



**Pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**STATE HEALTH LICENSING BOARDS
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS
October 2007**

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner of the Department's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced 21 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: Bucks (1 action); Delaware (2 actions); Franklin (2 actions); Philadelphia (3 actions); and Union (1 action). Twelve actions involved licensees with out-of-state addresses.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Delaware County

Melissa A. Bergmaier, license nos. DS030679L, DP030679A and DN030679A, of Havertown, Delaware County, was publicly reprimanded and assessed a \$900 civil penalty. Bergmaier practiced dentistry on an expired license from July 1, 2005, through Nov. 11, 2005; and provided nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia to patients while her anesthesia permit-restricted II was expired from July 1, 2005, through Feb. 23, 2006. (09-07-07)

Franklin County

Theresa McNulty, license no. DH0004881L, of Mercersburg, Franklin County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, and continuing until she can demonstrate that she is fit to resume practice. McNulty violated the terms of probation imposed by a previous board order. (09-07-07)

Burton F. Tucker, license no. DS019774L, of Waynesboro, Franklin County, was suspended for 30 days, to be followed by indefinite probation to run concurrent with his criminal imprisonment and supervised release. Tucker pled guilty to one count of federal tax evasion, a crime of moral turpitude. (09-07-07)

Out of State

Busun Ahn, license no. DS028825L of Middletown, Md., voluntarily surrendered her license. Ahn made a false or deceptive biennial renewal with the board. (09-07-07)

Jacquicola N. Lott, aka Jacquicola N. Lott-Smith, license no. DS025800L, of Tucson, Ariz., received a public reprimand for having disciplinary action taken against her license by the proper licensing authority of the State of Texas. (09-07-07)

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Philadelphia County

Richard A. Hellander, license no. MD067371L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, had his license suspended based on his failure to pay a civil penalty assessed in a previous board order. (09-18-07)

Robert E. Trump, license no. MD017422E of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his license. Trump's license was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09-25-07)

Out of State

Noel N. Chua, license no. MD062544L of Woodbine, Ga., was indefinitely suspended. Chua had a license suspended by a proper licensing authority of another state, i.e. the State of Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiner, as a result of pending criminal charges against Chua. (09-25-07)

Harjot Deol, license no. MD054570L of Skaneateles, N.Y., had his license suspended, immediately stayed in favor of probation during such time as Deol's license to practice medicine in the State of New York is on probation subject to all terms and conditions imposed by a consent agreement and order issued by the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. (09-25-07)

Douglas F. Greer, license no. MD014062E of Washington, D.C., agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his license because Greer was convicted of a felony in a federal court. (09-25-07)

John R. Kearney's license, license no. MD032163L of Johnstown, N.Y., has permanently, voluntarily surrendered his license. Kearney 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. (09-25-07)

Garen Tchen-Tsiu Vong, license no. MD049407L, of Garden Grove, Calif., permanently, voluntarily surrendered his license because his license was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09-25-07)

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

Bucks County

Paul H. Caviness, license no. OS007697L of Langhorne, Bucks County, agreed to the permanent and voluntary surrender of his license. Caviness engaged in unprofessional conduct by departing from, or failing to conform to, standards of acceptable and prevailing osteopathic medical practice in which actual injury to a patient need not be established. (09-12-07)

Delaware County

Anthony J. Abbruzzi, license no. OS009203L, of Philadelphia, Delaware County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and was required to take continuing medical education courses based on findings he engaged in unprofessional conduct and practiced negligently. (08-09-07)

Philadelphia County

Murray C. Soss, license no. OS002460L of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$39,159 civil penalty and his license was suspended for a period of two years, immediately stayed in favor of at least two years probation subject to terms and conditions. Soss practiced osteopathic medicine on an expired license and failed to provide proof of medical professional liability insurance. (09-12-07)

Out of State

Hai H. Kenney, license no. OS010500L of Boynton Beach, Fla., was assessed a \$5,000 civil penalty because Kenney had disciplinary action taken by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09-12-07)

Robert M. Luber, license no. OS003894L of Coral Springs, Fla., agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his license because Luber had disciplinary action taken by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09-12-07)

BOARD OF PHARMACY**Union County**

David J. McCord, license no. RP037906R of Lewisburg, Union County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty, must complete five credit hours of continuing education in proper disposal of medication and record keeping within six months, and McCord's license was suspended for one year, immediately stayed in favor of probation. McCord engaged in conduct that constituted departure from the standards of acceptable or prevailing practice by documenting that five kinds of medications were trashed when, in fact, he kept the medications, and in that McCord procured for himself a drug by deception and by use of a false statement in a prescription report through his documentation of the disposal of medications. (09-18-07)

Out of State

Rosemarie McDonald, license no. RP031348L, of Silver City, N.M, had her license reprimanded based upon disciplinary action in another state. (08-24-07)

Vitaly M. Tokar, license no. RP036909L of Brooklyn, N.Y., was assessed a \$3,000 civil penalty, must complete 30 hours of continuing education and a public reprimand was placed on Tokar's permanent board record. Tokar failed to complete 30 hours of continuing education as required by the regulations and procured a license through fraud, misrepresentation or deceit by falsely indicating that he had 30 continuing education credits. (09-18-07)

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Out of State

Paul E. Hospenthal, license no. PT001940E of Scottsdale, Ariz., agreed to a permanent, voluntary surrender of his license because he had a license disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09-27-07)

BOARD OF PODIATRY

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

No disciplinary actions taken.

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

No disciplinary actions taken.

###

A complete list of sanctions is available online at

www.state.pa.us

Keyword: licensing disciplinary actions.

###