

Pennsylvania DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STATE HEALTH LICENSING BOARDS DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS 4th Quarter 2006

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Acting Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs and Commissioner of the Department's of Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced 91 disciplinary actions taken by the following State Health Licensing Boards: Chiropractic; Dentistry; Medicine; Nursing Home Administrators; Occupational Therapy; Optometry; Osteopathic Medicine; Pharmacy; Physical Therapy; Podiatry; Psychology; Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors; Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing; and Veterinary Medicine.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Allegheny (4 actions); Beaver (1 action); Bedford (1 action); Blair (1 action); Bucks (4 actions); Butler (1 action); Centre (2 actions); Chester (3 actions); Crawford (1 action); Cumberland (2 actions); Dauphin (3 actions); Delaware (2 actions); Erie (2 actions); Indiana (2 actions); Lancaster (2 actions); Luzerne (4 actions); Monroe (1 action); Montgomery (6 actions); Montour (1 action); Northampton (1 action); Philadelphia (4 actions); Schuylkill (1 action); Venango (1 action); and York (1 action). A total of 40 actions involved Pennsylvania licenses with out-of-state addresses.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

Out of State

Nick Amato of Flanders, NJ, license no. DC-004491-L permanently and voluntarily surrendered his license to practice chiropractic in Pennsylvania. Amato has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor which relates to the profession. (11-16-06)

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Allegheny County

Richard W. King of Allison Park, license no. DS-017053-L, was denied reinstatement of his license to practice dentistry to full, unrestricted, non-probationary status because he failed to demonstrate that he has met the conditions for reinstatement imposed by the board on Sept. 15, 2000. (09-08-06)

Bucks County

Gerald H. Smith of Langhorne, license no. DS-017037-L, had his license placed on active suspension for a period of 30 days. Smith engaged in unprofessional conduct in violation of the Dental Law by departing from, or failing to conform to, standards of acceptable and prevailing dental practice in which proceeding actual injury to the patient need not be established. (10-20-06)

Albert C. LaTorre, Jr. of Warrington, license no. DS-024146-L, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty. LaTorre failed to possess a current permit issued by the board before administering conscious sedation or nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia in a dental setting. (12-01-06)

Maria Nowacki-Lifsted of Southampton, license no. DS-029385-L, was assessed a \$750 civil penalty. Nowacki-Lifsted failed to possess a current permit issued by the board before administering conscious sedation or nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia in a dental setting. (12-01-06)

Chester County

Michael J. Casella of West Chester, license no. DS-025628-L, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and a reprimand was placed on his record with the board. Casella failed to maintain current certification in infant, child and adult CPR as a condition of biennial licensure renewal and for failing to ensure that auxiliary personnel follow current infection-control recommendations issued by the federal Centers for Disease Control. (12-01-06)

Cumberland County

Carl J. Getty of Camp Hill, license no. DS-015378-L, was assessed a \$1,400 civil penalty. Getty practiced dentistry on an expired license. (10-20-06)

Dauphin County

Harry P. Meyers of Harrisburg, license no. DS-019840-L, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty, a reprimand was placed on Meyers' record with the board and his license was placed on probation for a period of one year, subject to terms and conditions. Meyers failed to maintain and retain patient records. (10-20-06)

Delaware County

Navid Asgari of Aston Township, license no. DS-029917-L, was assessed a

\$4,000 civil penalty and his license is suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Oct. 28, 2005, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years probation, to run concurrently to the MD Board of Dental Examiner's Order dated Oct. 28, 2005. Asgari's license to practice dentistry was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (12-01-06)

Lancaster County

Ethel A. Esianor-Mitchual of Mount Joy, license no. DS-029950-L, was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty and a public reprimand was placed on her record with the board. Esianor-Mitchual violated board regulations at 49 Pa. Code §33.209(c) by failing to provide an exact copy of a patient's dental record, along with copies of radiographs, within 30 days of receipt of a patient's written request. (10-20-06)

Northampton County

Eugene C. Kardelis, Jr. of Easton, license no. DS-027961L, was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty and had his license probation extended until March 31, 2007. Kardelis violated the terms of his probation and failed to submit proof of 16 continuing education credits earned from April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2005. (09-19-06)

Venango County

Thaddeus G. Zawislak of Oil City, license no. DS-026933-L, was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty and his dental license is suspended for no less than one year, immediately stayed in favor of no less than one year of probation. Zawislak failed to keep dental records in conformity to the standards established within the dental profession and Zawislak's treatment of patients constituted multiple acts of negligence. (12-01-06)

Out of State

Nermin J. Ballinger of Advance, NC, license no. DS-026377L, was reprimanded because Ballinger received disciplinary action from the NC State Board of Dental Examiners. (12-01-06)

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Allegheny County

Colleen K. Ebbert of Pittsburgh, license no. MD-056817-L, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty. Ebbert 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 her. (11-28-06)

Beaver County

Stephen C. Belich of Bridgewater, license no. MD-016129-E, had a public reprimand placed on his permanent board record, and was ordered to complete

eight credit hours of focused continuing medical education in interventional radiology within one year of the board's adoption of the Consent Agreement and Order. Belich practiced negligently by failing to properly insert, or recognize the improper insertion of a vena cava filter. (10-24-06)

Bedford County

Charles Robert Howsare of Bedford, license no. MD-070630L, was suspended for three years, with one year active suspension and the remaining two years stayed in favor of probation based on findings he violated the terms of his VRP agreement. (10-19-06)

Centre County

John Arthur Baxter of State College, license no. MD-012580E, agreed to the issuance of an order in which Baxter was reprimanded and paid a \$1,000 civil penalty. Baxter departed from or failed to conform to an ethical or quality standard of the profession by prescribing narcotics without a complete physical exam, without review of a medical record, and without documentation in the medical record. (10-24-06)

Winslow C. Nicholas of State College, license no. MD-026306-L, voluntarily and permanently surrendered his license. Nicholas is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol or mental impairment. (10-24-06)

Dauphin County

Curtis J. Bauer of Hershey, license no. YM-005372-L, was ordered to voluntarily and permanently surrender his license. Bauer was unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol. (10-24-06)

Robin Lynn Eicker of Harrisburg, license no. YM-004386-L, had her license revoked based on her having been convicted of a felony in federal court. (11-20-06)

Indiana County

Gatti Medical Supply, Inc., of Indiana, Indiana County, was assessed a \$5,000 civil penalty because it engaged in conduct that constituted the unauthorized practice of medicine. (10-24-06)

Bijai B. Singh of Indiana, license no. MD-016002-E, had a public reprimand placed on his permanent board record, and Singh must complete 12 credit hours of remedial education in the evaluation and treatment of diabetes, with emphasis on inpatient care of diabetic patients. Singh breached the standard of care when, upon first being notified of a patient's change in mental status, he failed to order a finger stick blood sugar reading and order the immediate infusion of dextrose intravenously for the presumptive treatment of hypoglycemia, which departed

from and/or failed to conform to quality standards and/or accepted standards of care in the profession. (11-28-06)

Luzerne County

Lawrence E. Mumie of Hazleton, license no. MD-029446E, was suspended for six months, immediately stayed in favor of probation subject to terms. Mumie violated the Healthcare Service Malpractice Act. (10-24-06)

Douglas Stahl of Wilkes-Barre, certificate no. YM-005018L, was indefinitely suspended based on findings Stahl was convicted of a felony. (10-30-06)

Michael Yuz of Shavertown, license no. MD-422104, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty, a public reprimand was placed on Yuz's permanent board record and Yuz must comply fully with the probationary terms of his NY order; failure to do so will constitute a violation of Pennsylvania's order and result in further disciplinary action because Yuz had his license to practice medicine disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-28-06)

Monroe County

John G. Kauderer of East Stroudsburg, license no. MD-011815-E, was ordered to voluntarily and permanently surrender his license because Kauderer has been charged with drug law violations relating to his practice of medicine. (10-24-06)

Montgomery County

Jay Leonard Federman of Bala Cynwyd, license no. MD-009276-E, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty. Federman 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 him. (10-24-06)

Emmanuel P. Osorio of Abington, license no. MD-032280L, was suspended by the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas on Oct. 12, 2006. The court issued the suspension, which was effective immediately, under section 4355 of the Domestic Relations Code. (11-03-06)

Jia Guo of Bryn Mawr, license no. AK-000186-L, was ordered to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty because Guo violated the Medical Practice Act by her improper use of the designations "Dr." and "M.D." in print advertising, on business cards and/or on the Internet. (11-28-06)

John D. Wylie of Haverford, a natural pharmacist, was assessed a \$10,000 civil penalty; ordered to immediately cease and desist from providing the "EB" Cellular Cleanse Therapy and the Electro-Acuscope/Myopulse System at his office in Haverford; ordered to immediately cease and desist from advertising through any means that he provides the "EB" Cellular Cleanse Therapy and the Electro-Acuscope/Myopulse System; and immediately cease and desist from holding himself out in any way as being authorized to practice medicine in this

commonwealth. Wylie violated the Medical Practice Act in that he practiced and/or purported to practice medicine and surgery in Pennsylvania without being licensed to do so by providing to individuals at his Haverford, PA office the "EB" Cellular Cleanse Therapy, and the Electro-Acuscope/Myopulse System, which is electronic pain management therapy. (11-28-06)

Montour County

Geoffrey S. Fidelman of Danville, license no. MA-002195-L, was suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years probation with terms and conditions, including his successful participation in the Disciplinary Monitoring Unit of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. Fidelman pled guilty to a misdemeanor violation of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act and is unable to practice as a physician's assistant with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of addiction to drugs or alcohol. (11-28-06)

Philadelphia County

Dennis M. Scardigli of Philadelphia, license no. MD054106L, had his medical license placed on probation until his NJ license is reinstated without restriction, and was assessed a \$10,000 civil penalty based on findings disciplinary action was taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-02-06)

York County

Glen E. Johnson of Lewisberry, license no. RT-001236A, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty. Johnson continued to practice as an athletic trainer while his certificate to practice was expired from Dec. 31, 2000, to on or about Dec. 14, 2005. (11-28-06)

Out of State

Krikor Krikorian of Los Angeles, CA, license no. MD038661E, was revoked based on findings he had disciplinary action against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-05-06)

Kleper Newton De Almeida of Atlantis, FL, license no. MD-060927L, was assessed a \$250 civil penalty based on findings he had disciplinary action against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-16-06)

Babubhai P. Patel of Addison, IL, license no. MD-041357E, had his license revoked based on findings he had disciplinary action was taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority in Illinois and Iowa, he failed to notify the board within 60 days of the occurrence of the disciplinary actions in Illinois and Iowa and he was convicted of a felony. (10-18-06)

Rufus Cleveland Lewter, Jr. of Moreno Valley, CA, license no. MD-028850L, was revoked based on his license to practice medicine being disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-19-06)

Luis E. Duarte of San Angelo, TX, license no. MD-044308E, was publicly reprimanded and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based on findings he had disciplinary action was taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-20-06)

James R. Zimmerman of Atlanta, GA, license no. MD-424053, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty based on findings he had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of the state of Georgia. (10-23-06)

Abdul-Aziz Alhassan of Houston, TX, license no. MD-061713-L, had his license indefinitely suspended, immediately stayed in favor of probation, subject to terms and conditions. Alhassan had a license or other authorization to practice the profession revoked or suspended or had other disciplinary action taken against his license by a proper licensing authority of another state. (10-24-06)

Steven A. Field of Brandon, FL, license no. MD013637E, has consented to an immediate and permanent voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery in the commonwealth. Field had discipline imposed on his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-24-06)

Wilbert R. Jones of Phoenix, AZ, license no. MD-417431, agreed to an order by the board which put his license to practice medicine in Pennsylvania on probation until all terms, conditions and limitations placed on his license to practice in Arizona have been removed. Jones had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-24-06)

Harcharan S. Narang of Houston, TX, license no. MD-058763-L, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty. Narang's license or other authorization to practice the profession was revoked or suspended or other disciplinary action was taken against Narang by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-24-06)

Michael D. Stadiem of Cary, NC, license no. MD-037342L, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and must provide proof of compliance with the terms of the NC consent order. Stadiem had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice the profession by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-24-06)

Ana Y. Valdivia of Larchmont, NY, license no. MD-070374-L, was assessed a \$2,500 civil penalty. Valdivia continued to practice while her license to practice as a physician and surgeon in the commonwealth was expired from Dec. 31, 2004 to March 6, 2006. (10-24-06)

Robert B. Warr of Texarkana, TX, license no. MD-049028-L, was indefinitely suspended until Warr can provide evidence of the TX Board of Medicine's formal decision to rescind its order and reinstate Warr's TX medical license on an unrestricted basis. Warr had a license or other authorization to practice the profession suspended by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-24-06)

David Fowler Burke of Muscle Shoals, AL and Norcross, GA, license no. MD-037534E, was indefinitely suspended until such time as he provides documentary evidence to the board that the VA Board of Medicine has reinstated his license to practice medicine without restriction in that state, based on his license to practice medicine being disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-25-06)

Deepak Natwarial Kapadia of Hanson, KY, license no. MD-049967L, was suspended until such time as he provides documentary evidence to the board that the NJ State Board of Medical Examiners has reinstated his license to practice medicine without restriction in that state, based on his license to practice medicine being disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-25-06)

Mani Nambiar of Hemet, CA, license no. MD-035348E, was suspended until such time as he provides documentary evidence to the board that the CA Medical Board has reinstated his license to practice medicine without restriction in that state, based on his license to practice medicine being disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-25-06)

Allan Zubkin of Clermont, FL, license no. MD-024839E, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and indefinitely suspended until such time as he provides documentary evidence to the board that all conditions set forth in the FL board's final order have been satisfied, and provides the board with a copy of Zubkin's physician's assessment; the suspension was stayed in favor of probation based on his license to practice medicine being disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state and his failure to report that action to the board. (10-25-06)

Ernest Hilton Phipps of Howell, NJ, license no. MD-054016L, was indefinitely suspended until such time as he provides documentary evidence to the board that the NJ State Board of Medical Examiners has reinstated his license to practice medicine without restriction in that state, based on his license to practice medicine being disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-26-06)

Arthur J. Schatz of Aventura, FL, license no. MD-009655E, was suspended until such time as he provides documentary evidence to the board that the FL Medical

Board has reinstated his license to practice medicine without restriction in that state, based on his license to practice medicine being disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-27-06)

John D. Zelem of Irving, TX, was denied a license to practice medicine based on his having practiced medicine in another state in a manner that departs from a quality standard of the practice. (10-31-06)

Robert Thomas Mitrione of Springfield, IL, license no. MD-044590-E, was suspended for two years, with all but the first six months stayed in favor of probation, based on his conviction of two felony offenses. (11-02-06)

De Nguyen of Orlando, FL, license no. MD027203E, was indefinitely suspended until such time as he provides documentary evidence to the board that the FL Medical Board has reinstated his license to practice medicine without restriction in that state, based on his license to practice medicine being disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-03-06)

Michael Gustavo Franco of Sherman Oaks, CA, license no. MD-064281-L, was given a public reprimand for having disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-20-06)

Paul Victor Beals of Washington, DC, license no. MD-011757-E, agreed to a permanent, voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery in Pennsylvania because he had a license to practice medicine and surgery disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-28-06)

Isaac Eisenstein of Norwalk, CA, license no. MD-035129L, was suspended for a period of three years, immediately stayed in favor of three years of probation. Eisenstein had a license or other authorization to practice the profession revoked or suspended or had other disciplinary action taken by a proper licensing authority of another state, territory, possession or country or branch of the federal government. (11-28-06)

Jeffrey I. Livovich of Scottsdale, AZ, license no. MD-045441E, was indefinitely suspended for no less than five years, retroactive to Feb. 10, 2005, immediately stayed in favor of no less than five years of probation, subject to terms and conditions. Livovich is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol; and he has had a license or other authorization to practice the profession revoked or suspended or had other disciplinary action taken, or an application for a license or other authorization refused, revoked or suspended by a proper licensing authority of another state, territory, possession or country, or a branch of the federal government. (11-28-06)

Herman Mathias of Hemet, CA, license no. MD-039550-L, had a public reprimand placed on his permanent board record. Mathias had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the Medical Board of California. (11-28-06)

Prahlad Manibhai Patel of Williamstown, NJ, license no. MD-044968-E, was ordered to surrender his license for a period of two years, immediately stayed in favor of probation. Patel had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice the profession by a proper licensing authority of another state. (11-28-06)

Paul H. Pevsner of New York, NY, license no. MD-042882-E, had a public reprimand placed on his permanent record, paid a \$7,500 civil penalty and was suspended for five years, the first two years to be served as an active suspension retroactively commencing on July 1, 2005, and the remainder of the suspension to be stayed contingent upon Pevsner's compliance with all of the terms of the NJ order and full payment of the \$7,500 civil penalty. Pevsner must comply with the terms of the NJ consent agreement and submit proof of his completion of all of the terms and conditions. Pevsner had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice the profession by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-28-06)

Vance A. Raham of Connersville, IN, license no. MD-053344-L, had a public reprimand placed on his permanent board record, and his license to practice medicine and surgery was put on probation until all terms, conditions and limitations placed on his license to practice medicine in Indiana have been removed. Raham had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by a proper licensing authority of another state, and failed to report information regarding that disciplinary action to the board within 60 days after its occurrence. (11-28-06)

Hossein Samai of Canaan, CT, license no. MD-033988-E, had a public reprimand placed on his permanent record, and Samai must abide by all the terms and conditions of the State of Connecticut consent order. Samai had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-28-06)

Stephen E. Slatkin of Easton, MD, license no. MD-048722-L, agreed to a voluntary and permanent surrender of his license to practice medicine in PA. Slatkin failed to maintain a proper relationship with a patient and used improper physical contact with a patient and was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-28-06)

BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Crawford County

Kreig A. Spahn of Cochranton, license no. OS-008038-L, had a public reprimand placed on his permanent board record, and within one year of the board's adoption of his consent agreement and order, Spahn must complete 12 credit hours of remedial education in the evaluation and treatment of abdominal and gastrointestinal conditions and post-surgical monitoring of hospitalized patients. Spahn departed from or failed to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing osteopathic medical practice by failing to timely order imagery studies, and such breach constitutes unprofessional conduct in the practice of osteopathic medicine. (11-08-06)

Delaware County

Robert J. Pearlstein of Radnor, license no. OS-006902-L, was assessed a \$250 civil penalty because Pearlstein 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 him. (11-08-06)

BOARD OF PHARMACY

Allegheny County

LRS Holdings Co. I, LLC t/d/b/a St. Peters Apothecary, of Imperial, unlicensed, was assessed a \$3,000 civil penalty based on findings it did not return to the board its pharmacy permit after the pharmacy closed or ceased to operate, did not immediately inform the board of the disposition of the prescription files and

nonproprietary drugs and did not immediately remove any signs, symbols or other indication of a pharmacy from the interior and/or exterior of the premises. (08-04-06)

Donald Kevin Duda of Jefferson Hills, license no. RP-063597-L, was automatically suspended effective Oct. 2, 2006, based on findings that he pled guilty to a felony under the Pennsylvania Drug Act. (10-17-06)

Blair County

Merle William Crooks of Martinsburg, license no. RP-032824-R, was assessed a \$200 civil penalty. Crooks procured a license through fraud, misrepresentation or deceit by falsely indicating that he had 30 continuing education credits and by failing to complete 30 hours of continuing education as required. (11-21-06)

Bucks County

Michael D. Mandel of Newtown, license no. RP-045344L, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, to be subject to terms and conditions. Mandel is unable to practice the profession because of intemperance in the use of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances or any other substance which impairs the intellect and judgment to such an extent as to impair the performance of professional duties. (11-21-06)

Butler County

Peter Alexander Grujich of Saxonburg, license no. RP-032717-L, was suspended for three years, retroactive to Feb. 21, 2006, based upon his violation of the board's Sept. 23, 2004 order. The suspension was stayed in favor of probation subject to monitoring by the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. (09-27-06)

Chester County

Cynthia E. Cloud of Kennett Square, license no. RP-035295L, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty. Cloud is guilty of gross unprofessional conduct in the misbranding of a drug in violation of the Drug Act; in that Cloud sold or delivered a drug that was misbranded; and in that Cloud misbranded a drug in violation of the Drug Act. (11-21-06)

CVS Pharmacy 2784 of West Grove, license no. PP481142, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because it sold a drug that was misbranded. (11-21-06)

Cumberland County

Rite Aid Pharmacy #418 of New Cumberland, permit no. PP-413238L, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because it unintentionally misbranded a drug and sold a drug that was misbranded (10-17-06).

Erie County

William Race of Erie, license no. RP-026383L, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty. Race dispensed a drug which contains more than the proportionate quantity of ingredients specified by the person who prescribed the drug and sold or delivered a drug that was misbranded and misbranded a drug in violation of the Drug Act. (11-21-06)

Rite Aid Pharmacy of Corry, Inc., 596, license no. PP-413495L, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because it sold a drug that was misbranded. (11-21-06)

Lancaster County

Jeffrey W. Eshelman of Lititz, license no. RP-028441-L, was assessed a \$15,000 civil penalty; ordered to take six hours of ACPE continuing education credits; a public reprimand will be placed on Eshelmans permanent board record; and suspended for three years, immediately stayed in favor of probation, subject terms and conditions set forth in his order. Eshelman is guilty of the departure from, or failure to conform to, the standards of acceptable and prevailing pharmacy practice by dispensing drugs without a prescription. (11-21-06)

Luzerne County

David Charles Banas of Exeter, license no. RP-037276-L, was suspended for no less than seven years and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based on his having pled guilty to an offense in connection with the practice of pharmacy or any offense involving moral turpitude before any court record in this commonwealth. (09-22-06)

Montgomery County

Nikki A. Mazero of Royersford, license no. RP041686L of Royersford, Montgomery County, was ordered to permanently, voluntarily surrender her license because Mazero violated the Act at 63 P.S. §390-5(a)(12) in that she is guilty of incompetence, gross negligence or other malpractice, or the departure from, or failure to conform to, the standards of acceptable and prevailing pharmacy practice. (11-21-06)

Philadelphia County

Neal L. Benjamin of Philadelphia, license no. RP-037290-L, was assessed a \$1,500 civil penalty and must obtain 10.5 ACPE credits for the period 2002-2004 on or before Dec. 31, 2006. Benjamin failed to complete 30 hours of continuing education credits as required by the regulations and he also engaged in the practice of pharmacy when he was not licensed. (11-21-06)

Schuvlkill County

William J. Huy of Orwigsburg, license no. RP-032125L, had a public reprimand placed on his permanent board record. Huy has had disciplinary action taken on his license to practice pharmacy by the proper pharmacist licensing authority in another state. (11-21-06)

Out of State

Charles Jeffery Christian of Kingsport, TN, license no. RP-055033-R, was reinstated to probationary status subject to submission of proof of continuing education, said probation to be concurrent with the probationary status of his Tennessee license to practice pharmacy. (10-20-06)

Eric Steven Sorkin of Groveland, FL, license no. RP-029750-L, permanently and voluntarily surrendered his license. Sorkin pled guilty to an offense involving moral turpitude before the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of PA, has had his license suspended by the State of NJ and has been convicted of a felony. (11-21-06)

Kathy Nguyen Sylvester of Mullica Hill, NJ, license no. RP041396, has had a public reprimand placed on her permanent board record. Sylvester has received other disciplinary action on her license to practice pharmacy from the proper licensing authority of another state. (11-21-06)

Anita L. Trego of Maple Shade, NJ, license no. RP-035513L, was indefinitely suspended for no less than one year. Trego pled guilty to an offense involving moral turpitude and had her license to practice pharmacy suspended by another state. (11-21-06)

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Out of State

Cynthia J. Mantz of Afton, VA, license no. PT-003049-L, agreed to a permanent, voluntary surrender of her license to practice physical therapy in Pennsylvania because she had a license to practice physical therapy disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state, failed to report to the board within 90 days of the occurrence of the disciplinary action taken against her by the proper licensing authority of another state, excessively indulged in the use of alcoholic liquors, and practiced physical therapy while the ability to practice was impaired by alcohol, drugs or a physical or mental impairment. (11-02-06)

BOARD OF PODIATRY

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Philadelphia County

David S. Greenwald of Philadelphia, license no. PS-002572L, was assessed a \$750 civil penalty and a public reprimand was placed on Greenwald's permanent board record. Greenwald completed only 25 of 30 acceptable continuing education credits for the 2003 through 2005 psychology licensing period. (11-20-06)

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Montgomery County

Carolyn Luce of Pottstown, license number VT-001365L, was suspended for failure to remit the civil penalty assessed by the board. (10-05-06)

Philadelphia County

Rasul B. Memon of Philadelphia, license no. BV-005836-L, had the previously imposed suspension of his license stayed and his license is now on probation based on his completion of the terms of the board's order. (10-30-06)

Out of State

Keith A. Scudder of Painted-Post, NY, license no. BV-003481-L, has voluntarily and permanently surrendered his license to practice veterinary medicine. Scudder failed to complete 30 hours of board-approved continuing education. (10-26-06)

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A complete list of sanctions is available online at www.state.pa.us
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