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Office-Based Methadone Treatment

For the first time in almost a century, physicians may treat opioid addiction with opioid medications in office-based settings. Until this recent change, physicians had been prohibited from prescribing and dispensing opioid medications in the treatment of opioid addiction, except within the confines of federally and state regulated opioid treatment programs. Because of the increasing number of opioid-addicted individuals and the associated public health problems, as well as the limited availability of addiction treatment programs, federal laws now [enable] permit qualified physicians to prescribe Schedule III-V medications approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for office-based treatment of opioid addiction. The only medication approved for office-based treatment of opioid addiction is buprenorphine that is available under the trade names of Suboxone® and Subutex®. Any other form of buprenorphine may not be used.

Physicians who consider office-based treatment of opioid addiction must be able to recognize the condition of drug or opioid addiction and be knowledgeable about the appropriate use of opioid agonist, antagonist, and partial agonist medications. Physicians must also demonstrate required qualifications as defined under and in accordance with the “Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000” (DATA 2000) (Public Law 106-310, Title XXXV, Sections 3501 and 3502) and obtain a waiver from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), as authorized by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).

DATA 2000 expands the clinical context of medication-assisted opioid addiction treatment by allowing qualified physicians to dispense or prescribe specifically approved Schedule III, IV, and V narcotic medications for the treatment of opioid addiction in treatment settings other than the traditional Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) (i.e., methadone clinic). In addition, DATA 2000 reduces the regulatory burden on physicians who choose to practice opioid addiction therapy by permitting qualified physicians to apply for and receive waivers of the special registration requirements defined in the Controlled Substances Act.

This new treatment modality makes it possible for physicians to treat patients for opioid addiction with these Schedules III-V narcotic controlled substances specifically approved by the FDA for addiction treatment in their offices without the requirement that they be referred to specialized OTPs as previously required under federal law.

The DATA 2000 “Waiver Authority for Physicians who Dispense or Prescribe Certain Narcotic Drugs for Maintenance Treatment or Detoxification Treatment” sets forth conditions a physician must satisfy to be eligible for a separate DEA registration number permitting them to prescribe buprenorphine. The Waiver presently limits physicians in solo or group practices to no more than 30 combined patients [legislation is pending to remove this restriction].

The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Drug and Alcohol Program Licensure [Division] has the responsibility for the approval and monitoring of the narcotic treatment programs in the Commonwealth. If the physician prescribes or dispenses buprenorphine from his or her private practice [called office-based], this does not require Division approval. The Waiver requires that the physician have an “affiliation” to make counseling services available. In this context, the physician can simply refer a patient for counseling. However, when the physician is working for a licensed drug and alcohol treatment provider, then Division approval is required, i.e., patient seen by the physician at the drug and alcohol treatment program. Questions regarding the approval process for use of buprenorphine in a licensed drug and alcohol treatment program may be directed to the Division at 717-783-8675.

Mandatory Continuing Education Required to Maintain Certification to Practice Respiratory Care in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

On Friday, July 02, 2004, Governor Edward G. Rendell signed into law Senate Bills No. 751 and No. 752 which require individuals holding certification as Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCPs) in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to attend and complete 20 hours of mandatory continuing education during each two-year certificate period.

Under the new law the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine and the Pennsylvania State Board of Osteopathic Medicine will refuse to renew a certificate issued to a respiratory care practitioner unless he/she has completed 20 credit hours of approved continuing education offered by providers approved by the State Board of Medicine and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.

It is currently unlawful for any person to hold himself/herself out to the public as a respiratory practitioner and to practice or offer to practice respiratory care unless he/she holds a valid, current temporary permit or certificate issued by the State Board of Medicine or the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.

Notice Regarding Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine Continuing Medical Education

Full implementation of the continuing education requirement has begun for the renewal period commencing January 1, 2007. In order to renew a medical doctor license on January 1, 2007, a physician must complete 100 credit hours of continuing medical education in the biennial period running January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006.

20 of those credit hours must be completed in AMA PRA Category 1 activities. The remainder may be completed in either AMA PRA Category 1 or Category 2. At least 12 hours of the 100 total hours must be completed in activities related to patient safety or risk management and may be completed in either AMA PRA Category 1 or 2.

Reminder State Board of Medicine Offers Online Renewal

If you choose to renew via the Internet, go to the Department's website at www.dos.state.pa.us and click on LicensePA. Then simply follow the instructions to renew your Medical license online.

You are eligible to renew online if:

- You are currently in your license renewal period
- Your license is delinquent by no more than 30 days

First-time users will need the following information at hand:

- Pennsylvania License Number
- Renewal ID Number (located on the Renewal Notice)
- Current mailing address
- Credit Card information
- Social Security Number
- E-mail address
- Continuing Education information

Overview of Physician Assistants in Pennsylvania

The physician assistant profession is more than thirty years old. In its short history, it has had an important impact on the delivery of quality medical care. There are more than 46,000 physician assistants, or PAs, currently practicing in the United States and 3000 physician assistants in Pennsylvania.¹ The purpose of this article is to present to the physician what a physician assistant is and the relationship between physicians and PAs.

Physician assistants are licensed health care professionals who practice medicine with physician supervision. They perform a wide variety of medical and surgical services, as delegated to them by the supervising physician. In fact, the literature indicates that PAs can be responsible for anywhere from 75 to 90 percent of primary care functions.² Although PAs are supervised, they do exercise a degree of autonomy in the diagnosis and treatment of illness. They can be found practicing medicine in diverse settings — from remote rural communities to urban cities and from primary care to surgical subspecialties.

The average PA program is more than 25 months in length. The majority of PA students have a bachelor's degree and approximately four years of health care experience before entering a program.³ Generally, the first year consists of didactic training in medical science. The second year consists of clinical rotations where the students are involved with direct patient care.

After graduation from an accredited program of instruction, the PA must sit for and pass a national certifying examination developed jointly by the National Board of Medical Examiners and the independent National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. Passage of this examination gives the PA the right to use the designation "PA-C", or physician assistant-certified. In order to maintain this certification, the PA must log a minimum of 100 hours of continuing medical education (CME) every two years and take the written recertification examination every six years.

In virtually all states, Guam, and the District of Columbia, physician assistants are permitted to prescribe medications. In Pennsylvania, allopathic physicians may delegate prescriptive privileges to a PA.

Studies indicate that in many practice settings PAs are being underutilized. Research conducted by Kaiser Permanente suggests that this is partially due to the comfort level of the

physician in delegating medical tasks to their PA.⁴ Another study conducted by the Veterans Administration also revealed that the supervising physician's attitudes and style of delegation of tasks was a greater factor in the utilization of PAs than the physician assistant's education and clinical skills level.⁵

Because the physician assistant's utilization and effectiveness are related to the supervising physician, the American Medical Association adopted guidelines for Physician/Physician Assistant Practice. These guidelines are also endorsed by the American Academy of Physician Assistants. They are as follows:⁶

1. The physician is responsible for managing the health care of patients in all practice settings.
2. Health care services delivered by physicians and physician assistants must be within the scope of each practitioner's authorized practice as defined by state laws.
3. The physician is ultimately responsible for coordinating and managing the care of patients and, with the appropriate input of the physician assistant, ensuring the quality of health care provided to patients.
4. The physician is responsible for the supervision of the physician assistant in all settings.
5. The role of the physician assistant(s) in the delivery of care should be defined through mutually agreed upon guidelines that are developed by the physician and the physician assistant and based on the physician's delegatory style.
6. The physician must be available for consultation with the physician assistant at all times either in person or through telecommunication systems or other means.
7. The extent of the involvement by the physician assistant in the assessment and implementation of treatment will depend on the complexity and acuity of the patient's condition and the training and experience and preparation of the physician assistant as adjudged by the physician.
8. Patients should be made clearly aware at all times whether they are being cared for by a physician or a physician assistant.

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9. The physician and physician assistant together should review all delegated patient services on a regular basis, as well as the mutually agreed upon guidelines for practice.

10. The physician is responsible for clarifying and familiarizing the physician assistant with his supervising methods and style of delegating patient care.

Several studies have examined the quality of health care provided by physician assistants. Sox reviewed data from over one dozen studies on the clinical performance of PAs and concluded they provide quality care.⁷ An article in *JAMA* examined indirect indicators of quality, such as physician acceptance and patient satisfaction; these parameters also reflect PAs in a favorable manner.⁸ The U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources' *Physician Assistants in the Health Workforce Report of 1994* cites a high level of patient acceptance and satisfaction with the care they received by PAs.⁷

Additionally, a report by the American Medical Association regarding PAs employed by solo physicians looked at the effect of physician productivity and other practice characteristics. The findings suggested, "The incentives for employing non-physician practitioners include increases in net income and physician productivity — office visits per hour, and visits in all settings, both on a weekly and yearly basis. By employing non-physician practitioners, solo physicians were able to expand the scale of their practices and provide greater access to care."⁹ Medical Group Management Association reported on a study that suggests that although PAs generally do not see as many patients per year as family practice physicians, their lower average salary and their productivity make them economical providers.¹⁰

In conclusion, physician assistants are providing quality, cost-effective health care with the supervision of physicians. They are members of the health care team, yet capable of exercising a degree of autonomy in medical decision making. In the provision of quality health care for the citizens of our state, physician assistants are professional assets.

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Disciplinary Actions

Following is a chronological listing of disciplinary actions taken by the Board from January 2004, through September 2004. Each entry includes the name, certificate or registration number (if any), and last known address of the respondent; the disciplinary sanction imposed; a brief description of the basis of the disciplinary sanction and the effective date of the disciplinary sanction.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the following information is correct. However, this information should not be relied on without verification from the Prothonotary's Office of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. One may obtain verification of individual disciplinary action by writing or telephoning the Prothonotary's Office at P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649; (717) 772-2686. Please note that the names of persons listed below may be similar to the names of persons who have not been disciplined by the Board.

Rebecca Jo Smolen, license no. **YM-005772-L**, of Johnstown, Cambria County, was indefinitely suspended for altering the original certificate to reflect an expiration date of December 31, 2002 instead of December 31, 2000. The license of Rebecca Jo Smolen shall continue to be suspended until documented evidence is received that she can practice as a respiratory care practitioner with reasonable skill and safety to patients, but in no event shall the suspension continue for less than two years.

The license to practice medicine and surgery of **Bock Ja Song, a/k/a Agatha Bockja Song**, license no. **MD-041576-E**, of Elkhart, KN, was assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1000 based on the fact that her application for a license had been refused by the proper licensing authority of another state. (1/8/03)

Jeffrey H. Schimandle, license number **MD-048684-L**, of Oklahoma City, OK, was indefinitely suspended until he provides evidence that his license in Oklahoma has been reinstated without restriction and when he shows his fitness to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (1/28/03)

Stephen R. Babb, license no. **MD-040761-L**, of American Fork, UT, was indefinitely suspended based on the fact that his license to practice medicine was

disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (1/28/03)

Dan George Alexander, license no. **MD-04148-E**, of Burgettstown, Washington County, was indefinitely suspended but immediately stayed in favor of probation for three years based on the fact that his license to practice medicine was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (4/22/03)

The license to practice medicine and surgery of **Rodolfo R. Santos**, license no. **MD-031341-L**, of South Shore, KY, was suspended until he can demonstrate that all the conditions placed on his practice in Kentucky have been lifted and his license in that state is reinstated without restriction. (5/23/03)

Catherine Marie Page, license no. **MD-054529-L**, of Talbott, TN, and Big Stone Gap, VA, was indefinitely suspended until such time as she can demonstrate that all conditions placed on her practice in Virginia have been lifted and that her license in that Commonwealth have been reinstating without restriction. (6/5/03)

Janice Lindel Guidotti, license no. **MD-040622-E**, of Upper Darby, Delaware County, was indefinitely suspended based on the fact that she is unable to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (6/16/03)

Alberto Alfonso Sarayba, license no. **MD-034900-L**, of Hopewell, VA, was indefinitely suspended based on the fact that the proper licensing authority of another state disciplined his license. (6/20/03)

Charles R. Shultz, license no. **MD-040548-E**, of Keene, TX, was indefinitely suspended based on the fact that he was unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to mental or physical condition. (6/24/03)

Marc Harris, license no. **YM-005035-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was revoked based on being found guilty of a misdemeanor under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, and for making a false or deceptive biennial registration to the Board. (6/30/03)

J. Nathan Spivey, license no. **AK-000077-L**, of Newport, Perry County, was reinstated, but placed on probation

for two years for practicing without the supervision of a licensed physician. (7/2/03)

Rajinder Singh Malhi, license no. **MD-017726-E**, of East Liverpool, OH, was automatically suspended based on his conviction of a felony under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (7/8/03)

Svetlana I. Kremer, license no. **MD-069956-L**, of Huntingdon Valley, Montgomery County, was automatically suspended based on that fact that she was unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental incompetence. (7/10/03)

James N. Guido, license no. **MD-041880-E**, Seattle, WA, was indefinitely suspended based upon being found guilty of five felony counts under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (7/11/03)

Robert L. Gabriele, license no. **MD-012165-E**, of Cincinnati, OH, was indefinitely suspended until such time as the State Medical Board of Ohio has reinstated his license to unrestricted status. (7/14/03)

John George Gleichauf, license no. **MD-007873-E**, of Silves, Portugal, was indefinitely suspended for a minimum of a one-year active suspension based on the fact that he practiced medicine without maintaining professional liability insurance. (7/15/03)

Edward Alexander, license no. **MD-038096-E**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was indefinitely suspended based on the fact that he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (7/15/03)

Kim Doan Ngan, a/k/a Ngan Kim Doan, unlicensed, of Hagerstown, MD, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty for employing unlicensed staff. (7/16/03)

Arthur Victor Stein, license no. **MD-027348-E**, of Allentown, Lehigh County, was indefinitely suspended for a minimum of a one-year active suspension based on the fact that he practiced medicine without maintaining professional liability insurance. (7/16/03)

Verneda Lights Sagay, license no. **MD-023877-E**, of Bryn Mawr, Montgomery

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County, was suspended for not less than three years, retroactive to March 8, 2001, based on the fact that she violated the terms and conditions of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement and Order. (7/16/03)

Marc M. Levine, M.D., license no. **MD-006352-E**, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, permanently voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine and surgery based upon his having a disciplinary action taken by the licensing authority in New Jersey. Dr. Levine may apply for reinstatement of his Pennsylvania license after two years under certain terms and conditions. (7/22/03)

Mohammad Malik, license no. **MD-037698-L**, of Ford City, Armstrong County, was indefinitely suspended based on his conviction of a felony for Obstruction of Justice in federal court and for failing to maintain records for patients accurately, legibly, and completely. (7/29/03)

Hany M. Iskander, M.D., license no. **MD-068896-L**, of Bucyrus, OH, was reinstated but placed on probation for three and one-half years subject to terms and conditions. (8/3/03)

Ben P. Brinkley, of Richmond, VA, was issued a medical license which was immediately placed on probation for three years from the effective date of the Order because Brinkley had a license to practice the profession suspended by the proper licensing authority of another state. (8/26/03)

Christopher W. Fletcher, M.D., license number **MD-031522-E**, of Nashville, Tennessee, agreed to the permanent, immediate and voluntary surrender of his license because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (8/26/03).

George J. Heymach, M.D., license no. **MD-019461-E**, of Kansas City, Missouri, was removed from suspension and placed on probation for 2 years under general terms and conditions. (8/26/03)

Vinod Sharma, M.D., license no. **MD-039603-E**, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, was suspended indefinitely, because the Michigan State Board of Medicine suspended his license to practice medicine. (8/26/03)

Paul S. Sirota, M.D., license no. **MD-040344-E**, of Columbia, South Carolina, had his license suspended for three years, such suspension to be immediately stayed in favor of probation, subject to set terms and conditions because he violated a disciplinary order of the Board. (8/26/03)

Paul P. Slawek, M.D., license number **MD-010238-E**, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, was assessed a \$1,000.00 civil penalty because he had disciplinary action taken against him by the proper licensing authority of another state. (8/26/03)

Randall Owen Williams, PA-C, license no. **MA-003292-L** of Lititz, Lancaster County, was suspended for a period of five (5) years with the last three (3) years to be immediately stayed in favor of probation and was assessed a civil penalty of five hundred (\$500) dollars based on his guilty plea to a misdemeanor relating to a health profession and was guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct. (8/26/03)

Penny Ellen Zimmerman, certificate no. **YM-006840-L** of Shelocta, Indiana County was ordered to voluntarily and temporarily surrender her certificate to practice as a respiratory care practitioner for at least seven months because she practiced the profession from about August 1999 to at least March 2000 when she did not hold a temporary permit or a certificate to so practice. (8/26/03)

Joanne T. Troutner, license no. **YM-006908-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for practicing as a respiratory care practitioner in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania without a valid, current temporary permit or certificate issued by the Board during the period of June 24, 2000 to October 16, 2001. (9/23/03)

Stacey R. Sherry, M.D., license number **MT-182340**, of Reading, Berks County, was indefinitely suspended for at least three years, stayed in favor of probation subject to various terms and conditions, because Respondent is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (9/28/03).

David A. Brillman, license no. **MD-022702-E**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny

County, was assessed a civil penalty of \$5,000 because of improper prescribing. (10/17/03)

Keith K. Buck, M.D., license number **MD-027111-L**, of Kittanning, Armstrong County, was, imposed with a formal reprimand, a \$1,000.00 civil penalty, as well as the completion of a continuing medical education course in patient documentation within six months because he failed to maintain proper and complete medical records. (10/17/03).

Richard F. Charron, unlicensed, of Akron, Lancaster County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$2,000, because of practicing medicine without a license and to cease and desist from the practice of medicine and use of the word "physician" in reference to self. (10/17/03)

Melvin Kaden, M.D., license number **MD-008333-E**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$1,000.00 civil penalty because he failed to maintain a patient's medical records for at least seven years from the date of the last medical service for which a medical record entry is required. (10/17/03).

Dianne Hathanh Nguyen, license no. **MD-063415-L**, of Placentia, California, had her license suspended for sixty (60) days with such suspension to be immediately stayed subject to set terms and conditions because she had a disciplinary action taken against her license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10/17/03)

Richard Paul Paczynski, license no. **MD-073612-L**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, had his license indefinitely suspended for no less than five (5) years, such suspension to be immediately stayed in favor of no less than five (5) years of probation because he had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state, and is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (10/17/03)

Simon Westacott, M.D., license no. **MD-048705-L**, of Mars, Butler County, was assessed a civil penalty of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, because Westacott filed a false or deceptive biennial registration with the Board. (10-17-03)

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George M. Zlupko, M.D., license no. **MD-014366-E** of Altoona, Blair County, was assessed a civil penalty of \$4,000 and ordered to enroll in and successfully complete a course in the proper prescribing of controlled dangerous substances and a continuing medical education course for the maintenance of medical records because Zlupko failed to keep medical records as required by Board regulations. (10-17-03)

Yousef Kurdy, license no. **MD-017280-E**, of San Diego, CA, was suspended based on the fact that the proper licensing authority of another state disciplined his license. (10-20-03)

Cleveland Williams, of Lincoln, NE, was granted a license to practice medicine and surgery in Pennsylvania but the license is immediately placed on probation for a period of two years subject to terms and conditions. (10-20-03)

Ayman M. Kader, license no. **MD-059019-L**, of Berwick, Columbia County, was revoked based on the fact that the proper licensing authorities of Ohio and New York disciplined his license. (10-24-03)

Frank J. Baniewicz, license no. **MD-048651-L**, of Colorado Springs, CO, was indefinitely suspended based on the fact that the proper licensing authority of another state revoked his license. (10-28-03)

Phillip B. Buzzelli, license no. **MD-031519-L**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was suspended for a period of no less than sixty days and assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$13,477, based on the fact that he practiced medicine without having professional liability insurance coverage. (10-30-03)

Roxanne K. Rick, license no. **MD-039872-L**, of Webster, Westmoreland County, was automatically suspended based on that fact that she was convicted of a felony under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (11-04-03)

Elliot Heller, license no. **MD-065445-L**, of Edison, NJ, was revoked based on the fact that the proper licensing authority of another state disciplined his license. (11-04-03)

Arnold B. Campo, M.D., license number **MD-061016-L**, of Lancaster, South

Carolina, was indefinitely suspended, with such suspension stayed in favor of indefinite probation subject to various terms and conditions, because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-18-03).

Darryl T. Mueller, Applicant of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, will have his medical license, once issued, immediately placed on probation for five (5) years retroactive to June 18, 2003 subject to terms and conditions in that his license to practice medicine was placed on probation by the proper licensing authorities of another state. (11-18-03)

Valerie M. Pricener, M.D., license number **MD-044748-L**, of Ruffs Dale, Westmoreland County, was indefinitely suspended for at least three years, such suspension stayed in favor of probation subject to various terms and conditions, because she is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (11-18-03).

George M. Romanzo, M.D., license number **MD-017988-E**, of Ambler, Montgomery County, was imposed with a formal reprimand and a \$1,000.00 civil penalty because he failed to maintain accurate and complete medical records. (11-18-03).

George C. Ibars, M.D., license no. **MD-031993-E**, of Miami, Florida, was assessed a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) because Ibars had disciplinary action taken by the State of Florida against his Florida license to practice medicine. (11-18-03)

Barbara Ann McGuirk, M.D., license no. **MD-048675-L**, of Newark, Delaware, was assessed a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) because she had disciplinary action taken against her license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state and a reprimand was placed on her permanent Board record. (11-18-03)

Arthur James Morgan, M.D., license no. **MD-025231-L**, of Santa Clara, Utah, had his license indefinitely suspended and was ordered to immediately cease and desist from the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth because he had his licenses disciplined by the proper

licensing authorities of other states. (11-18-03)

Mark S. Fremd, license no. **MD-027141-E**, of Connellsville, Fayette County, was automatically suspended based on his conviction of a felony under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (11-20-03)

John H. Hewitt, III, M.D., license no. **MD-028221-E**, of Hagerstown, Maryland, permanently surrendered his license to practice medicine and surgery based on disciplinary action by Maryland against his medical license. (12-16-03)

Herbert J. Breite, M.D., license no. **MD-034606-L**, of Wayne, New Jersey, permanently surrendered his license to practice medicine and surgery based on disciplinary action by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice. (12-16-03)

Jeffrey Lance Elliott, MD, license no. **MD-019158-E**, of Gallup, New Mexico, had his license indefinitely suspended and was ordered to immediately cease and desist from the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth because he had his license disciplined by the proper licensing authorities of another state. (12-16-03)

Shivkumar L. Iyer, license number **MD-060124-L**, of South Charleston, WV was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 and Respondent's license is indefinitely actively suspended, because Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (12-16-03)

Jiade J. Lu, license no. **MD-070487-L** of New York, NY was assessed a Ten Thousand dollar (\$10,000.00) civil penalty and had a public reprimand placed on his permanent record, because he had his license to practice medicine revoked by the proper licensing authority of another state (12-16-03).

Tom Futai Lue, M.D., license no. **MD-036915-L** of San Francisco, CA received a public reprimand on his permanent Board record, because he had his license to practice medicine or surgery disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (12-16-03)

Tina M. Tersine, license number **YM-010352**, of Homer City, Indiana County, was imposed with a public reprimand and

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a \$250 civil penalty because she practiced as a respiratory care practitioner while her license was lapsed. (12-16-03).

Robert Marc Knight, license no. **MD-041850-L**, of Boca Raton, FL, was suspended until such time as he can demonstrate that all the conditions placed on his practice in Florida have been lifted and his certificate in that state reinstated without restriction. (12-09-03)

John H. Hewitt, III, M.D., license no. **MD-028221-E**, of Hagerstown, Maryland, permanently surrendered his license to practice medicine and surgery based on a disciplinary action by Maryland against his medical license. (12-16-03)

Lawrence Martin, license no. **MD-021830-E**, of Waynesburg, Greene County, was granted reinstatement of his license to practice medicine but placed on probation for one year subject to terms and conditions. (12-16-03)

Jorge A. Valcarcel, license no. **MD-037086-L**, of Lima, Peru, permanently surrendered his license to practice medicine and surgery because California revoked his license to practice medicine. (12-16-03)

Salomon Epstein, license no. **MD-419812**, of Basking Ridge, NJ, was denied a license to practice medicine and surgery based on the fact that he made misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent representations in obtaining a license and has had other disciplinary action taken or an application for a license refused, revoked or suspended by a proper licensing authority of another state. (12/17/03)

Nicholas Canuso, license no. **MD-018020-L**, of Margate City, NJ, was suspended based on the fact that he practiced medicine in Pennsylvania from January 1, 1998 to January 7, 1999 without having professional liability insurance and failed to pay the required CAT Fund surcharge. (01-23-04)

Miles Jones, license no. **MD-043851-L**, Lee's Summit, MO, was revoked based on the fact that he prescribed medication for individuals solely on applications submitted over the Internet without establishing a legitimate physician-patient relationship. (01-26-04)

Highland Richard Campbell, MD, unlicensed, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

was assessed a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) because he made misleading and untrue representations in obtaining a license to practice medicine by indicating on his application signed May 14, 2003 that he had passed the USMLE Part 3 Examination when, in fact, he did not take the examination until July 10, 2003 and did not pass that examination. (1-27-04)

E. John Steinhilber, license no. **MD-056767-L** of St. Simons Island, Georgia consented to the immediate and permanent voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery in this Commonwealth. This action was based on the violation of the Act at 63 P.S. §422.41(4) by having disciplinary action taken against his license by another state; §422.41(6) through 49 Pa. Code §16.16(a)(1) by failing to list prior licensure in another state on his license renewal application; 422.41(6) through 49 Pa. Code §16.16(a)(2) for failing to disclose disciplinary action taken against his license in another state on his license renewal application, and 422.41 (11) for making a false or deceptive biennial registration with the Board. (1-27-04)

Jennifer S. Keeny, certificate number **RT-001712-A**, of Warminster, Bucks County, was assessed a public reprimand and a \$250.00 civil penalty because she practiced as an athletic trainer while her certificate was expired. (1-27-04).

Robert P. Ditizio, license no. **MD-047027-L**, of Boyertown, Berks County, was indefinitely suspended until such time as he can demonstrate his fitness to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (01-30-04)

Eliseo Calata, license no. **MD-029099-L**, of Reading, Berks County, was issued a public reprimand based on his breach from the accepted standards of care with respect to his failure to properly note a patient's low sodium level. (02-03-04)

Seyed Bagher Moayed-Pardazi, license no. **MD-029855-E**, of Decatur, AL, was revoked based on the fact that his license to practice medicine was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (02-03-04)

Joseph Nyitray, license no. **MD-031723-L**, of Kisco, NY, was indefinitely suspended until such time as he provides documentary evidence to the board that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has reinstated Respondent's license to practice medicine without restriction in that state. (02-03-04)

Jeffrey A. Smith, license no. **MD-038017-L**, of Chino, CA, was revoked based on the fact that he was convicted of 23 felony counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child in a court of competent jurisdiction in another state. (02-03-04)

Edward L. Batzel, license no. **MD-049255-L**, of Moscow, Lackawanna County, was placed on probation and assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1000 based on the fact that his license to practice medicine was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (02-05-04)

Barry L. Bender, license no. **MD-039965-L**, of Tyrone, Blair County, was automatically suspended based on the fact that he was found guilty of a felony under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act (02-09-04)

Andrew J. Philips, license no. **MD-020841-E**, of Bala Cynwyd, Montgomery County, was denied reinstatement of his license to practice medicine based on the fact that he has not presented evidence sufficient to warrant modification of the discipline ordered by the Board. (02-18-04)

Igor G. Rayevsky, license no. **MD-057170-L**, of Cherry Hill, NJ, was reprimanded and assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 based on the fact that he made a false or deceptive biennial registration with the Board. (02-20-04)

Renee Claudia Bovelle, license no. **MD-417226-L** of Washington, DC, was ordered to pay a \$1,500 civil penalty, because she had disciplinary action taken against her license by the proper licensing authority of another state. In addition, a public reprimand will be placed on her permanent Board record. Dr. Bovelle last practiced in Washington, DC. (02-24-04)

Thomas Edward Finucan, Jr., license no. **MD-034137-E**, of Port Deposit, MD, was indefinitely suspended based on the fact that his license to practice medicine

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was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (02-24-04)

Mark A. Van Antwerp, M.D., license no. **MD-048728-L** of Yuma, AZ was indefinitely suspended, provided however that the suspension is immediately stayed in favor of probation subject to various terms and conditions, including his successful participation in the Disciplinary Monitoring Unit of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs, because he had his license to practice medicine and surgery disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (02-24-04)

William Carmine Weber, M.D., license number **MD-019014-E** of Easton, Northampton County, was Temporarily Suspended because the Respondent's continued practice of medicine within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was deemed an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety. (2-24-04)

Gerald B. Applegate, M.D., license no. **MD-029271-E**, of Sewickley, Allegheny County, was suspended for 90 days, stayed in favor of probation for 90 days and assessed a civil penalty of \$5,000, because of failing to maintain records for the controlled substances he prescribed for his wife. (02-24-04)

Dilip P. Ghodasara, license no. **MD-055148-L** of Charleston, West Virginia had a Public Reprimand placed on his permanent Board Record by the State Board of Medicine because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (2-24-04)

Ronald Neeper, M.D., license number **MD-068245-L**, of Delmont, Westmoreland County, was assessed a \$1,000.00 civil penalty and placed on probation for a period of five years, retroactive to February 12, 2002, subject to various terms and conditions, because he had disciplinary action taken against him by the proper licensing authority of another state. This Order becomes effective immediately (2-24-04).

Robert Grafton, M.D., **unlicensed**, of Swartz Creek, Michigan, was assessed a \$1,000.00 civil penalty because he practiced medicine in Pennsylvania when he was not licensed. This Order becomes effective immediately. (02-24-04)

Ellen Bachman Mendelson, M.D., license no. **MD-033377-E** of Chicago, Illinois, was assessed a \$250.00 civil penalty, because she failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability that is filed against Respondent. (03-23-04)

Alvin C. Ong, license no. **MD-061812-L** of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Dr. Ong failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (03-23-04)

Theodore Robert Mirra, license no. **MD-055056-L**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Dr. Mirra failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (03-23-04)

Anke Navek, license no. **MD-063430-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Dr. Navek failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (03-23-04)

Andres Enrique Castellanos, license no. **MD-071246-L** of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Dr. Castellanos failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (03-23-04)

John Baker Jeffers, license no. **MD-010161-E** of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Dr. Jeffers failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (03-23-04)

Robert D. Coddington, M.D., license no. **MD-003855-E**, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, permanently surrendered his

license to practice medicine and surgery because the state of Ohio took disciplinary action against his Ohio license. (03-23-04)

Adriane A. Pacella, R.R.T., license no. **YM-004653-L**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was suspended for 60 days from practicing respiratory therapy, because Pacella, R.R.T., practiced respiratory therapy on a lapsed license. (03-23-04)

Timothy Joseph Hayes, M.D., license no. **MD-036722-E**, of Media, Delaware County, was temporarily suspended for no more than 180 days on the grounds that his continued practice within the Commonwealth may make him an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety. (03-23-04)

Richard A. James, license no. **MD-049603-L** of Okeechobee, FL voluntarily and permanently surrendered his license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and had a public reprimand placed on his permanent Board record. This disciplinary action was based upon disciplinary action taken against Dr. James' license to practice medicine by the proper issuing authority of another state. (03-23-04)

Drupad D. Bhatt, license no. **MD-038914-E** of Stroudsburg, Lancaster County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Dr. Bhatt failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (03-23-04)

David B. Klebanoff, license no. **MD-027587-E**, of Elkins Park, Montgomery County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Dr. Klebanoff failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (03-23-04)

Mukta Kalidas Shah, license no. **MD-030625-E** of Duluth, Georgia, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Dr. Shah failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (03-23-04)

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Wayne P. Weddington, Jr., license no. **MD-010332-E** of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Dr. Weddington failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (03-23-04)

Alan Richard Weiss, license no. **MD-017336-E** of Lower Gwynedd, Montgomery County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Dr. Weiss failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (03-23-04)

Arthur M. Lerner, license no. **MD-039360-L** of Huntingdon Valley, Montgomery County had his license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth suspended for no less than 3 years. Said suspension is immediately stayed in favor of probation. This action is based on Dr. Lerner's inability to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. Dr. Lerner last practiced in Huntingdon Valley, Montgomery County. (3-24-04)

Carlos Toledo, license no. **MD-029161-L** of Elmhurst, New York, agreed to the immediate and permanent voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (3-24-04)

Eric P. Rosen, license no. **MD-013042-E** of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was indefinitely suspended from the practice of medicine because he is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness. (3-24-04)

Mehrdad Mostaan, of Potomac, MD, was granted a license to practice medicine but placed on probation for one year, subject to terms and conditions. (2-10-04)

Rex Kessler, license no. **MD-020904-E**, of Springfield, Delaware County, was reprimanded based on the fact that he violated section 13(a)(13) of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (2-25-04)

Anton N. Chinniah, of Trumbull, CT, was denied licensure based on findings that he

made misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent representations or practiced fraud or deceit, in obtaining a license. (2-27-04)

Grace Lorraine Kennedy, license no. **MD-063088-L**, of Erie, Erie County, was indefinitely suspended and assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2000 based on the fact that she practiced medicine and surgery without maintaining professional liability insurance and failing to pay the medical CAT fund surcharge. (3-08-04)

John M. Levin, license no. **MD-012816-E**, of Narberth, Montgomery County, was automatically suspended based on the fact that he pled guilty to four felony drug counts in violation of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (3-11-04)

James I. Horsley, license no. **MD-034748-E**, of Seale, AZ, was suspended for no less than 30 days, stayed in favor of probation for a period of 24 months and assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2516 based on the fact that he failed to maintain the required amount of professional liability insurance and did not pay the required CAT fund surcharge. (3-15-04)

Jennilynn Milz Lash, license no. **MW-008423-L**, of Kittanning, Armstrong County, was reprimanded, assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 and placed on probation for one year based on findings that she pled guilty to a misdemeanor relating to a health profession. (3-17-04)

James D. Dahl, license no. **MD-055400-L**, of McMurray, Washington County was actively suspended, based on the fact that he violated the terms and conditions of the Board's Consent Agreement and Order. (3-24-04)

Howard P. Monsour, license no. **MD-003122-E**, of Greensburg, Westmoreland County, was reprimanded and placed on probation, to run concurrent with his criminal probation, based on findings that he pled nolo contendere to a misdemeanor charge related to a health profession. (3-24-04)

Ronald P. Dougherty, license no. **YM-005658-L**, of Windber, Somerset County, was reprimanded and

assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 based on the fact that he made misleading, deceptive, untrue and fraudulent misrepresentations in obtaining his license. (3-29-04)

Craig R. Bardell, license no. **MD-043602-E**, of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, was suspended for a period of 5 years, retroactive to November 6, 2002, with the suspension immediately stayed in favor of five years probation subject to terms and conditions based on the fact that he pleaded guilty to making, or aiding and abetting to make, false statements to Medicare in a court of the United States. (3-30-04)

John Michael Camas, license no. **MD-045861-L**, of Bradford, Mckean County was suspended and assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$23,256 based on the fact that he failed to maintain professional liability insurance and for approximately 14 months and by not having paid the CAT Fund surcharge for that period. (3-31-04)

William D. Pierce, license no. **MD-060654-L** of Ocean Pines, Maryland, had his license to practice medicine temporarily suspended since his continued practice of medicine presents an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety. (4-09-04)

Thomas Anh Nguyen, license no. **MD-054254-L**, of New Cumberland, Cumberland County, was revoked based on the fact that he was found guilty of three misdemeanors and fourteen felonies relating to the health profession (4-15-04).

Miguel Angel Cortes, license no. **MD-038544-E**, of Atlantic City, NJ, was indefinitely suspended based on findings that he was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (4-19-04)

Nikolaos A. Alexandrou, license no. **MD-054557-L** of Brooklyn, New York, was placed on probation for a period of 12 months and a public reprimand was placed on his permanent Board record because he had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (4-27-04)

Barid Baran Jana, MD, license no. **MD-033281-L**, of Connellsville, Fayette County was permitted to voluntarily and

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temporarily surrender his license for one year. Respondent was also ordered to immediately cease and desist from the practice of the profession and ordered not to represent himself as a Board licensee in any manner whatsoever during the period of surrender because he departed from or failed to conform to a quality standard of the profession of medicine by palpating the breast of a patient in a manner which was not within the standard of care. (4-27-04)

Sandra Harris-Corrado, license no. **MD-026018-E** of Perkasio, Bucks County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Dr. Harris-Corrado failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (4-27-04)

Patricia R. Evans, license no. **MD028944E**, of Kingman, AZ, was suspended until terms and conditions are removed from her Arizona license, because of disciplinary action taken by the licensing authority of Arizona. (4-27-04)

Allan M. Greenspan, license no. **MD-018535-E** of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Greenspan failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (4-27-04)

James A. Himmelberger, M.D., license number **MD-023496-E**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended for at least four years, with the suspension being stayed in favor of probation subject to various terms and conditions because he is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (4-27-04).

Charles Tyler Kempf, license no. **MD-022973-E** of E Stroudsburg, Monroe County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Dr. Kempf failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (4-27-04)

Arnold S. Kessler, license no. **MD-005303-E** of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Dr. Kessler failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (4-27-04)

Lisa Ann Logan, license no. **RT-002092-A**, of Martinsburg, Blair County was assessed a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) because she practiced as an athletic trainer while her license was expired because she had not paid a current registration fee. (4-27-04)

Louis G. Quartararo, license no. **MD-072145-L** of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Quartararo failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (4-27-04)

Raymond Marc Shapiro, license no. **MD-042741-L**, of Gaithersburg, MD, was issued a public reprimand based on the fact that he was disciplined by the state of West Virginia. (4-27-04)

The medical license of **Mark C. Sorenson**, M.D., license no. **MD-036823-E**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was temporarily suspended for no more than 180 days on the grounds that his continued practice within the Commonwealth may make him an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety. (4-27-04)

Timothy Andrew Sullivan, M.D., license no. **MD-064496-L** of Hershey, Dauphin County, consented to the immediate voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine in Pennsylvania because he had disciplinary action taken on his license to practice his profession by the proper licensing authority of another state and had an application for a license to practice medicine denied by the proper licensing authority of another state. Sullivan may apply for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in Pennsylvania once his license to practice medicine in the state of North Carolina has been rein-

stated to unrestricted, non-probationary status. (4-27-04)

Evancia Sy, MD, license no. **MD-031934-L**, of Palos Verdes Estates, California had her license to practice the profession of medicine revoked by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine because she had her authorization to practice the profession revoked by the proper licensing authority of another state. She was also ordered to immediately cease and desist from the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth. (4-27-04)

William D. Trusnovic, license no. **MD-059947-L**, of Steubenville, OH, was automatically suspended based on his conviction of a felony under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (4-27-04)

Edward L. Batzel, license no. **MD-049255-L**, of Dunmore, Fayette County, had his license to practice medicine placed on probation for a period of one year and was assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 based on failing to properly supervise a physician assistant. (4-28-04)

Jerome F. Kennedy, license no. **YM-007517**, of York, York County, was assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 based on the fact that he practiced respiratory care on an expired certificate. (4-30-04)

Donald Keith Hayes, of Morgantown, WV, was denied licensure based on the fact that he was disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. (5-05-04)

Dennis S. Badman, license no. **MD-036632-E**, of Sanbornville, NH, was assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 based on the fact that his license was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (5-20-04)

Doyle Tarwater, license no. **MD-030235-E**, of Chalerio, Washington County, was automatically suspended based on the fact that he pled guilty to a felony in violation of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (5-21-04)

Abdolali Khajavi, license no. **MD-032165-L**, of Franklin, NJ, was indefinitely suspended until such time as he can affirmatively show that his license in

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New Jersey is in good standing, restored to unrestricted status and that he is able to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (5-24-04)

Rashidah Bashir Malik, license no. **MD-031262-L**, of Aurora, IL, was indefinitely suspended until such time as he can affirmatively show that his license in Illinois is in good standing and restored to unrestricted status. (5-24-04)

John Batista, M.D., license no. **MD-041101-L** of Spring Hill, FL was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$500 and had a public reprimand placed on his permanent Board record, because he had his license to practice medicine and surgery disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (5-25-04)

William J. Beutler, license no. **MD-043673-E** of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Beutler failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent (5-25-04)

Ram Priya Chaturvedi, license no. **MD-056835-L** of Athens Bradford County, was ordered by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine to pay a \$500.00 civil penalty because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. In addition, a public reprimand will be placed on Dr. Chaturvedi's permanent Board record. (5-25-04)

John J. Deeney, license no. **MD-024448-E** of Yardley, Bucks County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Deeney failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent (5-25-04)

Peter Fragatos, license no. **MD-033910-L**, of Gross Pointe Woods, MI consented to a public reprimand being placed on his permanent Board record and consented to being placed on probation until all terms, conditions and limitations placed on his license to practice medicine in Ohio have been removed because Fragatos had disciplinary action taken on his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (5-25-04)

Leonard Ginsburg, M.D., license number **MD-041611-L**, of Springfield, Bucks County assessed a \$1,000.00 civil penalty because he violated the medical records standards by failing to retain medical records for a patient. (5-25-04).

Edwin Y. Hsu, M.D., license number **MD-071199-L**, of Palmetto Bay, Florida was assessed a \$1,000.00 civil penalty because he had disciplinary action taken against him by the proper licensing authority of another state. (5-25-04).

Robert T. James, license no. **MD-042754-L**, of Statesville, North Carolina agreed to a permanent voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine because he had disciplinary action taken on his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (5-25-04)

Jeffrey David Lash, MD, license no. **MD-060742-L**, of San Diego, California had his license to practice the profession of medicine indefinitely suspended for no less than three years retroactive from May 5, 2003 by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine because he had his authorization to practice the profession revoked by the proper licensing authority of another state. He was also ordered to immediately cease and desist from the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth. (5-25-04)

Eric J. Mellencamp, license no. **MD-040130-E** of Glen Mills, Delaware County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Mellencamp failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (5-25-04)

Manish A. Patel, license no. **MD-420203** of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Patel failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent (5-25-04)

Paul A. Urffer, license no. **MD-028294-L** of Abington, Montgomery County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Urffer failed to report to the

Board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent (5-25-04)

R. Wendell Ward, license no. **MD-044580-E** of Allison Park, Allegheny County, agreed to a permanent, voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because he practiced medicine without a valid, current license, engaged in unprofessional conduct by continuing to practice medicine from January 1, 1995 to November 2002 while his license was expired, failed to carry out the minimum standards for prescribing, administering and dispensing controlled substances, and failed to maintain medical records for a patient. (5-25-04)

William C. Weber, license no. **MD-019134-E** of Easton, Northampton County, was ordered not to engage in direct patient care alone or in partnership with other licensees, and also must act at all times under the direct supervision of other institutional personnel, because Weber violated the Act, in that Respondent is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness. (5-25-04)

Nadia A. Ameen, license no. **MD-419293** of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and will have a Public Reprimand placed on Respondent's permanent Board record, because she has had disciplinary action taken against a license to practice the profession by a proper licensing authority of another state. (6-22-04)

Michael R. Belden, license no. **MD-061026-L** of Wynnewood, Montgomery County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Belden failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent (6-22-04)

Dennis K. Chyung, license no. **MD-062814-L** of Center Valley, Lehigh County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Chyung failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional

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liability action that is filed against Respondent (6-22-04)

Lauren L. Craig, license no. **RT-002412-A** of Mount Holly Springs, Cumberland County was assessed a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) based on her practicing as an athletic trainer while her certificate was expired because she had not paid a current registration fee (6-22-04)

Jessica Lee Hoenich, license no. **RT-002199-A** of Manheim, Lancaster County was assessed a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) based on her practicing as an athletic trainer while her certificate was expired because she had not paid a current registration

Robert Ira Lewy, MD, license no. **MD-016585-E** of Houston, Texas was issued a public reprimand, which was placed on his permanent Board record. (6-22-04)

Patricia H. McConnell, license no. **MD-041680-E** of Wynnewood, Montgomery County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because McConnell failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent (06-22-04)

Michael M. Mikhail, license no. **MD-045335-L** of Drexel Hill, Delaware County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Mikhail failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent (6-22-04)

Margaret Peden, license no. **MD-054080-L** of Wynnewood, Montgomery County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Peden failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent (6-22-04)

Ranjit Singh Risam, license no. **MD-035931-E** of Bowie, Maryland, agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his license to practice Medicine within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (6-22-04)

Stephen A. Shore, license no. **MD-041618-L** of Drexel Hill, Delaware County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Shore failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent (6-22-04)

Joseph R. Spiegel, license no. **MD-033351-E** of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Spiegel failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent (6-22-04)

Kevin Adams Strauss, MD, license no. **MD-417136**, of Strasburg, Lancaster County was assessed a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) because he failed to register to retain the right to engage in practice because his license had expired on December 31, 2002 and he did not renew until November 19, 2003 (6-22-04)

Clarke E. Williamson, license no. **MD-024796-E** of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), because Williamson failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent (6-22-04)

Meet Commissioner Merenda

Basil L. Merenda was appointed Acting Commissioner of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs by Governor Edward G. Rendell on January 5, 2004 and was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on March 16, 2004.

As Commissioner, he is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day functions of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. The Bureau provides administrative support to the 27 professional licensing boards and commissions. Commissioner Merenda serves as the Governor's designee on 25 of the 27 professional licensing boards.

Prior to his appointment, Merenda served as Deputy Attorney General for the state of New Jersey, with emphasis on antitrust and financial crimes. He also served as legal counsel to the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1776 in Norristown from 1987 to 1993.

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Merenda earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Villanova University, a master's degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame and a law degree from Villanova University Law.

UNETHICAL OR UNLICENSED ACTIVITY

If you believe the practice or service provided by a licensed professional to be unethical, below an acceptable standard or out of the scope of the profession; or if you are aware of unlicensed practice, please call the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs complaints hotline at:

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