

West Virginia Board of Medicine

Fall 2020

Upcoming Board Meeting: November 9, 2020

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Medicine's office remains closed to the public. Upcoming Board meetings primarily will be held via virtual platform. If any member of the public wishes to attend a virtual meeting, contact Executive Director Mark Spangler at <u>Mark.A.Spangler@wv.gov</u> for instructions on how to join the meeting.

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Letter from the President

by Kishore K. Challa, MD

If there is anything positive to be realized from West Virginia's ongoing State of Emergency, it has been the opportunity to work even more closely with my fellow Board members, the Board of Medicine staff, and leaders at the community, state and national levels.

This was true from the time Gov. Jim Justice issued the emergency declaration on March 16. The Board of Medicine, in cooperation with the Governor's Office, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, and others, sought changes to the Medical Practice Act and the Physician Assistants Practice Act to provide regulatory relief to practitioners on the front lines.

The resulting regulatory flexibility has allowed the Board to implement rule suspensions, emergency rules and other practices. Our remarkable licensing staff has processed 1,367 emergency MD registrants and 102 emergency PA registrants as of Nov. 1 to help deal with the CO-VID-19 crisis – a testament to



Dr. Challa

chin's Office to effectively address concerns regarding the need for telemedicine expansion during the State of Emergency. There is now payment parity for audio-only telehealth services with video telehealth services. We contributed to a subsequent news release issued by Manchin and fellow West Virginia Sen. Shelley Moore Capito advocating for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to increase telehealth reimbursements to equal other audio-visual and in-person visitation reimbursements. CMS increased the payment range for these services, retroactive to March 1.

We all recognized that the citi-

zens of West Virginia are among the most vulnerable in relation to the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, these temporary modifications that allow for increased patient access, via telemedicine, to qualified providers during these unprecedented times have been vitally important.

Another opportunity for collaboration took place on May (continued on page 2)

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WV BOARD OF MEDICINE Influenza Season & COVID-19 Pandemic

By Quartel-Ayne Amjad, MD, MPH WV State Health Officer

Discussing routine vaccinations with your patients is crucial during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be sure to discuss the Influenza Vaccine with your patients as early as possible.

There are three crucial mitigation efforts to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 which also helps reduce the spread of Influenza:

 Washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;

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30, when I presented an online PowerPoint discussion of "CO-VID-19: West Virginia's Regulatory Response" to members of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPIO). You may recall that I had presented to AAPIO last July during the organization's annual meeting in Atlanta on the topic of "Physician Licensure: The Dos and Don'ts." This time, Sen. Manchin joined the Saturday discussion remotely, while Sen. Capito offered a video statement.

We continue to explore every opportunity to address the COVID-19 crisis through the creative use of all available resources. The Board, as always, welcomes your comments and suggestions. Please submit

- Covering your nose and mouth with a face covering or mask; and,
- **3.** Staying at least six feet away from people or large crowds.

Early testing and detection of COVID-19 is important. Testing opportunities have increased throughout the state through community-based testing events, and at local health departments, pharmacies, and physicians' offices. Please share this information with your patients.

comments and/or suggestions to <u>Mark.A.Spangler@wv.gov.</u>

On a personal note, I want to thank the Board's Nominating Committee, including former board member Dr. Harry Duncan, Tori Takubo, PA-C, and Dr. Jonathan Lilly for their diligence in soliciting nominations for the election of officers. I think I can speak for Dr. Sheth when I say that we are humbled by the ongoing support reflected in the outcome of the election (see related story, Page 8) and grateful for the continued confidence in our leadership as expressed by our fellow Board members.

We look forward to protecting the public and serving WV health care consumers and our licensees as we navigate these challenging times.

FALL 2020 - PAGE 2 Telemedicine Regulations Relaxed

During the COVID-19 State of Emergency, and to ensure maximum flexibility for licensees and to surge response to CO-VID-19, the West Virginia Board of Medicine encourages the use of telemedicine technologies, consistent with the standard of care, and where appropriate for patients.

Gov. Jim Justice's Executive Order 7-20, as amended by Executive Order 10-20, suspends certain provisions of the Medical Practice Act to facilitate the use of telemedicine technologies.

In addition, for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency, the prohibition on establishing a provider-patient relationship via audio-only communication is suspended temporarily. If audioonly communication satisfies the standard of care for a particular patient presentation, it may be used to establish a provider-patient relationship and to provide patient care.

Effective March 1, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services increased telehealth reimbursements to equal other audiovisual and in-person visitation reimbursements.

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Board Revises Social Media Position Statement

The West Virginia Board of Medicine has embarked on a long-term project to review and update its position statements on various topics.

During its January 2020 meeting, the Board approved a revised policy titled "The Appropriate Use of Social Media and Electronic Communications in Medical Practice." This action followed the release of model policy guidelines by the Federation of State Medical Boards' Ethics & Professionalism Committee in April 2019.

The revised position statement includes discussion of: principles and ethical implications of social media and electronic communications; current and emerging social media and electronic platforms; use cases for social media and electronic communication; professional disciplinary action that may result from inappropriate use of social media; and guidelines and recommendations for both personal and professional use.

The following guidelines are based on the principles of ethics and professionalism, and are recommended for physicians who use social media or electronic communication in their personal and professional lives.

1. Do not disclose individually identifiable patient health information or post images or videos online without the express written consent of the patient.

2. Be mindful of and remain in

compliance with all relevant professional and legal responsibilities, as well as policies and guidelines of your state medical board.

3. Maintain appropriate professional boundaries with patients and their surrogates, as well as physician and non-physician colleagues at all times, whether online or in- person.

4. Politely turn down requests from patients to connect on social networking sites. It may be acceptable to accept requests on professional accounts, provided that the account is used for professional purposes only.

5. Communicate and engage in social media in personal and professional settings with civility and respect for others.

6. Comport yourself professionally, even when communicating or posting in a personal capacity. If you discover unprofessional or inappropriate content online posted by a professional colleague, notify the individual so that they may remove the post or change their methods of communicating. If the situation does not improve, report the behavior to the state medical board or other relevant authority.

7. Do not engage in disruptive behavior online such as cyberbullying, and report instances of such behavior by professional colleagues to the state medical board or other relevant authority.

8. Consider all online content as open and accessible to anyone, regardless of whether it is posted in a closed or private forum and regardless of privacy settings and levels of encryption used.

9. Consider any social media post as permanent, even after it has been deleted.

10. Be mindful of how and where you use devices, often referred to as AI Assistants, that record conversations, such as Amazon's Alexa, Apple's Siri, Google's Google Assistant and

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COVID-19 Info

The West Virginia Board of Medicine continues to partner with the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, the West Virginia Coronavirus Hotline (1-800-887-4304) and other state entities to ensure that practitioners have access to updated information concerning Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The information includes available testing criteria, information on setting up office personal protective equipment (PPE) procedures and related questions.

The Board will continue to update its <u>website</u> as new guidance becomes available.

Additional resources include: WVDHHR COVID-19 CDC Information for Providers WV Local Health Departments DEA COVID-19 Resources

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Staff Updates

Thomas "Matt" McCall has accepted the position of Physicians Assistant Licensure Analyst, filling a post that had been vacant since the departure of Valerie Anderson several months ago. McCall first joined the Board staff in October 2019 as Administrative Assistant / Receptionist, a role now filled by recent addition Leisa Reed. Reed began her responsibilities in June. We wish them well in their new positions.

Executive Director Mark A. Spangler, MA, has been named

chair of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission's Communications Committee. He also is a member of the IMLCC's Executive Committee.

In addition, Andrew Wessels, director of intergovernmental and public relations, has been invited to serve a second term on the Federation of State Medical Boards' Editorial Committee. The committee acts as the *M. Spangler*

editorial board for FSMB's official publication, the quarterly Journal of Medical Regulation.





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WV BOARD OF MEDICINE **Board News**

Gov. Jim Justice appointed two new members to the West Virginia Board of Medicine in July.

Quartel-Ayne Amjad, MD, MPH, was named state health

officer and commissioner of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health. In that capacity, she ex officio serves as secretary of the Dr. Amjad West Virginia Board of Medicine.



Meanwhile, the governor named Christopher Tipton, DMSc, MPAS, PA-C, of Kistler in Logan County to longtime succeed Board member Dean C. Tipton

Wright, whose distinguished tenure with the Board extended over two decades. Dr. Harry Duncan also left the Board at the conclusion of his term on

Sept. 30. We wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Amjad holds a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Virginia Tech, a master's degree in public health from West Virginia University, and her medical degree from Marshall University. She also studied internal medicine at Allegheny General Hospital.

Previously she was the project coordinator of Beryllium Research Team, of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, and a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention fellow. She is the founder of Bee-Better, a non-profit organization

> against opioid addiction and a member of the Human Rights Commission in Beckley.

"As a native West Virginian, I have served my region for many years from treating addiction to chronic health disease," she said in a news release. "Especially during this pandemic, I am truly excited to take on this new role which will have a greater impact and provide the opportunity to serve all the residents of the state."

Amjad succeeds Catherine C. Slemp, MD, MPH

who resigned as the State Health Officer on June 24. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Tipton has been associated with Lincoln Primary Care in Man, WV, since 2013. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Mountain State University in Beckley in 2002, a master's degree in Advanced Physician Assistance from A.T. Still University in Kirksville, MO, in 2015, and a Doctor of Medical Sciences degree from Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA, in 2019.

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In other Board news:

Dr. Mustafa Rahim was named by Board President Kishore Challa to chair the Legislative Committee, succeeding Dean Wright.



Dr. Rahim



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Dr. Sheth



Rev. Harman

Dr. Jonathan Lilly was named chair of the Licensure Committee. succeeding Duncan.

Dr. Ashish Sheth was reappointed by the Governor to serve on the Board for a term ending Sept. 30, 2024.

Rev. Janet Harman was asked to serve a one-year term on the Federation of State Medical Boards' Ethics and Professionalism Committee.

Board Actions: December 2019 - October 2020

Omar Khalid Hasan, MD 01/09/2020 – Suspension of License Order

John Michel Shamma'a, MD 01/13/2020 – Revocation of License Board Order

Joy Jeannine Juskowich, MD 01/13/2020 – Termination of Consent Order Board Order

James Edwin Prommersberger, DPM 01/13/2020 – Limitation or Restriction on License/Practice Consent Order

Sriramloo Kesari, MD 02/05/2020 – Summary/Emergency Suspension of License Board Order

Michael Shramowiat, MD 03/04/2020 – Limitation or Restriction on License/Practice <u>Consent Order</u>

Barbara Jane Blasko, MD 03/04/2020 – Public Reprimand Consent Order

Marc Harris Kolender, MD 03/09/2020 – Public Reprimand Consent Order

Parth Bharill, MD 03/17/2020 – Revocation of License Board Order

Nabil Gaballa Guirguis, MD 04/06/2020 – Revocation of License Board Order Roger Dale Anderson, MD 04/06/2020 – Revocation of License <u>Board Order</u>

Furhan Rashid Qureshi, MD 04/24/2020 – Public Reprimand <u>Consent Order</u>

Bill Herbert Harris, MD 05/12/2020 – Public Reprimand Consent Order

Rajwardhan Harishcandra Yadav, MD 05/12/2020 – Public Reprimand <u>Consent Order</u>

David Jay Currence, MD 05/28/2020 – Probation of License Consent Order

Joshua Mordechai Muyderman, MD 06/04/2020 – Education and Training Required <u>Consent Order</u>

Porfirio R. Pascasio, Sr., MD 07/13/2020 – Summary/Emergency Suspension of License <u>Board Order</u>

07/30/2020 – Voluntary Surrender of License <u>Consent Order</u>

Vishal Verma, MD 07/29/2020 – Public Reprimand Consent Order

Ollie Joseph Jackson, III, MD 07/29/2020 – Probation of License <u>Consent Order</u>

Robert Roy Harris, MD 07/29/2020 – Public Reprimand <u>Consent Order</u> Arthur David Barnes, MD 07/29/2020 – Public Reprimand Consent Order

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David Ramiro Canchola, MD 07/29/2020 – Voluntary Surrender of License <u>Consent Order</u>

Paul Duane Davis, MD 07/29/2020 – Public Reprimand Consent Order

William James Hennessey, MD 07/29/2020 – Public Reprimand Consent Order

Muhammed Samer Nasher-Alneam, MD 08/10/2020 – Voluntary Surrender of License <u>Consent Order</u>

James Alan Akins, MD 09/04/2020 – Probation of License <u>Consent Order</u>

Teresita P. DeJosef, MD 09/04/2020 – Voluntary Surrender of License <u>Consent Order</u>

Frederick David Adams, MD 09/04/2020 – suspension of License <u>Consent Order</u>

Arthur Philip Fine, MD 09/04/2020 – Public Reprimand Consent Order

Zouhair Mohamad Wadih Kabbara, MD 09/16/2020 – Summary/Emergency Suspension of License Board Order

Steven Robert Matulis, MD 09/16/2020 – Voluntary Surrender of License <u>Consent Order</u> (continued on page 7)

Board Actions (continued from page 6) Initial Licensure and/or Licensure Renewal Application Related Actions

Fadi Alkhankan, MD 12/16/2019 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Sally Ong Dee, MD 12/16/2019 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Brian Francis, MD 12/16/2019 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty <u>Consent Order</u>

John David Crompton, MD 12/16/2019 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Anita Francis Petitte, PA-C 12/16/2019 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Robert Jeffrey Shalowitz, MD 12/19/2019 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order Michael Andrew Arata, MD 12/20/2019 – Probation of License <u>Consent Order</u>

Albert James Paine, Jr., MD 01/02/2020 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

David Leon Soulsby, MD 01/02/2020 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Darci Nicole Barger, PA-C 01/02/2020 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Anup Kumar Das, MD 01/08/2020 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Theodore Randolph Gover, PA-C 01/08/2020 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

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Michelle Ann Murray, DPM 03/04/2020 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Ajay Virmani, MD 04/24/2020 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty <u>Consent Order</u>

Frank Lewis Petrola, MD 05/02/2020 – Voluntary Surrender of License <u>Consent Order</u>

Cyrus Mali, MD 05/02/2020 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty <u>Consent Order</u>

Richard Ernest Person, MD 05/12/2020 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Emmanuel Olusola Soyoola, MD 07/29/2020 – Voluntary Surren-

der of License Consent Order

Mark Roncalli LoDico, MD 07/29/2020 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Todd Mark Hoffman, MD 07/29/2020 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty <u>Consent Order</u>

Drs. Challa and Sheth Re-Elected

South Charleston cardiologist Dr. Kishore K. Challa has been re-elected to serve a second, two-year term as president of the West Virginia Board of Medicine, while Cross Lanes internal medicine specialist Dr. Ashish P. Sheth has been re-elected to a second, twoyear term as vice president.

The election took place during July's regular bimonthly meeting of the WVBOM. Challa and Sheth officially began their second terms the following day. Dr. Quartel-Ayne Amjad, recently named state health officer and commissioner of the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, serves ex officio as board secretary. "I am honored to continue to lead the outstanding board members and staff of the West Virginia Board of Medicine," Challa said. "The licensure, regulation and oversight of 7,549 physicians, 137 podiatric physicians and nearly 1,150 physician assistants in West Virginia is a responsibility we take very seriously, and we are most fortunate to have an organization that is up to the challenge."

Challa, president of South Charleston Cardiology Associates, began his medical education in his native India, and then moved to the U.S. to complete a medical residency and cardiology fellowship at Coney Island Hospital in New York. After com-

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Microsoft's Cortana. If these devices are kept in clinical areas, they should be turned off or their settings changed in order that they do not record patient health information.

11. Do not provide medical advice to specific patients online, unless this is done via the secure patient portal of a practice or institution.

12. When discussing general medical issues online, identify yourself as a physician and avoid being anonymous (i.e., provide your name). Do not misrepresent your training, expertise, or credentials.

13. When marketing your practice online, be sure to adhere to codes of conduct with respect to advertising.

14. Be transparent about any conflicts of interest, financial or otherwise.

15. Think twice before posting. If you would not comment publicly in your professional or personal capacity, do not do so online.

16. Consider innovative ways in which social media can enhance your practice, career, or patient care that reflect sound ethical and professional principles. pleting his training in interventional cardiology at New York Medical College, he and his family moved to Charleston in 1989.

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Challa is board certified in internal medicine and cardiology, is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, and a member of the American College of Chest Physicians and the Kanawha Medical Association. In February 2013, he was presented with the Distinguished West Virginian award by then-Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, and in 2014 received the American Heart Association's Heart of Gold award.

Challa also chairs the board's Executive/Management Committee and Personnel Committee, and serves as a member of the Legislative Committee. He originally was appointed to the board in January 2013 and reappointed by Gov. Jim Justice in October 2017.

Like Challa, Sheth began his medical education in India before completing his residency in internal medicine at Jersey Shore Medical Center. Sheth also chairs the board's Complaint Committee, and serves as a member of the Executive/ Management Committee, Legislative Committee and Personnel Committee. He and his wife, Falguni, who is a respiratory therapist, operate the medical practice WV Primary Care.

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2020 Renewal Period Concludes

The extended deadline for licensure renewals. brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, expired at the close of business at 4:30 pm EDT on September 30, 2020.

Under normal circumstances, the renewal period, which began online May 11, 2020 would have concluded on June 30, 2020. However, to assist the West Virginia Board of Medicine in relieving regulatory burdens on practitioners who are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Jim Justice suspended certain provisions of the Medical Practice Act to give the Board flexibility regarding license expiration and renewal during the ongoing State of Emergency.

During the renewal period, 3,675 medical doctors (whose last names begin with the letters A through L) renewed their licenses. The renewal period also expired at 4:30 pm EDT

on September 30, 2020 for controlled substance dispensing practitioners whose last name begins with the letters A through L (126 renewed), professional limited liability companies (139 renewed), and educational permit participants (413 renewed).

If a license, permit, registration or authorization expired, licensees should expect an interruption in practice while a reinstatement application is processed.

Federation of Podiatric Medical **Boards Update**

By Carrie A. Lakin, DPM, FACFAS

Due to the ongoing COVID-19/SARS CoV2 pandemic, the Federation of Podiatric Medical

Boards (FPMB) held a virtual meeting in early Spring to discuss the impact on member state entities that deal with licensure and discipline of their podiatric physicians.

We found that our West Virginia Board of Medicine (WVBOM) COVID-19 website update - which provides a link to the fed-



eral Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, as well as general office procedures that were recommended for implementation to safequard the public - was quite possibly the first of its kind, based on conversation with those states represented at that meeting. As such, we shared our website with them to serve as a possible template upon which they might build a plan to keep their own healthcare communities as safe as possible.

Many states participating in the meeting had not yet experienced a surge of COVID-19 cases. That provided an opportunity for them to create and initiate procedures prior to having their system stretched to the limits. As of late, we are now seeing that very situation come to pass in many states from the Southwest.

Being proactive with these recommendations early on by the WVBOM not only assisted the WV medical community with expectations for patient safety while continuing to practice, but also provided other states with a "jump start" to the process of finalizing their own state policies.

Once more, West Virginia has shown that our primary focus of concern for our patients to receive the best possible care has placed us in a position of preparedness to meet any challenge, including a global pandemic.

Dr. Lakin is a member of the Board of Medicine and a delegate to FPMB.

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New Licensees: Jan. through Oct. 2020

The West Virginia Board of Medicine issued 496 medical doctor licenses, one Restricted License in Extraordinary Circumstances, one Medical School Faculty license, one Volunteer Medical license, 124 Interstate Medical Licensure Commission licenses, nine podiatric physician licenses and 129 physician assistant licenses for the period of January through October 2020. Congratulations to:

MEDICAL DOCTORS

MD New Licensees as of 10/27/20 Abbasi, Abdul Hafeez Adams, Elliot McNamara Adefevisan, Samuel Adekunle Adeniyi, Mofolasayo Motunrayo Aguilo Rodriguez, Lourdes Xiomara Ahmed, Altaf Akers-White, La Tania Michelle Akinrinlola, Avorinde Al Shaial, Zohayr Mohan Al-Abed. Mohamad Borhan Tawfeg Al-Ameri, Ali Al-Haddad, Sarmed Abbas Abdulameer Al-Khawlani, Talal Saleh Ahmed Alam, Ariful Alfarawati, Mohammad Nabeel Aljarod, Tarake M. Allen, Krista Marie Allen, Christopher Carl Almenoff, Maxwell Ian Alshaikh, Rawan Gasem Alzheimer, Daniel Robert Amin, Nisar Ahmad Amirjazil, Idean Amro, Ahmed N. M. Amy, Jonathan Robert Anderson, Daniel Alexander Anigbogu, Nkoli Tania Ansari, Najeeb Khalil Ahmed Anton, Robert Charles

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Govindaswami, Balaji Grantham, John Thomas Grantham, Lindsey Faith Gray, Teas Elleia Cinque Guangul, Bereket Azeze Hagos, Hana Tsege Haigler, Stuart Steven Hajiran, Cyrus James Hamilton. Baker Harlan Hamilton, Kimberly Michelle Hamrick, Edward Lewis Harris, Mark David Harter, Gary Dean Hassan, Ahmed Mahdi Hassan, Afshan Hayes, James Robert Allen Healy, Dean Alan Hendricks, Tyler Jacob Henry, Tudie-Ann Roxnee Herway, Catherine Michelle Hess, Joshua Andrew Hinds, Jonathan Anthony Ho, Susana J. Hobbs, Daniel Christian Hollinger, Jared Scott Hope, Jason Michael Hruschka, James Anthony Hughes, James Allen Husain, Muhammad Rizwan Huss, David Glenn Hussain, Manzar Hwang, William James Hynes, Daniel Michael Impastato, Katherine Accardo Inderbitzin-Brooks, Sonya Joy Inyang, Edidiong Irani, Shoreh Kooshesh Ireland, Patrick David Iwanow, Ingrid Christine Izadpanah, Maryam Afshar Jafri, Mohammad Ali Syed Jameel, Ayesha Jordan, Adrienne Christine



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Kang, Ajaipal Singh Kansara, Pranav Prabhakar Kapadia, Ravi Nalin Karen, Matthew Evan Karlapudi, Mounish Kashyap, Sarang Kaur, Maninder Kaur, Gurveen Kazmi, Syed Hamza Keaton, Mark Robert Keedy, David Lynn Keen, Stephen Michael Kehinde, Oladoye Oludotun Kelley, Joseph Randall Kelly, Michael Edward Kelly, Audra Kathryn Kessler, Howard Beryl Khan, Javeed Khanna, Abhinav Khwaja, Tahir Nisar Kindle, Joy JeNean Kinsey, Richard Shawn Kitsos, Eleni Georgia Kledzik, Mary Kneeland, Misty Lee Kochenbach, Katherine Kohli, Utkarsh Kolodchak-Rojas, Jennifer Lynn Kolodziej, Andrew Richard Konopinski, Jonathan Charles Konrad, Peter Erich Konstantakos, Emmanuel Konstantin Kosuru, Bhanu Prasad Kotadiya, Fenilkumar Shambhubhai Kothari, Ashitbharat Kanaiyalal Krueger, Austin Montana Kubal. Amit Anant Lahr, Barbara Ann Lakshminarasimhan, Aparna Lambert, Mark Elliott Lamps, Christopher Alfonso Langford, Joseph Scott Larsen, Cody Braxton

Larson, Darin James

Lavani, Chirag Ashwin Kumar Lawrence, Jesse David Lawrence, Matthew Allen Lee, Shu Xian Legere, III Henry Joseph Lemen, Tiffani Dawn Leonard, Anthony Presley Leong, Paul Liwah Lewis, Jeremy Lietz, Alexander James Likes, Maggie Lynn Lindsey, Brad Leonard Link, Christopher Blair Litchfield, Ashley Brianne Lockrem, Justin Ryan Lortscher, David Nicholas Lozano, Maria de la Luz Luckey, Thomas John Ludlow, Jason Paul Luiza, John Wesley Ly, Tina Ngoc Tran

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Ma, John Ming-Kay Madrigal, Elis Malave, Carlos Guillermo Maron, Steven Peter Martin, Shelly Dawn Matherne, Jeffrey Donald Mathew, Roshen McCall, Jr. Charles Louis McCoy, Skyler Bryce McDaniel, Christen Nicole McDonald, Kathleen Louise McGrath, Marnie Alexandra Mechling, Courtney Allison Meester, Scott Michael Megafu, Onyechi Sylvester Mehandru, Prem Lata Mehdi, Sved Ali Merritt, Brandon Scott Michalke, Jeremy Andrew Midkiff, Lewis Wyatt Miller, Kyle Dillon Miranda, Kristen Mitwally, Mohamed Farouk Mordel. Allon Morehead, Richard Scott Mowery, Deborah Thoren

Mozingo, Cy Marshall Muncy, Lindsay Edwards Murken, Fanny Marie Murken, Douglas Robert Murray, Dana Lauren Murthy, Dakshina R. Murthy, Siva Rao Murthy, Poornima S. Myriounis, Nikolaos



Naeem, Ammad Nagaraju, Santosh Nagvi, Syeda Fatima Zehra Naravadi, Vishnu Vardhan Reddy Nassr, Kussay Nawaz, Hamid Nayyar, Asma Nebor, Anthony Equakhide Nguyen, Tien Huu Nichols, Darrin Earl Nigussie, Bisrat Mogus Njoroge, Linda Wanjiku Nubani, Lu'ay Ismail Salim Nwachukwu, Chidinma Olive Odom, Michael Ryan Odunukan, Olufunso Babajide William Ohale, Victor Chisomaga Olatubosun, Oluwabukola Christiana Olawaiye, Adefunke Olusanya, Oludayo Olubunmi Omundsen-Ott, Beth Ann Oo, Ye Min Opotowsky, Alexander Reuben Osborne, Caroline Stokes Osterlund, Mary Elizabeth Otchere-Boateng, Yaw Oteng, Eugene Kojo Pancholi, Rinit Harishkumar Panesar. Sonia Kaur Pantangi, Pramod Paquelet, Stephen Edward Parks, Joy Elizabeth Patel, Sumit Kirtikumar

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Patel, Vipul Manilal Patel, Hrishi Thakorbhai Patel, Sagar Dinu Patel, Neel Naren Patel, Dipesh Pravinbhai Pater. Colleen Moran Patibandla, Saikrishna Patil, Abhijit Ashok Patil, Mukul Balaji Pearlman, Adam Haines Peavler, Casey Brett Peek, Meagan Lee Penaranda, Ruben Deuer Peppercorn, Robert Michael Perez. John Michael Pervez, Asad Phillips, Jason Michael Pijanowski, Jan Anthony Pina Parker, Carol Patricia Pizzino, Joanne Louise Pojman, Donald Victor Potluri, Krishna Kanth Puffenberger, Mark William

Q - **R**

Quijano, Christina Maria Rana, Urooj Tahir Randall, Cara Dionne Rao, Pavan Kumar Raru, Yonas Yilma Raubitschek, Nicholas Alexander Rawala, Muhammad Shabbir Rawlinson, Adrian John Ray, Glenn William Reddy, Jenifer Harish-Tekchandani Ree, Peter Carl Reslan, Ossama Rezkallah, Kamal Naguib Makar Rhodes, Kelly Kathleen Rielly, James Patrick Rios, Jose Luis Riveros, Diego Alexander Rizvi, Wajeeha Hasan Rizwan. Atif Robbie, Ahmed Rodulfa, Jason Baltar

Roesch, Thomas Markus Rose, Miranda Elizabeth Rossmann, Michelle Debra Rothfleisch, Richard Rozario, Edwin Richard Ryckman, Jeffrey Mark Sabouni, Mouhamed Amr Safi, Salah Ud Din Safi, Danish Murad Ur Rehman

Sahay, Gauray

Salata, James Andrew Salazar, Arturo Alexandro Saleem, Muhammad Omar Salvetti, David James Santoyo, Steven Paul Sappington, Penny Lynn Satur, Nancy Marlene Savarirayan, Sunil Samuel Sbaity, Salam Ahmad Schneider, Aaron Joel Schoedel, Tad Douglas Schumann, Sarah-Anne Henning Schwartzman, David Sanford Sears, Robert Carlton Sedrak, Michael Paul Segura, Andrea Michelle Selznick, Lee Andrew Sener, Ugur Tamer Sexton, Richard Asher Shackleford, Violet Patty Shafiq-Hoda, Rana Shah, Mohammad Kamal Shah, Kara Noelle Shah, Rajnikant Shantilal Shawwa, Khaled Shea, Jr. Daniel Francis Shen, Mark Wayne Shenouda, Mina Nabil Guirquis Salama Sherif. Ahmed Mohamed Sherman, Jonathan Harris Shin, Alexander Youngjoon Shukis, Michael Vincent Sicular, Serge Benjamin Sidda, Adarsh

Silva, Carlos Henrique Simmons, Curtis Lee Singh, Tejveer Singh, Gobind Pratap Singh, Azara Sneha Sitts, Timothy Marvin Skibbie, David Franklin Smith, Kevin Harris Smith. Patrick Reid Stanazai, Hashim Shafaq Stanfill, John Clint Stickler, Kasey Danielle Stickler, Morgan Catherine Straker, II Richard James Subramanya, Ananthraj Sukowaty, Laura Catherine Sundaram, Shankar Meenakshi Suri, Paul Ashutosh Surkin, Lee Alan Suter, Kurt Joel Symczyk, Oksana Aleksandra

T - V

Tahir, Khola Samreen Tan, Simon Sy Tannous, Manhal Mousa Tatchum-Talom, Rabelais Terla, Vikhyath Thakur, Amrit Anand Thalanayar Muthukrishnan, Prashanth Thimm, Terra Nicole Thiyagalingam, Shanojan Ticona, Katy Tolpinrud, Whitney Lynn Tom, Vivian Faywen Toshich, Marko Tran, Patricia Angeles Truong, Matthew Thanh Turner, Brian Christopher Ukaigwe, Anene Clair Uy, Edilfavia Mae Suaybaguio Vahedikafshqari, Hamed Valakh, Vladimir Valentine, Vinod Valluru, Neelima

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van Oppen, Dorothy Claire Van Wagoner, John Allen Varma, Sohan Raj Varvoutis, Megan Alison Ventura, John Carl Verma, Devanshu Villa, Brian Robert Villescas, Jr. Bernardino Vinarski, Irina Eduardovna Viscomi, Christopher Michael Vishwanathan, Swati



Walker, Andrew Paul Wallace, Christopher William Walther, Brenda Lee Waris. Samir Washington, Craig Lamar Cheeks Weingold, Robert Matthew Weissmann, Murray H. Wellman, Courtney Diane Welsch, Michael Jude Wendel, Justin William Wenig, Linda Newcomb Whonder-Genus, Hillary Grace Wickel, Dean Joseph Wildenhain, Philip Michael Wiley, Joseph Zachary Williams, Brian Keith Williamson, Emily Shields Wolfe, Timothy Michael Woods, Patricia Eileen Woolley, Steven Lee Wyatt, William Kendall Yang, Lewis Yates, Shane Allan Yeen, Wing Choy Yilmaz, Muhammet Furkan Yoost, Timothy Richard Yount, Brian James Zahir, Amir Zapp, Elizabeth Anne Zarko, Rebecca Marie Zelis, Cynthia Barrett Romp Zughaib, Hussein Habib Zuo, Chunlai

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RESTRICTED LICENCE IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Cicek, Mehmet Sertac

MEDICAL SCHOOL FACULTY LICENSE

Lagazzi Garros, Luigi Fabrizio

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL LICENSE Foster, Daniel S.

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INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT LICENSEES

A - **G**

Adams, III Charles Edward Adusumilli. Sesha Sailu Alpert, Russell Todd Amjad, Sami Imran Anwar, Asif Ashkiani, Mohammad Azam, Arsalan Syed Badiozamani, Kasra Ray Baker, Ann Marie Battle, Jamila Randolph Bayraktar, Soley Bentley, Keri McFarlane Berko, Charles Anim Bhella, Paul Singh Blackwell, William Adrian Bost, Brian Patrick Brahmbhatt, Hetal Kanaiyalal Burruss, Jr. Richard Parks Byrd, Taekwondo Jonohn Carnevale, Gregory Gerald Cham, Roxana Erin Chang, Justin Ching Chinasa, Margie Uzoma Chirichigno, Jason William Churi, Kartiki Unmesh

Cochran, John Watson D'Ambrose, Michael John D'Souza, Keith Michael Davey, Jr. William Patrick Demeter, Jr. Stephen Louis Desai, Bobby Kapil Dobrescu, Cosmin Doering, Andrew John Douglas, Michael Lee Falgiani, Michael Lawrence Fine. Eric Adam Flower, Alexander Cvetkovic Fowler, Chesney Price Gallo, III Ralph Charles Gathiuni, Raymond Wahome Gilbert, Kurt Maurice Gilfeather, Marvellyn Gray-Schnase, Helen Nhan Griffin, Larry Paul Gross, Gary Michael

H - N

Handler, Hila Hawkins, Aaron Michael Hogarth, Jean-Max Hsiung, Leslie Huldin, Jennifer Ann Hvidding, Joshua Bernard Igwe, Robert Chukwuma Inyang, Mfon Malachy Ives. David Cullimore Jhaveri, Manan Anantbhai Jones, Erin Alexandria Kaplan, Gordon David Karikkineth, Ajoy Chandapillai Kash, Donald Joseph Kerr, Christine Alice Khan, Mohammad Naeemullah Kraemer, Eric Joseph Kumar, Munish Lansen, Honore Noelle Larson, Jonathan David Leizman, Jonathan Ben Lin, Yichun Lingan, Jayson Vincent Singson Lovell, Allison Ann Lovett, Paris Brett

Lowery, Teresa Marbas, Laurie Ladawn Mardam Bey, Ramzi Marks, Lianne McDonald, Philip Brandeis Mcilvena, Lindsey Rapp Smith Merig, Michael John Muller. Matthew Scott Munsif, Siddharth Ajay Nazzal, Yara Darwish Nellore, Malleeswari Nesmith, Dorothy Shelton **Beverly Nneka** Netherton, Cynthia Lu Nguyen, Bao Cao

O - W

O'Brien, Barbara Louise Odeke. Svlvester Okea, Remigius Nwabueze Okeke, Francis Chijioke Olsen, Amy Henry Padilla Vazquez, Arnoldo Alejandro Park, Jinha Mark Pastuszak, Alexander Wojciech Pepper, Justin Alan Phifer, Jamie Michele Pilgrim, Ashley Joel Powell, Steven Wayne Ptaszkiewicz, Michele Lee Clingenpeel Rahman, Amera Manzoor Rasul, Saleem Reid, Chad Rodney Rhoads, Susan Ricci, Michael Anthony Robertson-Dick, Brian Jeffrey Rolston-Cregler, Louis Leonard Saab, Ahmad Najib Safvi, Amjad Ali Salloum, Ellis John Schechter, Jade Levine Schwartz, Jamila Irene Goller Sein Ohn, Karen Elizabeth Seitz, Christopher Steven

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Shaw, Christopher Cory Robert Shepard, David Lee Shoja, Pantea Simmons, Sarah Vanarsdale Smith, Shauna Marie Sud, Anup Trudeau, Joseph Douglas Vasquez, Peter John Verma, Rajanshu Weber, David Maxwell Weir, Alec James Wiseman, Jamie Rose

PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS

Cain, Jarrett Gentile, Michael Albert Lorincz, Stefan P. Pipes, James E. Ross, Richard Andrew Silinski, Kristin Lynne Soltani, Kaveh Weily, William J. Wiseman, Frederick Arthur

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

A - E

Ackles, Lindsey Joan Adkins, Dustin Miles Aeling, Tiffany Ann Alexander, Nicholas George Arena, Charlene Marie Arison, Miranda Katelyn Arrington, Misty Rachelle Barnett, Justin Earl Bartlett, Megan Dawn Batista-Olivieri, Michelle Lee Bedillion, Keri Elizabeth Bernazzoli, Zachary Alan Blackburn, Bonnie Lynn Bollinger, Shawn Alan Butcher, Mary Rose Campbell, Joanne Lastri Campbell, Kelley Ann Chaderwick, Heather Lauren

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Riley, David Brandon Sanchez, Monica Sulema Sauer, Jr. Henry Edward Saurin, Andrew Jacob Schara, Devon Flynn Scheider, Brooke Michelle Schubring, Nicholas Ronald Selders, Brent Michael Shank, Terrance Huntar Shannon, Patricia Ann Shelton, Katherine Anne Shumar, Jenna Lee Sippey, Elizabeth Mary Slager, Teresa Lynne Slater, Kimberly Dawn Slone, Jr. James Malcolm Smith, Kaitlyn Rene Stahl, Alex Lee



Thoburn, Amanda Nicole Tiller, Austin Dale Tomsic, Morgan Adeline Topolnak, Brianna Lynn Weyant, Rachel Allison Whitfield, Sarah Elizabeth Wigal, Whitney Nicole Williams, Kristen Nicole Williams, Kristen Nicole Wilson, Erin Nikole Worry, Jr. James Joseph Younis, Olivia Laken

UPCOMING CME AUDIT

W. Va. Code R. §11-6-5.2. authorizes the Board to "conduct audits and investigations as it considers necessary to assure compliance with continuing education requirements and to verify the accuracy of a renewal applicant's certification of continuing education."

In just a few weeks, the Board will conduct its annual CME audit. Licensees who renewed their license in 2020 attested that they successfully completed all continuing education requirements for the CME cycle of July 1, 2018 through Sept. 30, 2020. Physicians who are randomly selected to participate in the CME compliance audit are required to submit written documentation which supports their renewal attestation within 30 days of audit notification. Please see the Board's website for additional information concerning CME requirements for medical doctors, podiatric physicians and physician assistants.

WV BOARD OF MEDICINE IMLCC Numbers Jump

Statistics from the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission (IMLCC) reflect that the volume of applications, including requests for additional licens-

es, has increased significantly since March – a spike which may be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The IMLCC processed an average of 430 new applications and 370 renewal applications each month for the five-month period from

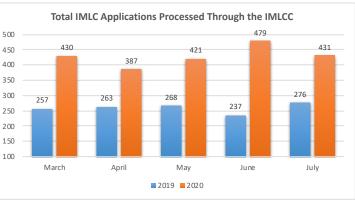
March through July. An average of 460 licenses were issued each month during that period.

The IMLCC also recently conducted its annual data study of completed applications from April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020. A

Scam Alert

In recent months, boards of medicine across the country have been alerted to various scams. In one scam, a board's main telephone number was "spoofed" or mimicked, and licensees were subjected to threatening phone calls. In another case, an attempt was made to extort money as the person was threatened with an investigation.

More recently, scams related to COVID-19 have cropped up, from applications for unemployment using stolen Social Security numbers, to fake contact completed application is defined as an application that has resulted in the issuance of all requested licenses or the applicant was deemed to be ineligible.



That study of 2,995 applicants found that 20 percent obtained three or more licenses; 16 percent of physician applicants did not meet eligibility requirements. On average, IMLC member states issue Letters of Qualification within 37 days of receipt of an application; licenses are then issued, on average, within 20 days.

The Compact's process, which was initiated in April 2017,

has been used by more than 7,400 physicians. The total number of medical licenses issued passed the 10,000 milestone in early May.

Twenty-nine 29 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Territory of Guam are members of the Compact. A map of the

Compact member states can be found at <u>www.imlcc.org.</u>

Physicians who seek a Letter of Qualification from the West Virginia Board of Medicine should contact <u>Sheree Thomp-</u><u>son.</u>

tracing texts asking recipients to click on a link. Contact tracing is extremely important, but do not click on a link in a text message purporting to be from a health department, and never give out Social Security or financial information when requested to do so by text or phone.

The federal trade commission has good advice on these contact tracing-related <u>schemes</u>.

If you believe you were the target of such a scam, here are some steps you can take:

 Report the threat using the DEA's Extortion Scam Online Reporting form.

- If the scammer claims to be associated with the Board, contact the West Virginia Board of Medicine at (304) 558-2921 or send an email to wvbom@wv.gov.
- Contact the West Virginia Attorney General's Office at (304) 558-2021.
- Submit an online complaint with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) using the FCC's Consumer Complaint form.
- Contact the FBI: <u>https://</u> www.fbi.gov/contact-us

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