspended license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia of Dr. Hunter is reinstated and then immediately revoked, all effective October 24, 2005. Said revocation is stayed, and Dr. Hunter shall be on PROBATION for a period of five (5) years, under terms and conditions.



**BOARD ACTIONS**  
**October 2005 — December 2005**  
**continued**



KAPLAN, ADAM JARED, M.D. – Parkersburg, WV (12/19/2005)

WV License No. 21475

Board Conclusion: Relating to being subjected to disciplinary action by the licensing authority of another state.

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

KOPPIKAR, MAHESH, M.D. – Logan, WV (10/20/2005)

WV License No. 13540

Board Conclusion: Renewing a license to practice medicine and surgery by making a false statement in connection with a licensure application.

Board Action: License SUSPENDED effective October 17, 2005. Said suspension was STAYED immediately, pending compliance with all terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order.

KOWATLI, EMAD ADNAN, M.D. - South Charleston, WV (12/27/2005)

WV License No. 20169

Board Conclusion: Relating to unprofessional and unethical conduct, and relating to the renewal of a license to practice medicine and surgery by misrepresentation and making a false statement in connection with a licensure application.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for unprofessional and unethical conduct relating to his 2004 guilty plea to the misdemeanors of “driving left of center” and “obstructing an officer,” and for making a misrepresentation, in connection with the same on his 2004 application for licensure renewal.

RAMPRASAD, VATSALA, M.D. – Glen Mills, PA (12/08/2005)

WV License No. 13334

Board Conclusion: Relating to being subjected to disciplinary action by the licensing authority of another state, and relating to making a false representation in connection with a licensure application.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for being subjected to disciplinary action in another state and for making a false representation regarding the same in connection with a licensure application submitted to the Board.

WALSS, RODOLFO JESUS, M.D. – Brownsville, TX (12/15/2005)

WV License No. 10581

Board Conclusion: Relating to the renewal of a license to practice medicine and surgery by misrepresentation and making a false statement in connection with a licensure application; relating to having been subjected to disciplinary action by the licensing authority of another state; and relating to unprofessional, unethical, and dishonorable conduct.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for being subjected to disciplinary action of the licensing authority of another state; for renewing a license by misrepresentation; and for unprofessional conduct.

**LICENSURE DENIAL**

WELLS, GREGORY D., M.D. – Inez, KY (11/14/05)

Board Conclusion: Unqualified to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia, due to professional incompetence.

Board Action: Licensure denial CONFIRMED effective October 7, 2005.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

WV License No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Change: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Licensee: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS:**  
**(The preferred mailing address is the licensee's address of record, which is public information.)**  
**(Note that telephone numbers are not considered public information.)**

( ) Principal Office or Work Location \*ONLY CHECK ONE\* ( ) Home Address

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*By law, you must keep this office apprised of any and all address changes.*



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