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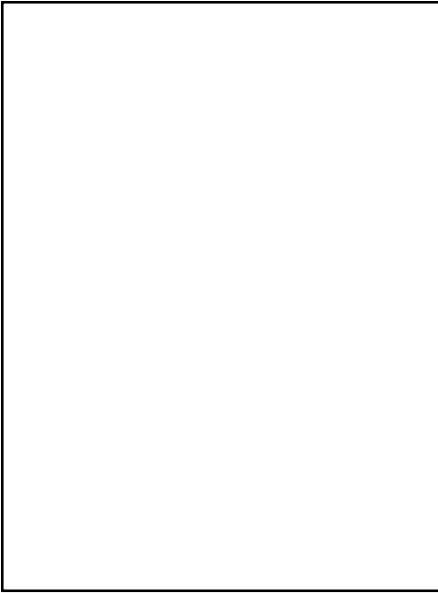
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News From the Federation of State Medical Boards



Daniel B. Kimball, Jr., M.D., FACP was awarded the Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting of The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). This award is the highest honor given to any individual on behalf of the FSMB. The award was established in 1985 and recognizes outstanding leadership to the FSMB and to the field of medical licensure and discipline.

Dr. Kimball was appointed to the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine in 1995 and had served as chairman of the Board from March 1997 to November 1999. He completed his service to the board in March 2004, having served a total of nine years. Dr. Kimball also served as Chairperson for several of the Board committees, including: Committee on Health Related Professionals, Committee on Minimum Standards of Medical Practice, Probable Cause Screening Committee, Newsletter Committee, Medical Education Committee, and Personnel and Finance Committee during his tenure with the Board.

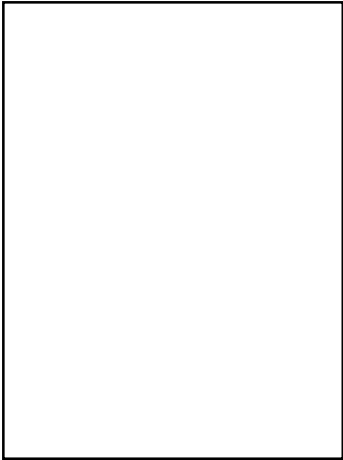
He has provided expertise to the FSMB by serving as Chairperson of the Special Committee to Evaluate FSMB's Elected Leadership Structure (2002-2003). He was appointed by the FSMB in 2005 and will serve until 2008 as a member on the Composite Committee for the United States Medical Licensing Examination, Inc. The Composite Committee is responsible for setting policy for the USMLE program. He also was a delegate to the FSMB, a member of the Nominating Committee, appointed to a special committee for the Study of Unconventional Health Care Practices. He is currently serving a second three-year term on the Step 2 Committee of the NBME and will continue in that capacity until 2007.

Dr. Kimball is a graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences, with a BA in Psychology and the School of Medicine at the University of Virginia. He spent 25 years with the Army Medical Department, retiring as a Colonel. He served from 1989 to 2004 as the Director, Department of Medicine and the Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency training program, at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center.

He currently is the Medical Director for Hospice St. John of the Greater Berks Area in Reading. He also hosts a weekly local call-in radio show, "Health Talk" on WVEU for the Berks County Medical Society, of which he is a member. He and his wife, Eve, a pediatrician in Reading, have three children and three grandchildren.

All Medical Professionals
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distribution to your patient.

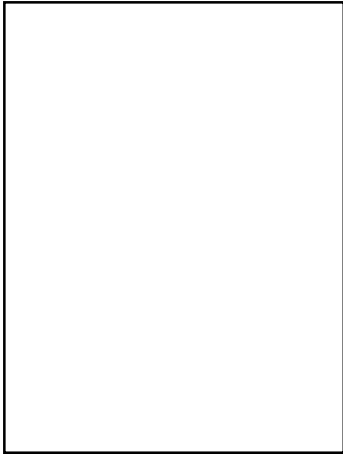
Meet Our Newest Board Members



Radheshyam M. Agrawal, M.D., was recently appointed to the State Board of Medicine. He did his pre-med studies at Holkar College in Indore, India. He completed his medical studies at M.G.M. Medical College, Indore, India. He currently serves as a Senior Attending Physician at Allegheny General Hospital, in the department of gastroenter-

ology. He is also a member of the associate staff in the gastroenterology division at North Hills Passavant Hospital, Pittsburgh, as well as, a member of the consulting staff at Allegheny Neuropsychiatric Institute in Pittsburgh. He holds the designation of Associate Professor of Medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine and holds a designation of Clinical Professor at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Erie. He serves as Director of the Gastroenterology Fellowship Program at Allegheny General Hospital.

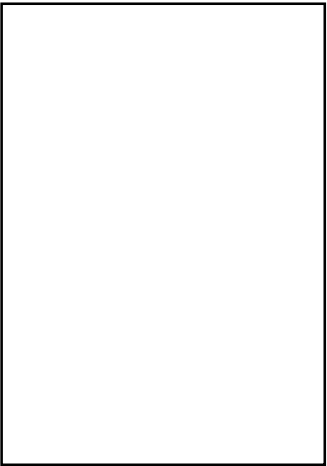
Dr. Agrawal is very active in his community, as well as very active with a variety of professional and scientific societies. He has conducted several research studies during his years as a gastroenterologist.



James Freeman, M.D. was recently appointed to the Board of Medicine. He is a graduate of Muhlenberg College, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Dr. Freeman is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson Medical College. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and a Diplomate of the American Board of Family

Medicine. He was associated with his father, William Freeman, M.D., in a general/family practice that was begun by his grandfather, Albert Freeman, M.D. in 1937. He currently is an emergency room physician and hospitalist at Fulton County Medical Center, where he has served as chairperson of the Department of Family Medicine Committee and the Peer Review and Medical Records Committee. Since 1994, he has been the Shippensburg Area School District physician. He also is very active in his community, serving on several boards. He and his wife Sandra, have two daughters, Hailey and Carly.

Kishor Mehta Elected to the Nominating Committee of the Federation of State Medical Boards



Kishor Mehta was elected to the Nominating Committee of the Federation of State Medical Boards. He will serve a two-year term on the Nominating Committee, 2005 - 2007.

Mr. Mehta is the Vice Chairman of the Board of Medicine. He has been actively participating with the board in several capacities during the past seven years as a Public Member: Chairperson of the Medical Malpractice Committee, Chairperson of the Probable Cause Committee, and Chairperson of the Policy Development and Review Committee. In addition to the Board of Medicine, he has been involved with the Society of Plastics Engineers. He has been featured in "Who's Who in Technology" and "2000 Notable American Men". Mr. Mehta recently retired from Bayer and has established a consulting firm, Plascon Associates, which serves the plastics industry in the area of product development issues.

Practice of Licensed Midwives in Pennsylvania

The practice of midwives was first regulated in Pennsylvania during the Progressive Era as part of nationwide effort to identify and regulate these practitioners. The 1929 Midwife Regulation Law (P.L. 160, No 155) placed the regulation of the practice of midwifery, by persons other than licensed osteopaths and physicians, under the authority of the Board of Medical Education and Licensure. It remains there to this day. Previous Commonwealth law regulated the practice of midwives only in relation to birth registration and application of silver nitrate in the newborn's eyes.

The 1929 law defined a midwife as "a person, other than a regularly licensed physician or osteopath, who shall attend a woman in childbirth for hire, or who shall make a practice of attending women in childbirth gratuitously or for hire..." Significantly, the first set of regulations issued defining midwives scope of practice permitted midwives to carry and use silver nitrate, to carry, assess the need for, and dispense laxatives to women, and to carry, assess the need for, and use injectable ergotrate after birth.

In the late 1960's the practice of midwifery was restricted to nurses. Midwives scope of practice remained limited to care during the intrapartum and postpartum period until the regulations of 1986 were passed. These regulations expanded scope to include "management" of the care of the woman during the antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum periods; provision of non-surgically related gynecological care; and care of the neonate. The practice of midwifery was further defined as including prescription of medical, therapeutic, and diagnostic measures; administering specified drugs and relaying medical regimens prescribed by the collaborating physicians as provided for in the collaborative agreement; and performing services that may go beyond the scope of midwifery if delegated to do so by a physician in the collaborative agreement. These regulations limited the practice of midwifery to nurses educated by American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) accredited educational programs and certified by the ACNM.

Midwifery practice is also defined by federal regulations. In 1988 The Social Security Act permitted nurse-midwives to bill separately for reimbursement of care provided during the maternity cycle to Medicare beneficiaries in both inpatient and outpatient (including the home) settings without regard to whether the services were ordered by a physician. The OBRA 1993 law amended the statute to include reimbursement for nurse-midwives under Medicare and Medicaid for services outside of the maternity cycle. CHAMPUS and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan also reimburse for all nurse-midwife provided services.

State Facts: Licensed Midwives in Pennsylvania

Practice Facts:

- Midwives in Pennsylvania practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, private practices, clinics, free-standing birth centers and at home births.
- The first nurse-midwifery practice was established in 1964 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Philadelphia.
- There are over 300 midwives licensed and in clinical practice in Pennsylvania.
- In 2002, Pennsylvania midwives attended 13,025 births. These births account for 9.2 % of all births in Pennsylvania.
- In 8 rural counties, 30 to 45% of the births were attended by a midwife (Clinton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Mifflin, Snyder, Somerset and Warren).
- Lancaster County, which only had 4.6% of total live births in Pennsylvania, accounted for 31.1% of all live births in the state delivered outside of a hospital and 33% in a hospital.
- In Fulton County there is one midwife delivering 50% of the babies in the county.
- In many inner city hospitals midwives deliver 25-30% of the babies (Pennsylvania Hospital, Hahneman Hospital).

Education Facts:

- In Pennsylvania licensed midwives are registered nurses with advanced education in midwifery. Most midwives have a master's degree (70-80%) and approximately 4% have doctorates.
- There are 2 Nurse-Midwifery educational programs in Pennsylvania. The University of Pennsylvania Graduate Program in Nurse Midwifery is a 2 year Masters Degree program. The Institute of Midwifery at the Philadelphia University is a distance learning program that confers a certificate in midwifery at the completion of the program and has Masters Degree completion option.

Reimbursement Facts:

- Nurse-midwives are mandatory MCare fund participants and have received the Mcare abatement for 2003, 2004 and 2005
- Midwives in Pennsylvania receive mandated third party and Medicaid reimbursement.
- Midwives in Pennsylvania are practicing in one of two states without prescriptive authority or admitting privileges in hospitals.

The Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System: A View After the First Year

The issue of patient safety has been around for a long time. More than 2400 years ago, Hippocrates implored his fellow physicians to “do no harm.” In 1864, Mark Twain warned readers about the possibility of getting the wrong medicine because of doctors’ notoriously bad penmanship. And, more recently, patient safety and its tragic flip side, medical errors, received national attention when the Institute of Medicine published *To Err Is Human* in 1999, estimating that up to 98,000 people die in hospitals each year from medical errors.

In the past few months, there has been a spate of articles on patient safety in scholarly publications like *JAMA* and *Health Affairs* and in more popular periodicals like *Time* and *Newsweek*. Recent television shows, including “Frontline” and the “Lou Dobbs Report,” have focused on serious complications and deaths that are attributed to medical errors, and several recent government reports have documented the level and severity of hospital acquired infections within Pennsylvania’s healthcare institutions.

If the 1999 IOM report was a “wake-up” call, it is reasonable to ask what we have done to improve healthcare in the intervening years. Although the conclusions reached by national scholars have not suggested much progress, they also acknowledge that the healthcare industry has taken several initial steps that can generate ongoing quality improvement to promote patient safety and prevent patient harm. Among those steps is the recognition that the public—specifically patients and their families—deserve meaningful answers to questions they ask when they or a loved one is the victim of an unexpected adverse event or medical error.

After a medical error occurs, the first question someone usually asks is, “What happened?”, but the next question is often, “Who did it?” Certainly, when bad things happen because of negligence or intentionally unsafe acts, we have to hold individual practitioners and facilities accountable. However, research indicates that the vast majority of medical errors occur as a result of “systems” problems, a series of events involving many people performing different functions in complex healthcare settings. Rather than ask “Who did it?” it might be more appropriate to ask, “How did it happen?”

The potential for errors is much greater today than it was a century ago because of the combination of human factors, high-technology electronic equipment and sophisticated, often dangerous, medications and procedures. Nevertheless, we can reduce medical errors by identifying where mistakes might happen before they actually occur. This provides an answer to the next question the public has a right to ask: “How will you make sure that this tragedy doesn’t happen again?”

These three questions—“What happened?”, “How did it happen?” and “What are you doing to prevent a recurrence?”—comprise the foundation for a “culture of safety” within our healthcare industry, where people and institutions encourage full and open disclosure to patients, acknowledging mistakes while implementing procedures to prevent future errors.

The Patient Safety Authority was built upon the concept of establishing a “culture of safety” within our healthcare institutions. Created by Act 13 of 2002 (commonly called the “Mcare” Act), the Authority is a non-regulatory, independent state agency charged with helping to reduce and eliminate medical errors by identifying problems and recommending solutions that promote patient safety. Under the Act, all Pennsylvania hospitals, ambulatory surgical facilities and birthing centers, currently numbering about 430, are required to submit reports of what the Act defines as Serious Events and Incidents. Serious Events are adverse events that result in patient harm and Incidents are potential adverse events, or near-misses, that could have but did not result in patient harm.

The Authority implemented the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System (PA-PSRS, pronounced “PAY-sirs”) in June, 2004, making Pennsylvania the first state in the nation to mandate the reporting of adverse events and near-misses. All information submitted to PA-PSRS—which is a secure, web-based reporting and analytical tool—is confidential and non-discoverable, and the system does not collect any identifiable patient or provider information. With the exception of limited statewide aggregate data, facilities only have access to their own data and cannot access data from other facilities.

In the 15 months since mandatory reporting was initiated, PA-PSRS has received more than 180,000 reports, a significant data base that, contrary to some predictions, validates the utility of mandatory reporting, especially the mandatory reporting of near-misses. By many measures, the PA-PSRS system has elevated Pennsylvania to the forefront of patient safety activities around the country, and other states, federal agencies and national healthcare and quality improvement organizations are following this initiative with keen interest.

Central to the Authority’s mission is the recognition that the point of collecting data is not just to collect information but to learn from the experiences embedded in the data. To that end, the Authority analyzes all the data submitted through PA-PSRS to identify trends and recommend steps that providers and hospitals can take to enhance patient safety and reduce the potential for patient harm. Analysis is conducted by a professional team of clinicians, headed by a trauma surgeon, whose members have education and experience in medicine, nursing, law, pharmacy, product engineering, health administration and risk management, among other fields.

Earlier this year, the Authority issued its *Annual Report for 2004*, which included a comprehensive analysis of all reports submitted through

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PA-PSRS during the 2004 calendar year. That represented more than 70,000 adverse events and near-misses submitted during the first six months of mandatory reporting in the Commonwealth. Among the findings:

- 95% of all reports were Incidents; 5% were Serious Events.
- While the most frequently reported events in hospitals involved medication errors and patient falls, complications from procedures represented the most frequently reported events in ambulatory surgical facilities and birthing centers.
- Patient falls accounted for 21% of all reports but only 6% of Serious Events.
- Patients over age 65 represented 41.2% of all inpatient hospitalizations, but that population was involved in 51.2% of all reports and 59% of all Serious Events.
- Medication errors accounted for 25% of all reports but represented only 1% of all Serious Events. However, while most medication errors involved adults, medication errors involving children or adolescents were more likely to result in patient harm.
- 0.3% of all reports and 5.5% of all Serious Events reported a patient death.
- Although complications from procedures accounted for 16% of all reports, they represented 31% of all Serious Events.

Considerably more detail is contained in the complete *Annual Report*, which is accessible on our website.

While these statistics identify the types of events that are occurring within Pennsylvania's healthcare system, they are raw numbers that only partially respond to the first question posed earlier, "What happened?" In order to provide meaningful answers to the other two questions ("How did it happen?" and "What are you doing to prevent a reoccurrence?"), the Authority conducts a detailed analysis to understand the circumstances surrounding a specific event, identify factors that might have contributed to the event (often relying on a root cause analysis), and assess how a facility responded to and learned from that event. That done, we can share best practices and "lessons learned" with other healthcare providers.

We disseminate this information through the *Patient Safety Advisory*, a quarterly publication directed to healthcare professionals and facility administrators. *Advisory* articles are based on actual reports submitted through PA-PSRS, supplemented by a scholarly search of medical literature. Each *Advisory* contains 8-12 articles on various topics, although the Authority also publishes occasional *Supple-*

mentary Advisories on a single topic as appropriate.

Importantly, articles include clinical guidance that facilities and individual providers can adopt to avoid a reoccurrence or prevent a similar event from happening in their own institution. In a user survey of all hospitals, one-third of respondents reported making changes within their facilities as a result of information contained in the *Advisories*. Dr. William Lander, past president of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, also recognized that "the Authority has begun to assist health care systems in successfully identifying and correcting their shortcomings."

Without going into detail, let me summarize several *Advisory* articles that, based on provider feedback, generated changes in facilities' internal procedures or protocols. Each article represented more than a single event in a single facility.

- Confusion between tuberculin and insulin syringes: An article in the October 2004 *Supplementary Advisory* documented several examples of insulin overdose due to look-alike packaging.
- Hidden sources of latex: An article in the June 2004 *Advisory* identified numerous examples of healthcare products that contain unlabeled latex that resulted in harm to latex-sensitive patients or providers.
- Risks associated with multiple transdermal patches: An article in the September 2004 *Advisory* identified several examples of overdose caused by failure to remove a transdermal patch prior to applying a new patch.
- Unlabeled bowls in surgery: An article in the March 2005 *Advisory* documented several situations where patients received the incorrect product/solution because of unlabeled bowls, basins or cups within the sterile field.
- *C. Difficile* fatalities associated with antibiotic use: An article in the June 2005 *Advisory* detailed fatalities attributed to *C. diff sepsis* in patients who had earlier received antibiotic therapy for an unrelated condition or as a prophylaxis in anticipation of an upcoming procedure. This article was especially timely since it was issued several weeks before reports from other entities detailing rates of nosocomial infections in Pennsylvania institutions.

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As is demonstrated by these examples, not every report submitted to PA-PSRS documents a unique situation or identifies a condition that was previously unheard of. While some reports in the PA-PSRS database involve sophisticated or complex procedures or equipment, numerous reports of adverse events and near-misses can be attributed to such routine procedures as failure to comply with accepted hand washing protocols, poor communication, misuse of abbreviations, use of incomplete or inadequate patient identification, and failure to identify problems associated with high alert medications. In fact, many of the reports submitted to PA-PSRS reflect situations that are well documented in the literature, in some cases prominently highlighted by national organizations like the Joint Commission's annual National Patient Safety Goals or the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's "100,000 Lives Campaign."

The Authority has published eight *Patient Safety Advisories* to-date, containing more than 60 articles on various topics. These publications have become a valuable resource for clinicians and researchers, and are widely distributed electronically around the state and throughout the country. Subscriptions, which are no-cost, are available through the Authority website.

While the PA-PSRS reporting system is focused on facilities, the Authority itself is a "learning" organization directed to all members of the healthcare community. While it goes without saying that individual physicians are central to the delivery of health care, it must also be emphasized that individual physicians are key to the development of a "culture of safety" within the healthcare system. Only by working together can we move aggressively to reduce the potential for harm and enhance patient safety.

More information about the Authority and links to references cited within this article can be found on the Authority website, www.psa.state.pa.us.

Alan Rabinowitz is Administrator of the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority, an independent state agency that collects mandatory reports of adverse medical events and near-misses. As administrator, he oversees a \$3 million annual budget and a 5-year, \$9.5 million data collection and analysis contract. During 2004, he oversaw the development and implementation of the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System, a confidential web-based system that networks more than 430 healthcare facilities. Prior to becoming Administrator of the Patient Safety Authority, Rabinowitz spent over 7 years as Chief of Staff in the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Warning: Failure to Understand the Principles in this Article May Jeopardize Your Right to Practice Medicine.

Several years ago I became involved in a relationship with one of my patients. After 15 months the relationship ended. Eight months later a civil lawsuit for malpractice was filed against me citing a breach in medical ethics.

The State Board of Medicine grants physicians the *privilege* to practice medicine. They are also charged with protecting the public and enforcing ethical standards. These standards define "Professional Boundaries". Until recently my understanding of these boundaries was limited to a medical ethics lecture in medical school. My recollection was that dating patients, just as treating family or friends, could cloud objectivity and hence impact medical care. Lawsuits and license revocation were not part of that concept. Although I am sure that medical educators may find this shocking, most resident physicians and medical students to whom I have lectured on this topic share my naïve understanding of this issue.

Dating or sexual relationships with past or present patients violates medical ethics. This is a non-negotiable rule based upon the fact that patients develop some level of transference during doctor-patient encounters. This transference may be conscious or unconscious, therefore its presence must always be presumed. The ethical (and legal) interpretation is that any relationship represents an abuse of the power differential between doctors and patients. Due to the absolute nature of this ethical standard, neither you nor your patient has the option of defending a relationship when discovered by the Board of Medicine. In addition to monetary fines you will likely suffer loss of licensure, accreditation with insurance carriers and hospital staff privileges.

Similar ethical standards apply to "dual relationships" created by mixing doctor-patient relationships with other relationships such as family, friends, students, resident physicians, hospital-office personnel and business acquaintances. A disgruntled nurse, cousin or plumber could report you to the Board of Medicine claiming that your behavior in secular settings affected your professional duty to them as a patient.

Over the past few years I have presented lectures on Professional Boundaries to many groups of students and residents. Most have a very limited understanding of this topic and many have voiced disagreement if not anger over the ethical guidelines involved. The bottom line is that these guidelines exist to protect patients. It is our duty and *privilege* as physicians to respect the boundaries in our relationships.

Disciplinary Actions

Following is a chronological listing of disciplinary actions taken by the Board from July 2004, through September 2005. 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.

Shane Eugene Brant, unlicensed, of Berwyn, Chester County, was denied a license to practice medicine, based on a criminal activity in 2003. (07-14-04)

Lance Lee Gooberman, license no. **MD-038545-L**, of Merchantville, NJ, was actively suspended for five years retroactive to June 15, 2003. After serving two years of active suspension, the remaining three years shall be stayed in favor of probation, based on disciplinary action taken in another state. (07-14-04)

Gary Norman Axelrad, license no. **MD-037387-L**, of Manalapan, NJ, was immediately subject to restriction of not being permitted to perform any act constituting surgery in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, because Axelrad practiced medicine and surgery on a license that was restricted by the proper licensing authority of another state. (07-27-04)

Abdulbari Farooqi, license no. **MD-063365-L**, of Villanova, Delaware County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250, because Farooqi failed to re-

port to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (07-27-04)

Fang Shuh Horng, license no. **MD-032673-L**, of Luray, VA, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250 and had his license to practice medicine indefinitely suspended, immediately stayed in favor of an indefinite period of probation, because Horng had disciplinary action against his license to practice medicine by the proper health care licensing authority of another state, and failed to report to the Board within 60 days of the occurrence of that disciplinary action. (07-27-04)

Richard C. Juang, license no. **MD-018134-Y**, of Erie, Erie County, consented to having his medical license suspended for 30 days and consented to being assessed a \$500 civil penalty because his license or other authorization to practice the profession was suspended by a proper licensing authority of another state. Juang also failed to report to the board within 60 days of the occurrence of the disciplinary action taken against him by the proper health care licensing authority. (07-27-04)

Sheldon Karabell, license no. **MD-010166-E**, of Warminster, Bucks County, was issued a public reprimand, assessed a \$3,000 civil penalty and ordered to complete continuing medical education, due to his failures in meeting the standards with respect to the prescribing and administering of controlled substances to a patient. (07-27-04)

Stephen C.K. Lau, license no. **MD-045052-E**, of Elkins, WV, had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state and may not practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or otherwise represent himself as having an active

Pennsylvania license unless and until he re-activates his Pennsylvania license in accordance with the Board's restrictions and may not perform gastrointestinal endoscopy except that he may perform rigid anoscopy and rigid proctoscopy as part of other procedures in the operating room of a hospital in Pennsylvania at which he has, or hereafter will have staff privileges. (07-27-04)

Iqbal Nasir, license no. **MD-016752-E**, of Bingham Farms, MI, was issued a public reprimand and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty due to reciprocal disciplinary action having been taken against his license by the Ohio Medical Board. (07-27-04)

Frank E. Niechniedowicz, license no. **MD-068225-L**, of Washington, D.C. consented to the immediate and permanent voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth, because Niechniedowicz had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (07-27-04)

James E. Redenbaugh, license no. **MD-019681-E**, of Allentown, Lehigh County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250, because Redenbaugh 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. (07-27-04)

Daniel Richards, license no. **MT-048414-T**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250, because Richards 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. (07-27-04)

Crystal Roxann Robertson, license no. **MD-045595-L**, of Royersford, Montgomery County, agrees not to self-prescribe while her license is not current, and, if in the future she applies for renewal of her physician's license, she agrees to present to the board her ability to practice

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medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (07-27-04)

Vladimir P. Shurlan, M.D., license no. **MD-042098-E**, of Cambridge, MA, had his license to practice the profession of medicine indefinitely suspended by the State Board of Medicine, was ordered to immediately cease and desist from the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth and was assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (07-27-04)

Charles H. Stevens, license no. **YM-003472**, of Corry, Erie County, was ordered by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine to pay a \$750 civil penalty because Mr. Stevens practiced respiratory therapy without a valid, current license. (07-27-04)

Friedrich J. Von Bun, license no. **MD-039355-E**, of Pekin, IL, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$500, because Von Bun violated the Act in that Respondent had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine and surgery by the proper licensing authority of another state. (07-27-04)

Richard Allen Brown, license no. **MD-033423-E**, of Strafford, Montgomery County, was automatically suspended based on the fact that he pled guilty to felony drug counts in violation of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (07-28-04)

Cindee Gardner, unlicensed, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$200 civil penalty for the unlicensed practice of medicine. (07-28-04)

Alva James Hartwright, Jr., license no. **MD-051105-L**, of Morrisville, Bucks County, was revoked, based on guilty pleas of two counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, four counts of sexual

abuse of children and two counts of endangering the welfare of children. (07-28-04)

Augusto Loaiza, license no. **MD-035885-L**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was placed on probation based on actions taken in the State of California, until such time as the restrictions on the California license have been lifted. A civil penalty of \$1,000 was to be paid within 30 days. (07-28-04)

Momtaz Ahmed, license no. **MD-030716-L**, of Syracuse, NY, was indefinitely suspended, based on Respondent's unprofessional conduct in having disciplinary action taken against him by the proper licensing authority of another state and until such time as his license is restored to unrestricted status in the other states. (07-30-04)

Sureshchandra C. Shah, license no. **MD-037957-L**, of Los Angeles, CA, was revoked, based on Respondent engaging in sexual misconduct with a patient, gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, unprofessional conduct and preparing misleading medical records. (07-30-04)

Jeffery J. Rutgard, of Far Hills, NJ, was granted a license on probation for two years based on his conviction in 1994 of Medicare fraud for billing infractions and performing surgery earlier than considered necessary. (08-03-04)

David T. Shashikant, of Rockville, MD, was granted a license subject to him successfully completing an examination and application requirements and paying any fees due. Additionally, he may practice only on a monitored/probationary basis for the first year based on his disorganization which led to the lapses of licenses by the Virginia Board. (08-03-04)

Richard Thomas Vagley, license no. **MD-011041-E**, of Pittsburgh, Allegh-

eny County, was issued a public reprimand in a matter of reciprocal discipline which originated in West Virginia. (08-03-04)

Joel S. Arcilla, license no. **MD-030945-E**, of Trevese, Bucks County, was revoked, based on Respondent's practice of medicine on a suspended license. (08-04-04)

Stuart A. Medoff, license no. **MD-038008-L**, of Scottsdale, AZ, was reprimanded, assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 and placed on probation based on findings that he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (08-04-04)

Sidney S. Loxley, license no. **MD-0104977-E**, of West Milton, OH, was indefinitely suspended based on the fact that he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (08-16-04)

Bruce Jeffery Merkin, license no. **MD-033459-E**, of Barboursville, WV, was indefinitely suspended until such time as he can demonstrate that his license to practice in West Virginia has been restored to an unrestricted status and he is in good standing. (08-20-04)

Douglas Zischkau, license no. **MD-036329-E**, of El Paso, TX, was indefinitely suspended based on the fact that he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (08-20-04)

Joseph D'Amico, license no. **MD-031396-E** of Venice, FL, agreed to the permanent, immediate and voluntary surrender of his license, because D'Amico had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (08-24-04)

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Byron S. Braid, license no. **MD-013389-E**, of Pocopson, Chester County, was assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000, based on practicing medicine and surgery during the time that he failed to hold a valid and unsuspended/unrevoked license. (08-25-04)

Myrna Lopez Soriano, license no. **MD-026265-E**, of Trenton, NJ, was reprimanded and assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500, based on the fact that she had disciplinary action taken against her license by the proper licensing authority of another state and for making a false or deceptive biennial registration with the Board. (08-30-04)

Gregory H. Pierce, license no. **MD-050457-L**, of Collegeville, Montgomery County, was reinstated subject to three years probation with terms and conditions. (08-31-04)

Jacob Tasher, license no. **MD-042922-L**, of Slingerlands, NY, was reinstated subject to terms and conditions. (08-31-04)

Mark Maurice O'Connell, license no. **MD-053249-L**, of Little Silver, NJ, had his license to practice medicine placed on probation based on his continued compliance with the terms of his limited licensure in the State of New Jersey. (09-3-04)

Richard W. Illes, license no. **MD-052334-L**, of Camp Hill, Cumberland County, was revoked based on conviction of a felony. (09-10-04)

Tommy Taylor Osborne, license no. **MD-069327-L**, of Cape Charles, VA, was revoked by reason of a criminal indictment filed in Texas. (09-10-04)

Stacey R. Sherry, license no. **MT-182340**, of Reading, Berks County, was suspended based on her inability to practice the profession with reasonable

skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental incompetence. (09-16-04)

Darshan S. Sidhu, license no. **MD-040725-E**, of Salinas, CA, was assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 and indefinitely suspended based on the fact that he was convicted of a felony in the courts of another state, because disciplinary action was taken against his license to practice medicine by proper licensing authority of another state. (09-21-04)

Ruben Antonio Gonzalez-Florin, license no. **MD-033432-L**, of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty for misrepresenting or concealing a material fact in filing an application for licensure with Florida by failing to disclose on his application that he had taken a leave of absence and had repeated medical education while in medical school. (09-22-04)

Fredesmina Y. Baluyut, license no. **MD-030299-E**, of McKeesport, Allegheny County, permanently and voluntarily surrendered her license, because Baluyut had disciplinary action taken against her license to practice medicine and surgery by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09-28-04)

Althea A. Donovan, license no. **MD-040071-L**, of West Chester, Chester County, was suspended for a period of three years with 60 days active and the remainder stayed in favor of probation and ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$20,000, because Donovan engaged in a personal, sexual, intimate and/or romantic relationship with a patient/former patient. (09-28-04)

Jeffrey L. Fahnestock, license no. **MA-001458-L**, of Chambersburg, Franklin County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of \$1,000, as well as having a Public Reprimand placed on his permanent Board record and agreed to

complete a course in appropriate prescribing, because Fahnestock self prescribed and failed to maintain medical records. (09-28-04)

Shlomo Sam Finn, license no. **MD-043275-E**, of Dallas, TX, had a formal public reprimand placed on his permanent Board record, because Finn has had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper issuing authority of another state. (09-28-04)

Rebecca Anne Fodor, license no. **YM-010693**, of Stahlstown, Westmoreland County, was assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Fodor held herself out to the public as a respiratory care practitioner and practiced respiratory care when she did not hold a valid, current temporary permit or certificate issued by the Board. (09-28-04)

Rodney Kent Hough, license no. **MD-012607-E**, of Carlisle, Cumberland County, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of \$5,000, have a Public Reprimand placed on his permanent Board record and be Suspended for 10 years, immediately stayed in favor of Probation for 10 years, because Hough was convicted of a felony and a misdemeanor related to the health profession. (09-28-04)

Charles T. Kempf, M.D., license no. **MD-022973-E**, of East Stroudsburg, Monroe County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250.00, because Kempf failed to comply with reporting requirements of Section 903 of the MCARE Act. (09-28-04)

Louis Mark Miller, license no. **MD-049300-L**, of Yuma, AZ, was issued a formal reprimand based on the fact that he had disciplinary action taken against him by the proper licensing authority of another state, specifically the Arizona State Board of Medical Examiners. (09-28-04)

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Mark Pyles, license no. **MD-028609-E**, of Berwick, Columbia County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250, because Pyles violated the Act in that Respondent failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that was filed against Respondent. (09-28-04)

Lorrie R. Radcliff, license no. **RT-002266-A**, of Bethlehem, Northampton County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$500, because Radcliff practiced as an athletic trainer while her certificate was expired. (09-28-04)

Joseph E. Robinson, license no. **MD-058580-L**, of Hammondsport, NY, had his license indefinitely suspended, because Robinson has disciplinary action imposed by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09-28-04)

Vadim Michael Schaldenko, M.D., license no. **MD-013758-E**, of Dracut, Massachusetts had his license indefinitely suspended for no less than five years retroactive from December 17, 2003, was ordered to cease and desist from the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth, ordered not to represent himself as a board licensee of Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine in any manner whatsoever and after the suspension to apply for reactivation only through petition to the Board based on his having disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09-28-04)

Emerita Torres Gueson, M.D., license no. **MD-033250-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was reinstated from probation to unrestricted status retroactive to May 18, 2004 after payment of her 1995 (CAT Fund) emergency surcharge in the amount of \$10,009 was paid in full. Gueson's license was placed on probation, which was to continue until such time

as her 1995 (CAT Fund) emergency surcharge in the amount of \$10,009 was paid in full. (09-28-04)

Terry J. Warby, license no. **MD-045032-L**, of Monroeville, Allegheny County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250, because Warby failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that was filed against Respondent. (09-28-04)

Howard Marc Watzman, M.D., license no. **MD-058802-L**, of Chicago, IL, was indefinitely suspended until such time as all terms, conditions and limitations on his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Illinois have been removed and his Illinois license has been restored to unrestricted status, because he had a license to practice medicine and surgery disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state and failed to report this disciplinary action to the Board within 60 days after its occurrence. (09-28-04)

Carla T. Whipkey, license no. **MD-038240-E**, of Murrysville, Westmoreland County, agrees to voluntarily and permanently surrender her license, because Whipkey failed to practice the medical profession with reasonable skill and safety due to her continued use/dependence on controlled substances and her refusal to consider evaluation/treatment options to address her ongoing use of prescription pain medications. (09-28-04)

Woodrow W. Yeane, license no. **MD-421944**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250, because Yeane failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that was filed against Respondent. (09-28-04)

Nathan D. Goldenthal, license no. **MD-040882-E**, of Scottsdale, AZ, was issued a formal reprimand based on the fact that he had disciplinary action taken against him by the proper licensing authority of another state, specifically the Arizona State Board of Medical Examiners. (09-30-04)

James Frank Nash, license no. **MD-045232-E**, of Lake Arrowhead, CA and Douglassville, GA, was revoked by reason of voluntary surrender of his license in Georgia. (10-5-04)

Valerie J. Conroy, license no. **MA-001126-L**, of Ottsville, Bucks County, voluntarily surrendered her license, because Conroy is unable to practice as a physician assistant with reasonable skill and safety due to illness. (10-15-04)

Steven Jae Cynn, M.D., license no. **MD-032618-L**, of Charlotte, North Carolina had his license to practice the profession of medicine revoked 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. (10-15-04)

Ross M. Katz, license no. **MD-033010-E**, of Scottsdale, AZ, had his license immediately subject to restriction, because Katz had his license to practice medicine and surgery restricted by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-15-04)

Gregory Michael Lang, license no. **MD-015571-E**, of British Columbia, Canada, was ordered to permanently and voluntarily surrender his license, because Lang had his license or other authorization to practice the profession revoked or suspended or other disciplinary action taken against Respondent by the proper licensing authority of another state, territory, possession or country, or a branch of the Federal Government. (10-15-04)

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Steven Frederick Manekin, license no. **MD-073509-L**, of White Marsh, MD, permanently voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, because Manekin had his license to practice medicine disciplined by the proper licensing of another state. (10-15-04)

Muhammed Adnan Sankari, M.D., license no. **MD-021547-E**, of Flushing, MI, agreed to a permanent, voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because he had his license to practice medicine and surgery disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-15-04)

Paul S. Shneidman, license no. **MD-043140-E**, of Gibbsboro, NJ was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 and must have a minimum of eight credit hours in the proper preparation of patient records and charts within the next year, because Shneidman failed to make a contemporaneous entry on the patient's chart each and every time he performed a particular test, examination, or observation and could not produce a medical record for the patient which was accurate, legible and complete. (10-15-04)

Irwin Howard Wolfert, license no. **MD-044067-E**, of Blue Bell, Montgomery County, agreed to a Board ordered three year period of suspension of his license to practice medicine and surgery, which was immediately stayed in favor of probation under terms and conditions which include over 550 hours of community service and other professional development activities and also was ordered to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty, based upon his having committed unprofessional conduct by engaging in an inappropriate relationship with a patient. (10-15-04)

Luis Ismael Campos, license no. **MD-038866-L**, of Allentown, Lehigh County, was placed on probation for a period of no less than three years based on

Respondent's having pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge relating to the health profession and being convicted of an act involving immoral conduct. (10-18-04)

Jerry Berl Lemler, license no. **MD-025962-E**, of Payston, AZ, was indefinitely suspended, based on having action taken against him by the state of Tennessee. (10-18-04)

Sam J. D'Ambrosi, license no. **YM-0004447-L**, of New Castle, Lawrence County, was suspended for no less than three years based on the fact that he violated the terms of his Consent Agreement and Order. (10-25-04)

John Allen Frenz, license no. **MD-013997-E**, of Pearl, MI, was revoked based on his voluntary surrender of his licenses in Mississippi and Wisconsin and the revocation of his license in Alabama. (10-27-04)

Douglas Karel, license no. **MD-423547-L**, of Lima, OH, was granted a license to practice medicine and surgery subject to three years probation with terms and conditions. (10-28-04)

Azamuddin Khaja, license no. **MT-179353-E**, of Fairfield, OH, was issued a public reprimand for misrepresenting or concealing a material fact in renewing his license to practice as a Graduate Medical Trainee. (10-28-04)

H. Terrence Bennett, certificate no. **RT-000925-B**, of Summerhill, Cambria County, was suspended for one year, with all but 30 days of the suspension stayed in favor of probation, based on guilty pleas of practicing as an athletic trainer on a lapsed certificate. (10-29-04)

Jeffrey Lubin, license no. **MD-026079-E**, of Shavertown, Luzerne County, was suspended. The suspension was stayed subject to his comply-

ing with treatment mandated by a previous disciplinary action agreement. (11-2-04)

James Malcolm Long, III, license no. **MD-010420-E**, of Wilsonville and Birmingham, AL, was revoked by reason of being convicted of a felony in the United States District Court of Alabama. (11-5-04)

Yolanda Joy Yoder, license no. **MD-044411-E**, of Paoli, IN, was issued a public reprimand without probation by reason of license disciplinary action imposed by the state of Indiana. (11-5-04)

Sarah J. Parker, unlicensed, of Avon, NY, was denied licensure to practice midwifery. (11-10-04)

Waddah Allaf, license no. **MD-053114-L**, of North Miami Beach, Florida was ordered by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty because Waddah Allaf had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-16-04)

Ahsan Kaleen Bajwa, license no. **MD-028174-E**, of Fresno, California agreed to voluntarily surrender 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 and by failing to report this discipline to the Board within 60 days. (11-16-04)

Charles Anton Buzzanell, license no. **MD-045542-E**, of Ashville, NC, agreed to voluntarily surrender 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. (11-16-04)

Assunta Cerrato, license no. **YM-003515-L**, of Bryn Mawr, Montgomery County was assessed a civil penalty of

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\$1,000 to be paid in four installments of \$250 each because she practiced the profession of respiratory therapy in the Commonwealth as a respiratory care practitioner without a valid certificate. (11-16-04)

Joanne Lyn Doherty, license no. **RT-003203**, of Collegeville, Montgomery was assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 because she practiced as an athletic trainer from January 1, 2003 to November 17, 2003, a period of about 11 months on an expired license. (11-16-04)

Maciej Lambert, license no. **MD-036087-E**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Lambert failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that was filed against Respondent. (11-16-04)

Leon Edward Lis, M.D., license no. **MD-067353-L**, of Arcadia, CA, was issued a public reprimand, assessed a \$500 civil penalty, and placed on probation because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state and he failed to report that disciplinary action to the Board within 60 days of its occurrence. (11-16-04)

Myrna Lopez Soriano, license no. **MD-026265-E**, of Trenton, NJ, was reprimanded and assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 based on making a false or deceptive biennial registration with the Board in that disciplinary action was taken against her license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-16-04)

Alan Ottenstein, license no. **MD-033620-E**, of Washington Crossing, Bucks County, suspended indefinitely, for a period contemporaneous with the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners Consent Order, terminating no earlier than September 10, 2008. Upon adoption of this Consent Agreement and Order, Re-

spondent shall immediately cease and desist from the practice of medicine, and shall not represent himself as a board licensee in any manner whatsoever, because Ottenstein had his license to practice medicine disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-16-04)

William D. Pierce, license no. **MD-060654-L**, of Ocean Pines, MD, was placed on indefinite suspension, because Pierce had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-16-04)

Frederick A. Reichle, license no. **MD-006646-E**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, had his license Suspended for a period of 90 days, paid a Civil Penalty of \$3,000 and had a Public Reprimand placed on his permanent Board record because Reichle violated the Act at 63 P.S. § 422.41(4) in that Respondent having a license to practice the profession, had disciplinary action taken against him by a proper authority, the State of West Virginia. (11-16-04)

Michael P. Siropaides, license no. **MD-032824-E**, of Cleveland, TX, had a public reprimand placed on his permanent Board record because Dr. Siropaides had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-16-04)

Susan C. Weil, license no. **MD-041995-L**, of Wynnewood, Montgomery County, was assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000 based on the prescribing of controlled substances to family members and failure to maintain any medical records. (11-16-04)

Dulal Bhattacharjee, license no. **MD-054622-L**, of Stroudsburg, Monroe County, was revoked but the revocation was stayed in favor of nineteen month's

active suspension based on pleading guilty to a federal felony related to the practice of medicine. (11-17-04)

Cynthia Lee Ketterer, license no. **MD-057569-L**, of Spring, TX was indefinitely suspended, for a period of active suspension of not less than two years and was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$2,000, because Ketterer was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of Texas on at least four occasions. (11-18-04)

Christopher E. Ervin, of Washington, DC, was denied licensure based on findings of engaging in unprofessional or immoral conduct. (11-23-04)

Bruce James McSurdy, license no. **MD-067067-L**, of North Platte, NE, was revoked by reason of disciplinary action by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-23-04)

Avram Herstel Zackai, license no. **MD-017810-E**, of St. Paul, MN and Chicago, IL, was indefinitely suspended by reason of disciplinary action against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (12-02-04)

Abdul Rashid Baluch, license no. **MD-037576-L**, of Midland, TX, was revoked by reason of disciplinary action against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (12-07-04)

Michael A. Basco, M.D., license no. **MD-055836-L**, of Colleyville, Texas had a Public Reprimand placed on his permanent Board record because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (12-14-04)

Christopher G. Bosse, license no. **MD-041824-L**, of Abington, Montgomery County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Bosse failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of

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notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against Respondent. (12-14-04)

David Marshall Cheney, M.D., license no. **MD-030690-E**, of Baxley, GA, was issued a public reprimand and was also assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper health care licensing authority of another state and failed to report to the Board within 60 days of the occurrence of the disciplinary action taken against him by the proper health care licensing authority of the other state. (12-14-04)

Andrew S. Gallant, license no. **MD-044532-E**, of Palm City, Florida was ordered by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty because Dr. Gallant had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (12-14-04)

Christopher Fell Huntington, license no. **MD-056137-L**, of Barrington, RI, was reprimanded and assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 for not meeting acceptable standards of care in another state. (12-14-04)

Gayla Beth Kaskaske, M.D., license no. **MT-182993**, of Landover Hill, MD, was ordered to comply with certain conditions if she ever applies for a license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth because she was unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or addiction to drugs or alcohol. (12-14-04)

William Richard Poller, M.D., license no. **MD-016459-E**, of Glenshaw, Allegheny County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Poller 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. (12-14-04)

Rita A. Sawyer, license no. **MD-029411-E**, of Lebanon, Lebanon County, was indefinitely suspended, because Sawyer violated the Act at 63 P.S. §422.41(8) (unprofessional/immoral conduct) in that Respondent has been charged with the crime of murder, specifically the murder of her mother. (12-14-04)

Kira Schofield, license no. **MD-044578-E**, of Springfield, OH, was ordered to pay a Civil Penalty of \$1,000 and had a Public Reprimand placed on her permanent Board record, because Schofield had disciplinary action taken against her license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of other states and was convicted of a misdemeanor relating to a health profession in the courts of this Commonwealth. (12-14-04)

Mukundray V. Sheth, license no. **MD-021314-E**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Sheth 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. (12-14-04)

Rosetta Valerie Cannata, license no. **MD-039863-L**, of Osprey, FL, was indefinitely suspended based on disciplinary action taken against her license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (12-21-04)

Susan C. Weil, license no. **MD-041995-L**, of Wynnewood, Montgomery County, was assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000 based on the prescribing of controlled substances to family members and failure to maintain any medical records.

Sherif Antoun Philips, license no. **MD-051737-L**, of Greenville, NC, was reprimanded based on the fact that he had disciplinary action taken against his

license to practice medicine by the North Carolina medical Board. (12-28-04)

Marlys Jean Hasson, license no. **MD-072553-E**, of York, York County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based upon failure to report to the Board a complaint in a medical professional liability action filed against him within 60 days. (12-29-04)

Andre Charles Salas, license no. **MD-039837-L**, of Orange Park, FL, was reprimanded and assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000 based on disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-12-05)

Evan Benjamin Dreyer, license no. **MD-062408-L**, of Upper St. Clair, Allegheny County was assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 based on disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-13-05)

Harvey J. Navrkal, of Houston, TX, was granted an indefinite probationary graduate medical training license and may practice on a monitored/probationary basis, subject to terms and conditions. (01-21-05)

Daniel A. Burwell, II, certificate no. **MA-002451-L**, of Duncansville, Blair County, had his certificate to practice as a physician assistant suspended for no less than three years, such suspension to be immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, because Burwell engaged in unprofessional conduct. (01-25-05)

Praful Desai, license no. **MD-021125-E**, of Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County was ordered by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty because Dr. Desai failed to report to the Board, within 60 days, that he

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had been named in a medical professional liability action. (01-25-05)

Gerald D. Garcia, license no. **MD-032817-E**, of Erie, Erie County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Garcia 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. (01-25-05)

James P. Herberg, license no. **MD-005834-E**, of Centre Hall, Centre County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$5,000, was placed on probation for three years and will have a public reprimand placed on Respondent's permanent record, because Herberg failed to maintain appropriate records while rendering care and treatment and/or prescribing medications, including controlled substances to his wife. (01-25-05)

Ellison Frederick Herro, license no. **MD-033974-L**, of Phoenix, AZ, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 and a public reprimand was placed on Respondent's permanent Board record, because Herro had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice the profession by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-25-05)

Gerald D. Kruglik, M.D., license no. **MD-0049788-L**, of Tamarac, Florida was assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-25-05)

Michael Curt Lafon, M.D., license no. **MD-033265-E**, of Wenonah, NJ, had his license immediately revoked, because Lafon had been convicted of a felony, had been convicted of an act involving sexual misconduct, had been convicted of an act involving immoral and/or unprofessional conduct and had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-25-05)

Young Wan Lee, license no. **MD-033653-L**, of Cherry Hill, NJ, agreed to voluntarily surrender her license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because she had disciplinary action taken against her license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-25-05)

Nicholas Lisnichy, M.D., license no. **MD-041373-E**, of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, was indefinitely suspended from the practice of medicine, because Respondent has been charged with the crimes of delivery of a controlled substance to a minor and obtaining a controlled substance by fraud. (01-25-05)

Thien Phuc Nguyen, M.D., license no. **MD-040293-E**, of Sacramento, CA, voluntarily surrendered his license because he had his license to practice the profession of medicine and surgery revoked or suspended and had other disciplinary action taken by a proper licensing authority of another state. (01-25-05)

Antonio A. Romero, M.D., license no. **MD-035239-L**, of Downey, CA consented to the immediate permanent voluntary surrender of his license because Romero had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-25-05)

Stephen A. Shore, license no. **MD-041618-L**, of Drexel Hill, Delaware County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Shore 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. (01-25-05)

Rao R. Suryadevara, M.D., license no. **MD-066623-L**, of Oakland Gardens, New York agreed to voluntarily and permanently surrender his license because

he had his license to practice the profession revoked or suspended by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-25-05)

Michael R. Tinkler, license no. **MD-054394-L**, of Torrington, CT, was indefinitely suspended based on disciplinary action being taken against him by the proper licensing authority of another state, and violation of a lawful Board order. (01-25-05)

Guido Urizar, license no. **MD-037929-L**, of C. Gables, Florida, was assessed a \$3,500 civil penalty because he had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice the profession by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-25-05)

John Ingui, license no. **MD-029768-E**, of Narberth, Montgomery County, was placed on probation and assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$6,000, based on prescribing controlled substances without having a valid DEA permit, practicing without holding a current license, and practicing medicine without maintaining the required amount of professional liability insurance. (01-26-05)

Frederick John Nahas, license no. **MD-016770-E**, of Somers Point, NJ, was revoked based on his conviction of a felony relating to the health profession in a Federal court. (01-26-05)

Shaista Nasreen Toor, license no. **MD-031141-E**, of Monroeville, Allegheny County, was issued a \$7,638 civil penalty, suspending her license until she pays her civil penalty in full and provides proof of malpractice insurance, by reason of violating the Board's regulations by not paying the required CAT Fund surcharge. (01-26-05)

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John A. Krosnoff, license no. **MD-027304-L**, of La Canada, CA, was revoked based on disciplinary action against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-27-05)

David Charles Peter, license no. **MD-043016-E**, of Vancouver, WA, was revoked based on disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-27-05)

Francis Tsao, license no. **MD-041865-L**, of New York, NY, was indefinitely suspended based on disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-27-05)

John B. Flynn, Jr., license no. **TL-000520-B**, of Goshen, NY, was indefinitely suspended by reason of failure to report to the Board the previous disciplinary orders of the New York State Board. (02-09-05)

Azzam N. Ahmed, license no. **MD-036297-L**, of Twinsburg, OH, was revoked based on his being convicted of a felony in a court of another state, having his license revoked by the proper licensing authority of another state and failing to report disciplinary action instituted against him by a licensing authority of another state within 30 days after its occurrence. (02-22-05)

Howard Fugate, Jr., license no. **MD-023869-L**, of DuBois, Clearfield County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 because Fugate practiced medicine and surgery on an expired license. (02-22-05).

Joseph Henry Nejman, M.D., license no. **MD-023878-E**, of Abington, Montgomery County was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 because he failed to report to the Board within 60 days the receipt of a notice of complaint in a medical

professional liability action that was filed against him. (02-22-05)

James A. Paskow, license no. **MD-041730-E**, of The Woodlands, TX, consented to the immediate voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine because he violated the Medical Practice Act in that his license or other authorization to practice the profession was revoked or suspended or other disciplinary action was taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (02-22-05)

David S. Rosen, license no. **MD-066316-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Rosen failed to report to the Board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that was filed against Respondent. (02-22-05)

UNETHICAL OR UNLICENSED ACTIVITY

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Leighton Seaton Perrins, license no. **MD-044178-E**, of Mt. Laurel, NJ, was ordered to have his license suspended for a period of five years; said suspension is to be immediately stayed in favor of probation for a term of five years, because Perrins pled guilty to a felony in the courts of another state. (02-22-05)

Charles Selden Scharf, M.D., license no. **MD-019578-E**, of Beckley, WV, voluntarily surrendered his license, because Scharf, M.D. had his license to practice medicine and surgery disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (02-22-05)

Marcos Szomstein, M.D., license no. **MD-053362-L**, of Miami, FL, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (02-22-05)

Arnold Jay Zedd, M.D., license no. **MD-018177-E**, of Alexandria, VA, had his license revoked and a public reprimand placed on Respondent's permanent Board record. These sanctions were imposed because Zedd surrendered his license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland and is guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct. (02-22-05)

Amr Hamid El-Mahdy, license no. **MD-037349-E**, of Warren, OH, was indefinitely suspended by reason of his failure to report the Ohio board's disciplinary action to the Board within 60 days. (02-24-05)

Roger Glenn Gano, license no. **MD-046819-L**, of Fairbanks, AK, was indefinitely suspended subject to reinstatement in accord with previous conditions of his 2000 Consent Agreement, based on disciplinary action taken in against him in another state. (02-24-05)

Disciplinary Actions

Nasrollah Jahdi, M.D., license no. **MD-028222-E**, of Sewickley, Allegheny County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because he 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. (03-22-05)

Myoung S. Kim, license no. **MD-036570-L**, of Uniontown, Fayette County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$2,500, a public reprimand is placed on his permanent board record, and Dr. Kim's medical license is placed on probation for a period of one year because Kim engaged in unprofessional conduct by departing from, or failing to conform to the accepted standard of medical care. (03-22-05)

Mark Steven Pohlot, license no. **RT-001344-A**, of Belle Vernon, Fayette County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Pohlot practiced as an athletic trainer on a lapsed license from January 1, 2003 until June 2, 2004. (03-22-05)

Vatsala Ramprasad, M.D., license no. **MD-038724-L**, of Glen Mills, Delaware County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 because she failed to report to the Board within 60 days the receipt of a notice of complaint in a medical professional liability action that was filed against her. (03-22-05)

Marc S. Schneider, M.D., license no. **MD-040089-L**, of Fort Myers, Florida, was assessed a \$5,000 civil penalty because Schneider's license or other authorization to practice the profession was revoked or suspended or other disciplinary action was taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (03-22-05)

Luzita Isabel Vela, C.A.T., license no. **RT-003217**, of State College, Centre County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$500, because she practiced on a

lapsed certified athletic trainer's license for approximately 15 months. (03-22-05)

Irwin Howard Wolfert, M.D., license number **MD-044067-E**, of Blue Bell, Montgomery County, agreed to a Board ordered 57 day period of suspension of his license to practice medicine and surgery, which includes over 550 hours of community service and other professional development activities, and also was ordered to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty, based upon his having committed unprofessional conduct by engaging in an inappropriate relationship with a patient. This order superseded a disciplinary order issued by the Board in October of 2004. (03-22-05)

Robert P. Ditizio, license no. **MD-047027-L**, of Collegeville, Montgomery County, was reinstated with three years of monitoring/probation having met all of the terms and conditions imposed by the Board's order of January 30, 2004. (03-24-05)

Annette Yanas Adams, license no. **YM-006509-L**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was reprimanded and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty by reason of practicing respiratory care on an expired license. (03-28-05)

Louis Gerard Trunzo, license no. **MD-041102-E**, of Phoenix, AZ, was issued a public reprimand based on the fact that he had disciplinary action taken against him by the proper licensing authority of another state, specifically the Arizona State Board of Medical Examiners. (04-13-05)

Harvey Walter Brookman, license no. **MD-026946-E**, of Yardley, Bucks County, was immediately, temporarily suspended because he presents a danger to the public health and safety. (04-15-05).

Jerrold R. Albom, license no. **MD-024757-E**, of Dallas, TX, received a revocation of his license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, because Albom violated the Act in that Respondent had his license or other authorization to practice the profession revoked or suspended, or had other disciplinary action taken, or an application for license or other authorization refused. (04-26-05)

Erlinda Dela Cruz Del Rosario, M.D., license no. **MD-051685-L**, of Plainsboro, NJ, immediately, permanently voluntarily surrendered her license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, because she had a license to practice the profession revoked or suspended, or had other disciplinary action taken against her license to practice the profession by the proper licensing authority of another state. (04-26-05)

Angel R. Flores, license no. **MD-041891-L**, of Beaver, Beaver County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because he failed to report to the Board within 60 days, the receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action against him. (04-26-05)

James Leslie Forsberg, M.D., license no. **MD-032081-E**, of Sykesville, MD, had a public reprimand placed on his permanent Board record, because Forsberg had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice the profession by the proper licensing authority of another state. (04-26-05)

Andre Michael Kwa, license no. **MD-048486-L**, of Longwood, FL, agreed to voluntarily surrender his license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (04-26-05)

Disciplinary Actions

Tatiana Leibu, M.D., license no. **MD-058891-L**, of Greensburg, Westmoreland County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Leibu failed to make available to the patient or to another designated health care practitioner, the medical records of a patient until recently, despite repeated demands by the patient. (04-26-05)

Catherine C. McKesson, M.D., license no. **MD-061215-L**, of Lomira, WI, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because she had disciplinary action taken against her license or other authorization to practice the profession by the proper health care licensing authority of another state and then failed to report that disciplinary action to the Board within 60 days of the occurrence of the disciplinary action. (04-26-05)

Joseph Andrew Stofanek, license no. **RT-002279-A**, of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 because he practiced as an athletic trainer while his certificate was expired because he had not paid a current registration fee. (04-26-05)

Bihong Guan, license no. **AK-000444-L**, of Ambler, Montgomery County, was revoked for engaging in unprofessional conduct. (04-29-05)

Annemarie Karen Kreutner, license no. **MD-009120-E**, of Mt. Pleasant and Charleston, SC, was issued a public reprimand based on disciplinary action taken against her license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of South Carolina and failure to report the final order issued by the State Board of Medical Examiners of South Carolina within 90 days of the final disposition. (04-29-05)

Arthur M. Lerner, license no. **MD-039360-L**, of Huntingdon Valley, Montgomery County, was suspended for five years with the exception of the first six months, with said suspension being stayed

in favor of probation, subject to terms and conditions based on his failure to comply with the Disciplinary Monitoring Unit Consent Agreement. (04-29-05)

Layne J. Molmen, license no. **MD-005495-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was reinstated to practice as a respiratory therapist, with the three year suspension of said license, stayed, in favor of probation, administered by the Disciplinary Monitoring Unit of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs, based on his guilty plea of stealing narcotics from a patient's home. (04-29-05)

Valerie M. Pricener, license no. **MD-044748-L**, of Ruffs Dale, Westmoreland County, was suspended indefinitely until or about September 20, 2007, such suspension to be immediately stayed in favor of probation, because Pricener violated Paragraph 5(b)(19) of the Consent Agreement and Order previously approved by the Board. (05-24-05)

Elliott Rampulla, license no. **MD-042186-L**, of Mobile, AL, voluntarily surrendered his license because he received disciplinary action from another licensing authority of another state, territory or possession of the United States, another country or a branch of the Federal Government and failed to report that action within 60 days after its occurrence. (05-24-05)

Fernando C. Rodriguez, license no. **MD-041302-E**, of Bellemead, NJ, was indefinitely suspended until such time as he provides documentary evidence to the Board that the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners has reinstated his license to practice medicine without restriction and that he affirmatively shows his fitness to practice medicine. (05-25-05)

James D. Stern, license no. **MD-048166-L**, of Boca Raton, FL, was ordered to permanently surrender his license and cease and desist from practicing in this Commonwealth and shall not represent himself as a licensee of the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine in any manner whatsoever, because Stern violated the Act in that the Respondent's license was revoked or suspended or other disciplinary action was taken against the Respondent by the proper licensing authority of another state. (05-24-05)

David Michael Chatham, license no. **MD-044866-L**, of Rockville, MD and Bellevue, WA, was indefinitely suspended until such time as he provides documentary evidence to the Board that the Washington State Department of Health, Medical Quality Assurance Commission has reinstated his license to practice medicine without restriction in that state. (05-26-05)

Bang Hoon Lee, license no. **MD-033362-L**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was reprimanded, assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 based on the fact that he made misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent representation in the practice of his profession and that he engaged in immoral or unprofessional conduct. (06-09-05)

Kingsley Richard Chin, license no. **MD-422034-L**, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 based on disciplinary action taken against him by the proper licensing authority of another state. (06-16-05)

Disciplinary Actions

Rameshwar Pathak, license no. **MD-028835-E**, of East Patchogue, NY, was indefinitely suspended until such time as his license is returned to unrestricted status in the state of New York and he successfully completes the Special Purpose Examination, based on disciplinary action taken by the proper licensing authority of another state. (06-21-05)

Allan William Clark, license no. **MD-062193-L**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended with such suspension stayed in favor of five years probation subject to terms and conditions of the Professional Health and Monitoring Program and assessed a civil penalty of \$2,400 based on disciplinary action taken by the proper licensing authority of another state and failure to submit to a mental and physical examination ordered by the Board. (06-24-05)

Edward J. Arida, license no. **MD-067444-L**, of Meadville, Crawford County, had his license to practice medicine indefinitely suspended for a period of at least six months or at such earlier time as Arida is no longer suspended from the practice of medicine by the State of New York, and for a five-year period of probation after the active suspension is lifted, because Arida's license to practice medicine has been suspended for an indefinite period but no less than six months by the State of New York. (06-28-05)

Kevin Ross Bailey, license no. **RT-003706-A**, of Allentown, Lehigh County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Bailey practiced as an athletic trainer without a current certificate. (06-28-05)

Ahmad Bali, license no. **MD-417356**, of Charlestown, WV, had a public reprimand placed on his permanent Board record, because Bali had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (06-28-05)

Sally G. Beer, M.D., license no. **MD-036995-E**, of Atlanta, GA, was assessed a \$350 civil penalty because her license or other authorization to practice the profession was revoked or suspended or other disciplinary action was taken against her by the proper licensing authority of another state. (06-28-05)

Charles Raymond Fitz, M.D., license no. **MD-010534-E**, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$6,000 civil penalty because he had his license revoked by the proper health care licensing authority of another state and then failed to report the revocation to the Board within 60 days of its occurrence. (06-28-05)

Irvin Mayo Gerson, M.D., license no. **MD-020366-L**, of Philadelphia, was assessed a civil penalty of \$11,000 because Gerson's license or other authorization to practice the profession was revoked or suspended or other disciplinary action was taken against him by the proper licensing authority of another state and because Gerson failed to report to the Board within 60 days of the occurrence of the disciplinary action taken against him by the proper health care licensing authority of another state. (06-28-05)

George Eder, license no. **MD-021376-E**, of York, York County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than one year immediately stayed in favor of probation subject to terms and conditions, because Eder is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of ill-

ness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (06-28-05)

Jeffrey H. Lubin, license no. **MD-026079-E**, of Shavertown, Luzerne County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine because Dr. Lubin is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. Said suspension is immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years probation. (6-28-05)

Leo L. Maniace, M.D., license no. **MD-041999-E**, of Bedford, NH, was issued a public reprimand because Maniace had disciplinary action taken against his license or other authorization to practice the profession by the proper licensing authority of another state. (06-28-05)

Joseph A. Mott, M.D., license no. **MD-052457-L**, of San Francisco, CA, agreed to the voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The surrender was agreed to in lieu of the filing of charges seeking disciplinary action as a result of action taken by the proper licensing authority of another state (to wit, California). In accordance with the Order issued, the surrender will occur no later than 30 days from the effective date of the Order. (06-28-05)

Luz M. Perez-Rocha, license no. **MD-040247-E**, of Broomall, Delaware County, had her license indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, such suspension to be immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation subject to full compliance with professional health monitoring programs, because Perez-Rocha was unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or addiction to drugs or alcohol. (06-28-05)

Disciplinary Actions

John D. Sinclair, license no. **MD-049645-L**, of Mercer Island, WA, agreed to the immediate permanent voluntary surrender of his license because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (06-28-05)

Raghunath Tulasappa Sawkar, license no. **MD-037333-L**, of Rocky River, OH, agreed to the Immediate Permanent Voluntary Surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery in this Commonwealth, because Sawkar's license or other authorization to practice the profession was revoked or suspended or other disciplinary action was taken against Respondent by the proper licensing authority of another state, territory, possession or country, or a branch of the federal government. (06-28-05)

Ruben D. Victores, license no. **MD-037630-E**, of Beaumont, TX, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 because Victores failed to report to the Board within 60 days of the occurrence of the disciplinary action taken against him by the proper licensing authority of another state. (06-28-05)

Stephen L. Tillim, license no. **MD-049086-L**, of Mountain View, CA, was indefinitely suspended by reason of disciplinary action against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (06-30-05)

Edwin S. Kulubya, license no. **MD-070779-L**, of Laredo, TX, was suspended based on disciplinary action imposed by the state of California. (07-01-05)

Nicholas Lisnichy, license no. **MD-041373-E**, of Peckville, Lackawanna County and Gainesville, FL, was indefinitely suspended by based on his felony conviction. (07-11-05)

Steven C. Dilsaver, license no. **MD-061463-L**, of Pasadena, CA, voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, because Dilsaver violated the Act in that Respondent had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (07-26-05)

Stanley R. Kline, license no. **MD-005779-E**, of Margate, NJ, permanently and voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, because Kline violated the Act in that Respondent had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (07-26-05)

Kristy L. Knechtel, license no. **RT-003330**, of Kingston, Luzerne County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Knechtel practiced as an athletic trainer while Respondent did not have a certificate to practice as an athletic trainer in the Commonwealth during the period from August 1, 2002 to May 6, 2004. (07-26-05)

Robert M. Altman, license no. **MD-427229**, of Burke, VA, was granted a license, which was placed on probationary status, with said license restricted to practice for the Department of Corrections of the Commonwealth of PA, based on disciplinary action taken against him in another state. (08-02-05)

Marianne Idilko Webster, license no. **MD-064698-L**, of Wynnewood, Montgomery County, was actively suspended for five years, based on findings that she is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or mental impairment, retroactive to April 22, 2003. (08-25-05)

Ralph R. Barnard, Jr., license no. **MD-040204-E**, of Lansing, NY, was formally reprimanded, because Barnard violated the Act in that Respondent had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09-27-05)

Joseph Biagio Dente, M.D., license no. **MD-026857-E**, of Metlakatla, AK, was ordered to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty and ordered that if he wishes to return to the practice of medicine in Pennsylvania, he must first be cleared to practice by the Pennsylvania Professional Health Monitoring Program (PHMP) or a PHMP-approved treatment provider by submitting to a mental and/or physical evaluation and/or interview because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state and then failed to report that disciplinary action to the Board within 30 days after its occurrence. (09-27-05)

Anthony C. Catalano, license no. **MD-033059-E**, of Sunbury, Northumberland County, was formally reprimanded, because Catalano violated the Act in that Respondent had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09-27-05)

Maurice Joseph Ende, license no. **MD-042856-L**, of Houston, TX, consented to the immediate voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth because he had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice the profession by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09-27-05)

Shiu-Wen Kao, license no. **MT-023581-T**, of Stone Mountain, GA, was formally reprimanded, because Kao violated the Act in that Respondent had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09-27-05)

Disciplinary Actions

Joaquin F. Oronoz, license no. **MD-071415-L**, of Laredo, TX, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Oronoz violated the Act in that Respondent had disciplinary action taken against him in another state. (09-27-05)

Susan M. Schwarz, license no. **MA-000822-L**, of Ambler, Montgomery County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$500, because Schwarz filed a late renewal application with the Medical Board on September 8, 2003 and practiced on an expired certificate during the period from January 1, 2003 through September 8, 2003. (09-27-05)

Lisa C. Wolf, license no. **MD-034189-E**, of Bala Cynwyd, Montgomery County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$2,500 and a public reprimand was placed on her permanent Board record, because Wolf continued to practice medicine while her license to practice as a physician and surgeon in the Commonwealth was expired during the period from December 31, 2000 to August 26, 2003. (09-27-05)

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The Effects of a DUI Charge in Regards to Licensure

by Kevin Knipe, Director of the Professional Health Monitoring Program

The Professional Health Monitoring Programs' (PHMP), Voluntary Recovery Program (VRP) of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) offers confidential, voluntary treatment and monitoring of Commonwealth-licensed health care professionals suffering from mental or physical impairments, including chemical dependency. The primary responsibility of the PHMP is to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth from unsafe practice by impaired licensees. This responsibility is fulfilled through the identification and referral to appropriate treatment of such licensed professionals, and the casemanagement and monitoring of their progress in recovery.

The majority of physicians that are referred to the VRP are done so through hospitals or health care facilities, peers or colleagues reporting licensees that are suspected of suffering from an impairment and/or involved in the diversion of controlled substances. In the Medical Board's continued effort to identify physicians that may be suffering from an impairment that may affect their ability to safely practice, a procedure was developed for board staff to automatically forward all renewal applications to the VRP whereby licensees have reported having had a DUI/DWI or underage drinking arrest and/or conviction. The rationale for referring licensees to the VRP who have had a substance-related legal problem is based on the fact that frequently incidents of this nature indicate that a person may be suffering from a substance-related disorder.

When physicians are referred to the VRP after reporting a DUI to the Board on their renewal application, our office sends a letter to the licensee providing them with information regarding the VRP and what the physician must do to be considered for enrollment. To be eligible for VRP enrollment, physicians that have had a DUI must submit to a comprehensive evaluation by a VRP-approved evaluator. Only those licensees that meet criteria for a substance abuse or dependence diagnosis under the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition (DSM-IV) would be offered the opportunity to enroll in the VRP.

In order for an eligible physician to be successfully enrolled in the VRP, he/she must also comply with all enrollment procedures and agree to sign a Consent Agreement with the Medical Board to be monitored by the VRP. Consent Agreements are presented to the Board for their approval

in redacted form, with no identification of the licensee, thereby protecting the licensee's confidentiality. Consent Agreements are usually entered into for at least three years.

While in the VRP, licensees must submit to random body fluid screenings; abstain from the use of prohibited substances; comply with the recommendations made by their evaluator and/or treatment provider; submit to monitoring of their practice by a workplace monitor; and actively attend 12-step mutual help fellowships, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or other community-based support groups approved by the PHMP.

If a licensee declines to cooperate with the VRP's offer to be assessed by a VRP-approved evaluator, the licensee's VRP file is closed and the information in our possession is forwarded to the Prosecution Division of BPOA for further review and appropriate action. In cases where a VRP-approved evaluator concludes that a licensee does not meet criteria for a DSM-IV diagnosis, the licensee's VRP file is closed as ineligible with a recommendation that there be no further action taken.

The VRP recognizes that in order for our program to fulfill our primary responsibility of protecting public safety, it is imperative that licensees be referred to our office when an event occurs that indicates a person may be suffering from an impairment. Therefore, if you know of a physician that has had a substance related arrest or conviction, such as a DUI, please recommend to that individual to consider calling our office to seek an evaluation.

For further information about the VRP, please contact our office at (800) 554-3428 (PA residents only) or (717) 783-4857.

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Meet Deputy Commissioner Marks

Peter V. Marks, Sr. was appointed Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs by Governor Edward G. Rendell on January 31, 2005.

As Deputy Commissioner, he is primarily responsible for the day-to-day administrative oversight of the Bureau. The administrative responsibilities include Bureau staffing, budget and training. Other responsibilities include supervising Commissioner office staff, the Professional Health Monitoring Program (PHMP) as well as the Revenue Office. Deputy Marks assists the Commissioner in all relevant licensing board issues and acts as the Commissioner's designee on various boards and commissions.

Peter has served as Trustee on various Health, Welfare, Pension and Pre-Paid Legal Funds. He also functioned as lobbyist at the Pennsylvania State Legislature. Two notable successes in lobbying were the Pennsylvania Public Employee Collective Bargaining Act and the Pennsylvania Anti-Polygraph Law.

Deputy Marks has also served as Director of Organizing, Director of Education and as Director of Collective Bargaining (dealing with approximately 250 Collective Bargaining Agreements and supervising a staff of Representatives).

Peter designed and implemented a pre-paid dental program for approximately 14,000 people. He served as Arbitrator for the Philadelphia Court system and was President of the Philadelphia Municipal Court Association of Arbitrators. He has been a New Jersey Superior Court Arbitrator and Arbitrator for the United States District Court of New Jersey.

Deputy Marks is a member of the American Bar Association, Labor and Employment Law Section and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.

A native of Philadelphia, Peter earned a bachelor's degree in personnel and labor relations from LaSalle University and a law degree from Delaware Law School.

Peter has eight children, 10 grandchildren and currently resides in Dauphin County.