

Spring 2021

Upcoming Board Meetings: July 12, 2021 **September 13, 2021 November 8, 2021**

The Board of Medicine office reopened to licensees and the public on May 19, 2021. We ask that you continue to maintain social distancing protocols. Beginning in July 2021, and contingent upon a continued decline in COVID-19 cases, the Board will resume in-person meetings.

Letter from the President

by Kishore K. Challa, MD

A colleague recently observed that West Virginia has one of the best-run medical boards in the country. I wholly concur. I don't believe that's hyperbole, extraordinary given the circumstances under which our Board of Medicine and staff have performed over the last 15 months.

Like many professionals nationwide, Board members and staff have become all too familiar with conducting meetings in virtual settings because of the COVID-19 pandemic and West Virginia's ongoing State Emergency. The Board office has been closed to the public. Staff members have worked from home, or in staggered office shifts while developing and observing safety protocols.

But the work of the Board remains constant and voluminous. It may be tooting our own horn, but I can proudly declare that Board members and staff have risen to these challenges with ingenuity



Dr. Challa

and dedication, performing at an even higher level than might have been expected.

Now that vaccinations have become available, 1 am pleased to report that staff members have

returned to the office, the office has reopened to the public, and the Board hopes to conduct faceto-face meetings beginning in July.

That doesn't mean all our challenges have disappeared. On the contrary. New laws passed by the West Virginia Legislature and signed by Gov. Jim Justice during the 2021 regular session (see related story, Page 2) have tasked the Board with developing a series of emergency and legislative rules to implement them. These new laws directly impact telehealth, post-graduate training, physician assistant practice, but they also indirectly affect other rules as well. We're on top of it.

None of this occurs in a vacuum. Board members and staff work collaboratively with legislative staff and other licensing boards such as the WV Board of Osteopathic Medicine and the WV Board of Pharmacy.

relationships These allow the West Virginia Board of Medicine to continue our mission to protect the health and safety of the public through licensure, regulation and oversight.

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Review of 2021 Legislation

The West Virginia Legislature passed several key pieces of legislation during the 2021 regular session which affect the regulation of medical professionals in West Virginia. These changes create a telehealth registration process for medical providers, expand prescription authority for physician assistants and phase out practice agreements with specific collaborating physicians, and broaden the categories for graduate clinical training accepted by the West Virginia Board of Medicine for physician licensure.

Telehealth Registration

As part of HB 2024, which was introduced at the request of Gov. Jim Justice, the Legislature creates an interstate telehealth registration process for certain health care professionals, including MDs, DPMs and PAs. Effective March 30, 2021, HB 2024 establishes a registration process for the provision of telehealth services to patients located in West Virginia by health care practitioners located in any other state or commonwealth of the United States.

Interstate telehealth registration is a streamlined process which provides eligible practitioners an alternative to full licensure. Interstate telehealth registrants are subject to the professional conduct standards of the profession and the disci-

plinary process of the registering board.

HB 2024 also modifies telemedicine law and incorporates some practices which were implemented via gubernatorial executive action during the ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency. Specifically, HB 2024 authorizes the establishment of a provider-patient relationship using telehealth technology with audio, real-time videoconferencing or using audio-only calls.

While audio-only encounters are disfavored, they are permitted. Additionally, an in-person visit must be obtained within 12 months of the initial telehealth service to continue with telemedicine services. However, there are exemptions for acute inpatient care, post-operative follow-up checks, behavioral medicine, addiction medicine or palliative care. A provider has discretion to suspend this requirement on a case-by-case basis.

The prescribing of Schedule II controlled substances via telemedicine is generally prohibited; however, there are some limited exceptions set forth in law which relate to treating certain medical conditions in minor patients, when telemedicine is used to issue prescriptions to patients in certain hospital settings, and for established patients.

Licensing boards offering an interstate telehealth registration will be promulgating emergency

rules to create and implement the registration process. The Board of Medicine anticipates that it will file an emergency rule and the associated legislative rule, which will be published for public comment in mid-June. The Board's rule will establish the registration process, but will also provide broader guidance and standards for the utilization of telehealth technologies in treating West Virginia patients.

PA Regulation Streamlined

The Legislature also passed changes to the Physician Assistant Practice Act (SB 714) that will go into effect on July 8, 2021. The bill addresses licensure eligibility, prescribing authority and the regulation of active PA practice.

First, the bill modifies licensure eligibility requirements so that PAs are required to either hold current National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) certification or to be actively licensed by a state that does not require a PA to maintain national certification. Also beginning July 8, PAs may prescribe a three-day supply, without refill, of a Schedule II controlled substance.

Finally, SB 714 phases out practice agreements with specific collaborating physicians. While PAs will continue

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to practice in collaboration with physicians, collaboration with physicians in all practice settings will require the submission of a practice notification to the Board. PAs who currently are practicing in collaboration with a physician pursuant to a practice agreement may continue to do so until it terminates or until June 1, 2022, whichever is sooner.

By June 1, 2022, all PAs practicing in West Virginia must have an active practice notification with a health care facility. PAs with active practice notifications may perform medical acts and procedures in collaboration with physicians which are commensurate with their education, training and experience, the collaborating physician's scope of practice, and any credentialing requirements of the health care facility with which they have an active practice notification.

The Board will promulgate an emergency rule to implement these changes to the Physician Assistants Practice Act, and the associated legislative rule will be available for review and comment in mid-June. The Board anticipates that a revised practice notification form will be available on or about July 8, 2021.

Graduate Clinical Training

The Board also received more discretion in the consideration of graduate clinical training for licensure (SB 372). As of March 9, 2021, the Board may

accept a broader array of graduate medical education to satisfy the post-graduate training requirements for licensure. Under certain circumstances, the Board may now accept unaccredited fellowships to meet licensure eligibility requirements.

For applicants who have graduated from a school of medicine located within the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or Canada, the Board now accepts the following categories of training:

- (i) A minimum of one year of graduate clinical training in a program that is approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; or,
- (ii) A graduate medical education residency program outside of the United States and a minimum of one year of fellowship training in the United States in a clinical field related to the applicant's residency training which was completed:
 - (I) At an institution that sponsors or operates a residency program in the same clinical field, or a related clinical field approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; or,
 - (II) At a time when accreditation was not available for the fellowship's clinical field and the board has determined that the training was similar to

accredited training due to objective standards, including, but not limited to, the presence of other accredited programs at the sponsoring institution during the applicant's clinical training at the fellowship location; and,

For applicants who have graduated from a school of medicine outside the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or Canada, the Board now accepts the following categories of training:

- (i) A minimum of two years of graduate clinical training approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.
- (ii) A minimum of one year of graduate clinical training approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or one year of fellowship training which comports with requirements of subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph and the applicant holds a current certification by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties; or,
- (iii) A graduate medical education residency program outside of the United States and a minimum of two years of fellowship training in the United States in a clinical field related to the applicant's

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residency training which was completed:

- (I) At an institution that sponsors or operates a residency program in the same clinical field, or a related clinical field approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; or
- (II) At a time when accreditation was not available for the fellowship's clinical field and the board has determined that the training was similar to accredited training due

to objective standards, including, but not limited to, the presence of other accredited programs at the sponsoring institution during the applicant's clinical training at the fellowship location.

The applicant must also meet all other criteria for licensure set forth in the West Virginia Medical Practice Act and the Board's legislative rule regarding physician licensure, W. Va. Code R. § 11-1A-1 et seq.

Other Bills

Other legislation worth noting is Mylissa Smith's Law (HB 2368). The bill establishes that during a declared public health state of emergency for a contagious disease, a health care entity must permit visitation of a patient a minimum of once every five days. If a patient's death is imminent, visitation will be allowed upon request at any time and frequency. The bill went into effect from passage, April 10, 2021.

Board Actions: November 2020 - May 2021

Vincent Anthony Lombardi, MD 12/02/2020 - Public Reprimand **Consent Order** 04/22/2021 - Public Reprimand **Amended Order**

Yenisey Yanes, DPM

12/02/2020 - Probation of License

Consent Order

Brenna Leigh Steinberg, DPM 12/02/2020 - Probation of Li-

cense

Consent Order

Aaron Michael Ferda, MD

01/13/2021 - Public Reprimand **Consent Order**

Robert Edward Shapiro, MD

02/10/2021 - Public Reprimand **Consent Order**

Precilla Tecson Famularcano,

02/19/2021 - Revocation of License

Board Order

Michael Shramowiat, MD

03/02/2021 - Voluntary Surrender of License

Amended Order

Ted David Friehling, MD

03/09/2021 - Limitation or Restriction on License/Practice

Consent Order

Matthew Steven Zell, MD

03/23/2021 - Probation of License

Consent Order

Joseph Anthony Jurand, MD

04/22/2021 - Limitation or Restriction on License/Practice **Amended Order**

Lawrence Bennett Kelly, MD

04/22/2021 - Probation of License

Consent Order

John Collett Veltman, MD

05/04/2021 - Education and Training Required

Consent Order

Gary Steven DeGuzman, MD

05/19/2021 - Public Reprimand

Consent Order

Tonya Kim Powers, MD

05/19/2021 - Public Reprimand **Consent Order**

Phillip Allen Peterson, MD

05/19/2021 - Public Reprimand

Consent Order

*Daniel Tak Chi Chan, MD

03/17/2020 - Public Reprimand

Consent Order

*This Action was unintentionally left out of the last newsletter.

Initial Licensure, Change of Licensure Status and/ or Licensure Renewal Application Related Action

Kang Lu, MD

11/13/2020 - Suspension of License

Consent Order

Kyle Wilson Young, MD

12/14/2020 - Administrative Fine/ Monetary Penalty

Consent Order

Manuel Salumbides Valencia. MD

01/06/2021 - Voluntary Surrender of License

Consent Order

Edward Joseph Silvio Picardi, MD

01/13/2021 - Public Reprimand Consent Order

Walter Charles Kerschl, MD

02/17/2021 - Limitation or Restriction on License/Practice

Consent Order

Richard B. Kline, MD

03/03/2021 - Administrative Fine/

Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Tobias Douglas Barker, MD

03/10/2021 - Limitation or Restriction on License/Practice

Consent Order

Daren Richard Anderson, MD

03/12/2021 - Limitation or Restriction on License/Practice

Consent Order

Rohan Vipulkumar Shah. MD

04/06/2021 - Administrative Fine/ Monetary Penalty

Consent Order

Jasbir Singh Makar, MD

04/06/2021 - Administrative Fine/ Monetary Penalty

Consent Order

Mahmood Tabatabai, MD

04/13/2021 - Administrative Fine/

Monetary Penalty **Consent Order**

Salwa Mohamed Salih, MD

04/27/2021 - Administrative Fine/ Monetary Penalty

Consent Order

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2021 Renewal Reminder

Board of Medicine applicants, licensees and other credential holders are individually responsible for all information contained on applications and forms that are submitted to the Board. Each applicant must personally read, complete, and sign the document that is being submitted to the Board. Authorizing anyone to complete an application and/or form on behalf of the individual or entity seeking a credential from the Board can constitute misconduct and/or fraud.

The renewal period will conclude at 4:30 pm EDT on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 for physicians whose last names begin with the letters M through Z, all podiatric physicians, controlled substance dispensing practitioner registration for physicians (M-Z MDs and all DPMs), educational permit holders who are continuing in training, and professional limited liability companies. If a license, permit, registration or authorization expires, the provider or PLLC should expect an interrup-

tion in practice while a reinstatement application is processed.

In association with the renewal application process, medical doctors and podiatric physicians will need to attest that they have completed all required continuing education requirements at the time the renewal application is submitted. Continuing education requirements are available for review on the Board's website, www.wvbom. wv.gov under Licensure – Continuing Education.

For additional information regarding renewal, please click on the appropriate link:

Medical Doctors Whose Last Names Begin with the Letters M through Z

Podiatric Physicians

Educational Permit Participants

<u>Controlled Substance Dispensing Practitioners (M through Z physicians and podiatric physicians)</u>

Professional Limited Liability Companies

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Dean Anthony Siciliano, MD 05/03/2021 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty

Consent Order

Ahmed Kamel Gayed, MD 05/07/2021 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Albert François Olivier, MD 05/07/2021 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Amal Fostok Sakkal, MD 05/07/2021 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order **Tamara Denise Spriggs, MD** 05/07/2021 - Administrative Fine/ Monetary Penalty

Consent Order

Sunita Mishra, MD

05/13/2021 – Limitation or Restriction on License/Practice
Consent Order

Kristopher Kuksu Yoon, MD 05/21/2021 – Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order *Anna Maria Suray, MD 03/17/2020 – Administrative

Fine/Monetary Penalty

Consent Order

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Termination of Order

Robert Andrew Dale, DPM 02/10/2021 – Termination of Consent Order Board Order

Farrah Syed Zahir, PA-C 03/31/2021 – Termination of Consent Order Board Order

West Virginia COVID-19 Update

by Quartel-Ayne Amjad, MD, MPH Commissioner, WV Bureau for Public Health

West Virginia is known to be one of the states with the highest morbidity and mortality rates when it comes to chronic diseases. Knowing this, we set out to get everyone in West Virginia vaccinated as soon as possible in order to save Dr. Amjad lives. Under Gov. Jim Justice's directive, the Joint In-

teragency Task Force (JIATF) was set up to effectively deliver the COVID-19 vaccine across the state.

The JIATF planning team consists of the West Virginia National Guard, local health departments, community health centers, emergency management centers, hospital centers, West Virginia Department of Education, long-term care facilities, and many other community care partners throughout the state. With this approach, we have reduced our death rate over the



last few months by greater than 90 percent.

The initial goals of protecting the most vulnerable, reducing deaths. reducing hospitalizations. and maintaining critical services and acute

care services proved to be the most vital decision in making sure we protected our citizens. We continue to identify ways to get vaccines to each and every person through mobile clinics, bringing the vaccines to businesses to include family members, and to sports venues for youth sporting events.

We want to ensure that the COVID-19 pandemic does not continue to spread in West Virginia. We know that the COV-ID-19 vaccine does save lives. West Virginians have done so

well this past year by maintaining social distancing, wearing masks, and washing their hands with soap and water. We must continue to do all these things to remain healthy and to survive this pandemic together.

COVID-19 variants are a concern to us. We have done everything we can to keep up with the science and CDC guidelines, watching and learning to sequence the variants and keep all medications on hand to help anyone who may get sick. The monoclonal antibodies are still available and can help you if you get sick from COVID-19. We encourage individuals to get tested if they are sick and to seek immediate attention from their health care provider.

Getting tested is still very important and being vaccinated is still key in fighting this pandemic.

CME Audit

W. Va. Code R. 11-6-5.2. authorizes the Board to "conduct such 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."

Following the 2021 renewal period, the Board will conduct its annual CME audit. Licensees who renew their license in 2021 are required to successfully complete all continuing education requirements for the CME cycle of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. Physicians and podiatric physicians who are randomly selected to participate in the CME compliance audit will be 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 and podiatric physicians.

COVID-19 Spurs IMLC Applications

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) is "widely considered the most significant development in physician licensure in decades," according to Dr. Hank Chaudhry, CEO of the Federation of State Medical Boards. During a May 10 webinar hosted by FSMB, presenters highlighted the IMLC's role in expanding access to care during the COVID-19 pandemic, while preserving public safety through state-based medical regulation.

The IMLC also drew praise during FSMB's Annual Meeting on April 29-30, particularly from Dr. Ashish Ja, dean of the Brown University School of Public Health, who delivered the keynote Dr. Herbert Platter Lecture.

Chaudhry said IMLC has seen a "rapid, steady rise in the volume of applications processed" for physicians using the IMLC to obtain licenses, as well as the number of states introducing legislation to become IMLC member states. Thirty states, the District of Columbia and the territory of Guam are current IMLC members; legislation to join the IMLC is active in Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon and Rhode Island. The legislation has recently passed in Delaware and Texas, awaiting their respective Governors' signatures, which means there will soon be 32 states in the compact.

Marschall Smith, executive director of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission, said the Compact provides an expedited process for physicians to obtain a full, unrestricted license from other member states. (The physician's state of principal licensure must be a Compact member as well). Smith said participating state and territorial medical boards would eclipse 20,000 medical licenses issued by the end of May.

As of May 1, 2021, the West Virginia Board of Medicine had issued 459 licenses through the Compact, along with 86 letters of qualification (LOQs) for WV physicians as the state of principal licensure.

In the 12 months immediately preceding the COVID-19 pandemic, IMLC member states processed 3,738 physician applications and issued 3,877 licenses. In the first 12 months of the pandemic, member states processed 5,282 applications and issued 8,126 licenses. "The Compact was the right process, at a horrible time," he noted.

In March 2021, the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission (IMLCC) processed the largest number of applications during a single month to date (553), resulting in the largest number of licenses issued (1,123). Those number dipped only slightly in April 2021,

with 549 applications processed and 1.055 licenses issued.

Other speakers during the May 10 webinar included Jesse Cushman, chair of the IMLC Commission and a program manager at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services; Tim Terranova, assistant executive director of the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine; Angela Lawrence, executive director of the Tennessee Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners; and Kim Gaedeke, chief deputy director of the Michigan Bureau of Licensing and Regulation.

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New Licensees: Nov. 2020 through May 2021

The West Virginia Board of Medicine issued 324 medical doctor licenses, four medical school faculty MD licenses, two restricted MD medical licenses in extraordinary circumstances, 135 Interstate Medical Licensure Compact licenses, five podiatric physician licenses, and 68 physician assistant licenses for the period of November 2020 through May 2021. Congratulations to:

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MD New Licensees as of 05/30/2021

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Abrahamian, Andrew Ara Abubacker, Muhamed Yasin Adebogun, Akeem Olabanji Agarwal, Kunal Agdassi, Haleh Niknia Ahmad, Rehan Raza Ahuja, Kanya Lal Al-Marzoog, Ali Kamel Alderson. Chevon Marie Ali, Uzma Alluri. Swetha Penmasta Alvarez. Victor Manuel Alwair, Hazaim Anderson, Daren Richard Anderson, Garrick Hartley Anees, Farah Ansaldo, Anna Beth Ansari, Shahryar Anwar Anwar, Khurram Arcega, Victor Rizal Altavas Aryal, Shubekchha Asfaw, Mame Tefera Atluri, Manga Prashanti Austin. William Alexander Aziz, Adel Abdallah Ahmad Babariya, Shraddha Patel Badran. Sam Justin Bailey, Mary Mercedes Bajwa-Dulai, Sonia Tanbir Barakat, Mohamed Magdi Hussein Zaki Barker, Tobias Douglas Barola, Sindhu Barrett, Jason Anthony Beavers, Tammy Jean Behnke, Robert Lundin

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MEDICAL SCHOOL FACULTY LICENSE

Jaffal, Hussein Jeyaseelan, Praveen Seifarth, Federico Gian Filippo Seifarth, Alice Maria Elfriede

RESTRICTED LICENCE IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Abozguia, Khalid Toker, Ayse Ebru

INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT LICENSEES

A - G

Adams, Amy Leigh
Agrawal, Shivani
Agrawal, Nithya Venkatraman
Albanese, Natalie Naomi
Young
Andert, Sara Elizabeth
Anegawa, Linda Judith
Antonatos, Miguel R.
Archer, Heidi Kambrod
Aronoff, Benjamin William
Asfaw, Samuel Fekadu
Austin, Renate
Babaa, Nidal Nabhan
Bailey, Omavi Folu
Bansal, Shelly



Bellar, Barbara Ruth Boggs, Michael Nathan Broome, Rochelle Annette Broussard, Crystal Anne Brown, Neil Grahame Burke, Patrick Joseph Carr. Ana Lisa Chawla, Jasvinder Pal Singh Christenson, Vernon Lars Clear, Brian Robert Clemens, Stephanie Garrett Cuttriss, Nicolas Leigh Das, Raul Ryan Deliere, Samantha Ann Dennington, James Alan Dillard, Roger Austin Dippen, Dustin Robert Do, Ana Ruzic Doshi, Nitinkumar Douglas, Adam Robert Fadul, Rafid Abdul Hamid Fathi. Ramin Feldpausch, Nora Immordino Fenton, Joshua Scott Fuiks, Kimball Sands Ghannam, Waseem Ghuman, Harpreet Kaur Goldshmid. Francis Michael Greene, Alice Griffin, Jill Anne

H - N

Haeri, Sina
Harrel, Nicholas David
Hassan, Zahoorul
Havill, John Paul
Heyborne, Ryan Daniel
Hitchcock, Robert John
Hodges, Kurt Boyd
Hogan, Jason Michael
Horvath, Diane Joy
Hubert, Ana Maria
Hunt, Courtney Allison
Iqbal, Ahsan Zafar
Jackson, Grace Elizabeth
Jacobs, Stuart L.
Jacobson, Mary Therese

Kaplan-Weisman, Laura Michelle Kathuria, Inderjote S. Katz, Jeffrey Lee Kirkley, Jerrica Kohnen, Benjamin Lee Kontrient, Evgeni Langley, Rhet Rollins Lawson, Jr. Willie Travis Lerman, Dana Thayer Levy, Gary Lewis, Kelli Lim. Melissa Susann Mallis, Gary Craig Marfori, Joseph Belarmin Martinez, John Michael McLaughlin, Steven Gregory Meakin, III Charles James Mekhael, Fayez Mekhael Nagib Miller, Eric Darren Mitchell, Phillip Andrew Mojicar, Luis Alberto Montague, Laurie Ann Mosenkis, Ari Mulamalla, Sumanth Nowrangi, Milap Anil

O - S

O'Donnell, Kirk Nielsen Oliva, Elishia Mone Lintz Paletsky, Faullin Marshall Patel, Risheet Rajendra Pham, Truc Thi Thu Pollitt, Cynthia Blocker Pope, John Francis Rahman, Sabreen Rubaida Raju, Saagar Konduru Ramos, Anika Monae Ringo, Jonathan Ritter, David Michael Riyaz, Farhaad Rahman Rizvi, Avez Ali Roberts, Kirk Andrew Roseman, Hal Michael Rueda, Kristine Grace Pielago Sadig, Smitha

Salah, Yusuf Mohammad Sarid, Annie Rosenberg Sartin, Sally Hae-Ruyn Sasso, Adam Richard See, Reiner Henson B. Sheehan, Theresa Ciardi Siddigui, Akhtar Khursheed Singh, Haramandeep Singh, Nirupama J. Singh, Swati Smith, Kevin Francis Steely, June Michelle Stein, Stuart Alan Stelmach, Hans Strauss, Philip Lee Stroming, Scott Lynn Stupart, Shauna Patrice

T - Z

Tank, Kunal Bhikhalal Thomas, Randal Jay Tran, Dinh Xuan Treece, Yvonne Perle Van Vugt, Andrew Gerard Vichich, Robert David Viera. Mariela Vora, Anup Amit Waterman, Susan Andrea Welch, George Nicholas Williams, Holly Lynn Williams, Daniel Eugene Wolff, Erin Foran Wright, Amanda Elizabeth Yurth, Elizabeth Frances Zak, Steven Mark

PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS

DiMassa, Nicholas Vincent Feaster, Sheila Raedine Flo, Jennifer Hofbauer, Mark Henry Lee, Hsing-Hsi James

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Step II Clinical Skills Exams Remain Suspended

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), co-sponsors of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), in January announced the discontinuation of efforts to relaunch a modified Step 2 Clinical Skills examination (Step 2 CS).

When Step 2 CS was suspended in May 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, FSMB and NBME announced their intention to take 12-18 months to develop a modified exam. But after reviewing current and anticipated progress with the exam and in consideration of the rapidly evolving medical education, practice and technology land-scapes, the organizations decided to discontinue Step 2 CS, with no plans to bring it back.

Likewise, the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME) is exploring alternatives to the suspended Part II Clinical Skills Patient Encounter (CSPE) of the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination. In its first quarter newsletter, the NBPME acknowledged, "Although it may be possible, it is unlikely that a new design

would be developed, piloted, and ready for administration for the Class of 2022." The organization pledged to pursue alternate designs as crucial to safe and effective practice.

"The FSMB is committed to supporting state medical boards in their principal mission to protect the public," said Dr. Hank Chaudhry, president and CEO of the FSMB. "As co-sponsors of the USMLE program, we will continue to seek innovative and sensible ways to assess medical licensing eligibility."

The January announcement by FSMB and NBME noted, "In the absence of Step 2 CS, elements of clinical reasoning and communication will continue to be assessed on other exams (Steps) in the USMLE sequence. Computer-based case simulations in Step 3 and communication content recently bolstered in Step 1 are examples of these efforts that will continue."

The USMLE said it will define successful completion of its examination sequence as passing Step 1, Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge), and Step 3.

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS



Adeyemi, Felix Adeyinka
Albright, Allison Nichole
Allen, Elizebeth Danielle
Behneke, Lisa Lynn
Bowling, Mary Katherine
Brandt, Ana Leigh
Branham, Allyson Brooke
Campos, Courtney Marie
Carter, Bryan Dale
Chevalier, Taylor Morgan
Cioloca, Peter Michael
Coburn, Brandon Lee
Coral, Laura Beatriz
Culp, Brianna Lynn

D'Angelo, Danielle Marie Davis, Jr. William Simpson Dawson, Amanda Elizabeth Dearth, Rachel Elaine Ellenbogen, Rachel Catherine Ellis, Killian Michael Estep, Caitlin Elizabeth Gibbons, Kathleen Richel Glass, Nathan Thomas Goodenow, Amber Christine Gunter, Zachary Steven Halla, Gregory Francis Hasis, Kristi Erin Dalton Hatton, Bradley Taylor Heggen, Leslie Nicole Hensley, Andrea Shae Hermann, Linda Hoshor, Kaitlyn Marie Kerns, Amy Marie

Kuzma, Kaley Anne Lancaster, Danielle Brooke Lange, Scott Alan Lehosit, Kyle Emil Limbacher, Jessica Anne Lincoln, Sarah Taylor

M - W

Maxfield, Brianna Renee McGuire, Zane Timothy McMillan, Sarah Marie McMurray, Audrey Lynn Miller, Hannah Rose Mills, Lindsey Nicole Mitchell, Tiffany Kathleen Nesland, Scott Andrew Nunes, Steve Parr, Tara Leigh

Patel, Brandyn Paige Pelley, Morgan Brittany Peyton, Lauren Brianne Pitrolo, Yuenan Sun Prontiker, Hannah Rebekah Rainey, Nathaniel Lewis Randolph, Stephanie Lynn Rogers, Kari Dalnoky Santos, Susanna Melania Sciulli, Andrea Marie Sellaro, Victoria Lucille Sims, McCall Dennise Summers, Taylor Mackenzie Ullah, Sania Khawar Waks, Kimberly Joy Warfield, Anna Elizabeth Watson, Brian Scott White Lewis, Lacey Jane Wills, Katelynn Renee

WV Palliative Care Fast Facts:

Helping Patients Cope with a Serious, Life-Limiting Illness

The Coalition for Palliative Care was created by an act of the West Virginia Legislature during the 2018 regular session. Signed into law by the Governor on March 22, 2018, the Coalition was directed to work with the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health to develop educational materials regarding palliative care to increase public and provider awareness. As part of this bill, the group has developed various educational materials. The group is chaired by Dr. Amy Wirts.

Overview:

Improve knowledge and skills of all providers who serve seriously ill (i.e. Cancer, Dementia, CHF, COPD, End-stage Liver Disease, End-stage Kidney Disease, Neuromuscular Disease) patients and their families.

What is palliative care? It is not hospice end-of-life care.

- Palliative care is a boardcertified medical specialty for people with serious illness
- Focused on providing relief from symptoms, pain, and stress of a serious illness
- Provided by a team of doctors, advanced practice providers, nurses, social workers, counselors and other specialists to help navigate the challenges of coping with a serious life limiting illness

 Palliative care is appropriate at any age and at any stage in a serious illness, and can be provided with curative treatment in any setting

Objectives of Palliative Care:

- Assist in navigating patients and families with a serious, life-limiting illness
- Improve quality of life and lower symptom burdens
- Assist with quality measures and resource utilization
- Assist with transitioning to end-of-life care (EOLC)

Palliative Care Tasks:

- Work in partnership with the primary physician/provider
- Devote time to intensive family meetings and patient/ family counseling
- Skilled communication about what to expect in the future in order to ensure that care is matched to the goals and priorities of the patient and the family
- Assist with medical appointments, treatment options, patient education, paperwork, advanced directives and physical, psychological, and emotional challenges
- Expert management of complex physical and emotional symptoms including complex pain, depression, anxiety, fatigue, shortness of breath, constipation, nausea, loss of

- appetite, and difficulty sleeping
- Coordination and communication of care plans among all providers and across all settings (i.e. hospital, home, assisted living, skilled nursing, nursing home, Veterans Administration)

Summary: Studies consistently show improvement in both quality measures and resource utilization once palliative care is introduced.

Additional Palliative Care resources are available at: https://www.capc.org/capc-reports-and-publications/

2021 Physician Assistant Renewal

Physician assistant licensure renewal began on Feb. 3, 2021 and concluded on March 31, 2021. During the renewal period, 1,061 physician assistants successfully renewed their licenses to practice in the state of West Virginia.

There were 128 PAs who did not renew, resulting in license expiration on March 31, 2021. To date, one PA has reinstated licensure since March 31, 2021.

FSMB Holds Virtual Annual Meeting

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) 109th Annual Meeting, held virtually April 29-30, attracted nearly 900 registrants – record participation for the nationwide organization, which represents 71 state medical boards within the United States, its territories, and the District of Columbia.

The FSMB House of Delegates elected new officers and board members during its virtual annual business meeting on May 1. West Virginia Board of Medicine Executive Director Mark A. Spangler served among the voting delegates.

Kenneth Simons, MD of Wisconsin assumed leadership of the organization as chair. Sarvam TerKonda, MD (Florida Medical), was elected chair-elect, and Jone Geimer-Flanders, DO (Hawaii), was elected treasurer. Cheryl Walker-Mc-Gill, MD, MBA, is now immediate past chair of the organization.

Elected to three-year terms on the FSMB Board of Directors were Andrea Anderson, MD (District of Columbia), Denise Pines, MBA (California Medical), and Sandra Schwemmer, DO (Florida Osteopathic). Mohammed Arsiwala, MD (Michigan Medical) was re-elected for a one-year

term on the Board. Also continuing on the Board is staff fellow Frank Meyers, JD (District of Columbia), who was reappointed in February for a two-vear term.

Elected to two-year terms on the FSMB Nominating Committee were Alexios Carayannopoulos, DO (Rhode Island), Amy Derick, MD (Illinois), and Rup Nagala, MD (North Dakota).

WVBOM's Rev. Janet Harman serves on the organization's Ethics and Professionalism Committee, while staff member Andrew Wessels serves on the Editorial Committee for FSMB's Journal of Medical Regulation.

The House of Delegates accepted an interim report of the FSMB Work Group on Emergency Preparedness and Response and discussed an updated policy on physician impairment. A task force on Health Equity and Medical Regulation has been launched.

Topics during the Annual Meeting included the appropriate use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools; "After the Pandemic: Where is Medicine Headed;" "Emergency Preparedness: New Realities for State Medical Boards;" and "New Perspectives in Physician Impairment."

New Rules, Comment Periods Coming

The West Virginia Board of Medicine, in keeping with legislation passed during the 2021 regular session of the West Virginia Legislature regarding telemedicine, the Physician Assistants Practice Act and post-graduate training requirements for physicians, will propose two emergency rules and one new legislative rule, as well as amendments to several existing rules, over the next several weeks.

The Board will propose an emergency rule and legislative rule related to telehealth and the interstate telehealth registration created by HB 2024. The Board will also propose an emergency rule version of 11 CSR 1B to implement the changes to physician assistant practice enacted by SB 714.

The Board anticipates that the following legis-

lative rules will be proposed for amendment due to 2021 legislative changes:

11 CSA 1A

11 CSR 10

11 CSR 1B

• 11 CSR 11

11 CSR 5

11 CSR 14

These additions and amendments, along with any other rule changes approved by the Board, will be filed with the West Virginia Secretary of State's office. Updates regarding these changes, and notices of public comment periods, will also be placed on the Board's website at www.wvbom. wv.gov. In addition, licensees and other credential holders will be notified of public comment periods directly via email.

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.

The West Virginia Board of Medicine will never initiate telephone contact with you to pay a fine or fee via telephone. While fines are rare, all fines issued by the Board occur after a complaint has been docketed and a written order imposing the fine has been issued and sent to the

licensee's address of record with the Board.

In addition, scams related to COVID-19 have cropped up, from applications for unemployment using stolen Social Security numbers, to fake contact 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 schemes.

If you believe you were the target of a scam, here are some

steps you can take:

- Report the threat to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's Diversion Control Division.
- 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 wwbom@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: https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us

Save the Date

Addiction Conference

Registration will open soon for this year's virtual Appalachian Addiction & Prescription Drug Abuse Conference, which will take place Oct. 28-29, with an additional four months of access to presentations and continuing medical education (CME) credit. The conference focuses on Pain and Addiction Best Practices and Proper Prescribing.

Hundreds of participants attend the conference each year. Expected topics in 2021 include: Women, Addiction & Trauma; Infectious Disease & Addic-

tion; Pandemic – Avoiding Professional Burnout

& Attending to Mental Health; COVID Today

& Public Health; Pain Prescribing; Telemedicine & the New Face of Healthcare Delivery; Addiction

& Mental Health Treatment; and 1030, or visit more.

This conference satisfies the three-hour drug diversion training and best practice prescribing of controlled substances training CME required by the West Virginia Board of Medicine and other health care licensure boards. In all, CME is available for 11 different disciplines.

For more information, call (304) 933-1030, or visit www.aapdac.org for updates.