

West Virginia Board of Medicine *Quarterly Newsletter*

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Engrossed Senate Bill 463 became effective in March 2006. This law amends the requirements for physician and podiatric licensure in West Virginia by declaring that the Board of Medicine may not issue a license to a person whose license has been revoked or suspended in another state until reinstatement of the license in that state.

Also, the requirements for medical licensure are modified. Now the Board may not only extend the period of seven consecutive years for passage of all components of the USMLE for up to three additional years for any medical student enrolled in a dual MD-PhD program, but also for a medical student participating in an accredited fellowship training.

Finally, a special provision in the law, which previously expired, has been revived until July 1, 2007. A license applicant who does not meet the requirements for medical or podiatric licensure, under extraordinary circumstances may be granted a license under several conditions. First, the Board must find that the applicant's exceptional education, training, and practice credentials are substantially equivalent to West Virginia medical licensure requirements. Secondly, the license granted under such extraordinary circumstances must be approved by three-fourths of the Board members. Third, orders denying such license applications are not appealable, and the Board must report to the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Delegates all decisions made pursuant to this section and the reasons therefore.

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LICENSURE SUSPENSION UPDATE

On June 30, 2006, 103 medical doctors were notified that their licenses were suspended for failure to notify the Board that required continuing medical education had been obtained. Many of the suspensions occurred because of a failure of the practitioner to notify the Board of a change of address.

This year, the Board instituted an online renewal application, in conjunction with the paper application. Approximately 1,050 medical doctors renewed online.

REMINDER: Please be aware that you must notify the Board of any change of address in order that you receive important notices from the Board. There is a change of address form on page 7 of this Newsletter.

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LEE E. SMITH, M.D., RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AS FEDERATION CHAIR

At the 94th Annual Meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards held in Boston, Massachusetts, this past April, Dr. Smith was recognized for his distinguished service as Chair of the Federation.

During the Federation Awards Presentation, over which Dr. Smith presided, he was unexpectedly called upon by James Thompson, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federation, and presented with a gavel and plaque in recognition of his leadership and accomplishments during his 2005-06 appointment as Chair.

Dr. Smith's leadership was apparent throughout the year, as he actively pursued strengthened alliances and communication with national and international medical associations related to the education, training, and credentialing of physicians. Dr. Smith also acted as a true catalyst for a variety of organizational pursuits, always keeping the mission of the Federation in the forefront. His active presence and genuine involvement has set the standard for all succeeding chairs.

Dr. Smith is only the 3rd physician from West Virginia to be honored as Federation Chair since its inception in 1912. He has also served on the West Virginia Board of Medicine from 1995 to the present, where he continues to distinguish himself as an active member.

Board-certified in otolaryngology and facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, Dr. Smith makes his home in Bluefield, West Virginia, and continues to have a successful practice located in Princeton.

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BOARD ACTIONS
April 2006 — June 2006



DANIEL, WILLIAM DOUGLAS, M.D. – Buckhannon, WV (05/15/2006)

WV License No. 13044

Board Conclusion: Failure to comply with the September 14, 2001, Board Order.

Board Action: License REVOKED effective May 15, 2006.

OKASINSKI, ROBERT, M.D. – Gibsonburg, OH (06/15/2006)

WV License No. 18481

Board Conclusion: Relating to making a false statement in connection with a licensure application.

Board Action: License SUSPENDED and STAYED, pending Dr. Okasinski's compliance with all terms and conditions of the Consent Order; PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for his false statement to the Board with respect to his continuing medical education; and FINED \$200.

ORTENZIO, LOUIS, JR., M.D. – Blacksville, WV (05/11/2006)

WV License No. 12327

Board Conclusion: Relating to being found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of any felony involving prescribing, selling, administering, dispensing, mixing or otherwise preparing any prescription drug, including any controlled substance under state or federal law, for other than generally accepted therapeutic purposes.

Board Action: License REVOKED effective June 1, 2006.

ROSEN, JEFFREY DAVID, M.D. – Rutland, VT (06/01/2006)

WV License No. 21043

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

Board Action: License SUSPENDED and STAYED, pending Dr. Rosen's compliance with all terms and conditions of the Consent Order; PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for providing two (2) false answers to the Board on his licensure renewal application relating to licensure issues in Pennsylvania and FINED \$1,000; PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for providing a false answer on his licensure application relating to the continuing medical education he obtained and FINED \$200.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

Beth Hays, M.A., NCC, LPC, DAPA, DABFE, NCP

After graduating from West Virginia University with B.S. Degrees in Biology and English, Mrs. Hays completed her Master of Arts Degree in Counseling from West Virginia University and advanced graduate work at West Virginia University, West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Mrs. Hays' professional experience includes working as a school psychologist for the Southern West Virginia Regional Health Council, Director of Special Services at Bluefield State College, and serving as a faculty member at Bluefield State College, where she taught General Psychology, Human Development, The Psychology of Criminal Behavior and Correctional Counseling.

Mrs. Hays later opened her own private practice in individual and family psychotherapy, specializing in depression and suicide.

For the last 20 years, Mrs. Hays has owned and operated the Disability Management Group, a private rehabilitation company specializing in medical case management, catastrophic case management, and vocational rehabilitation services throughout the State of West Virginia.

Mrs. Hays has participated in numerous community, regional, and State committees, including serving as a Board Member and Membership Chairperson for the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce.

Her professional associations include membership in the American Association for Counseling and Development, the West Virginia Association for Counseling and Development, the National Association of Rehabilitation Professionals in the Private Sector, and the West Virginia Association of Rehabilitation Professionals in the Private Sector.

Mrs. Hays has also earned Diplomat Status in the American College of Forensic Examiners and the American Association of Psychotherapists and is a Nationally Certified Psychologist.

ADDITIONS TO THE BOARD'S WEBSITE

The Board added a "FORMS" section to the website. The following forms may be printed, completed, and mailed to the Board for processing.

Change of Address Form
 Complaint Form
 Application for Drug Dispensing Registration
 Malpractice Report Form Supplied by the Practitioner
 Medical Corporation Application and Renewal
 Name Change Affidavit
 Professional Limited Liability Company Application and Renewal

www.wvdhhr.org/wvbom

LICENSING STATISTICS As of June 30, 2006

<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
178	0	20
Active Licensed Medical Doctors	Active Licensed Podiatrists	Active Licensed Physician Assistants
4,934	99	495
Active Licensed Medical Doctors Practicing in West Virginia	Active Licensed Podiatrists Practicing in West Virginia	
3,633	66	
Inactive Licensed Medical Doctors	Inactive Licensed Podiatrists	
722	20	

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

Enter average weekly on call hours for ALL loca-
tions: _____

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

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:

List AVERAGE HOURS worked per week (not on
call) at this location:
Direct Patient Care: _____
Administration: _____
Formal Teaching: _____
Research: _____
Other Medical/Podiatric Activities: _____

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

THIRD WORK ADDRESS:

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call) at this location:
Direct Patient Care: _____
Administration: _____
Formal Teaching: _____
Research: _____
Other Medical/Podiatric Activities: _____

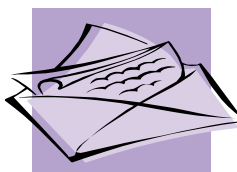
Address 1 _____
Address 2 _____
City, State, Zip, County _____
Phone _____

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 an updated 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 2006 MEETINGS

July 10
September 11
November 13

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

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