



Chair's Corner

By Dr. Kenneth Simons

Michelangelo said it best, “Ancora imparo” which translates to I’m still learning. This is something we as physicians commit to when we enter this august profession and that is to be lifelong learners for the benefit of those for whom we have the honor to serve, our patients. Recently, I had the opportunity to learn as well as the privilege of serving/representing our great state as the voting delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). This annual meeting is an opportunity for the 70 member boards to learn about the issues facing medical regulators across the country and across the globe as there are many guests from many other nations in attendance as well. Wisconsin is extremely fortunate to have Mr. Greg Collins, one of our public members, as a member of the FSMB’s



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Nominating Committee. When Mr. Collins ran for this, he was unanimously elected by the House of Delegates. This year, there were a number of outstanding presentations that the assembled were privileged to hear and will bring back to our boards in an effort to enhance our understanding and better our practices. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, MD gave an outstanding talk about the issues of paramount importance to our nation’s public health including the opioid epidemic. We in Wisconsin are unfortunately all too familiar with this. Fortunately, our Board is taking a deep look at this issue and is working with our state elected officials to develop best practices in combatting this scourge. Current Board members, Drs. Capodice, Ogland Vukich, Vasudevan and Westlake are spearheading our efforts, and we should all be grateful that they are applying their skills to this. The meeting also provided a wonderful update on the many significant changes and innovations occurring in undergraduate and graduate medical education. One in particular is the decision to have a unified Graduate Medical Education accreditation system.

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Transitioning to An Administrative License

The October 2015 MEB Newsletter reported on the passage of [2013 WI Act 240](#). Among other changes, the Act created an Administrative License option for physicians in order to allow physicians to hold a medical license in a non-clinical capacity if the physician’s primary responsibilities are of an administrative or academic nature.

In order for a current unrestricted MD or DO license holder to transition to an Administrative License, the physician must complete a License Transition Addendum, Form 3074, located on the Physician Application page of the Department of Safety and Professional Services website: <http://dps.wi.gov/LicensesPermitsRegistrations/Credentialing-Division-Home-Page/Health-Professions/Physician/Physician-Application-Forms/>.

Once completed, the form must be returned to the Department for review and processing. License changes will be made when all requirements for the Administrative License are met. The physician maintains the same license number.

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Medical Examining Board Membership and Staff Assignments

The Medical Examining Board consists of 13 members. The members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Board Members:

Kenneth Simons, M.D., Chairperson (Milwaukee)
Timothy Westlake, M.D., Vice Chairperson (Hartland)
Mary Jo Capodice, D.O., Secretary (Sheboygan)
Greg Collins, Public Member (Ashwaubenon)
Rodney Erickson, M.D., Physician Member (Tomah)
Suresh Misra, M.D., Physician Member (Milwaukee)
Carolyn Ogland Vukich, M.D., Physician Member (Madison)
Michael Phillips, M.D., Physician Member (Oconomowoc)
David Roelke, M.D., Physician Member (Hartland)
Sridhar Vasudevan, M.D., Physician Member (Belgium)
Russell Yale, M.D., Physician Member (Fox Point)
Robert Zondag, Public Member (Delafield)
Vacant, Public Member

Information on how to apply for appointment to the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board can be found through the Office of the Governor:

<http://walker.wi.gov/governor-office/apply-to-serve/boards-commissions>

Department of Safety and Professional Services

Administrative Staff:

Thomas Ryan, Executive Director
Amber Cardenas, Legal Counsel
Nifty Lynn Dio, Bureau Assistant

Executive Staff:

Dave Ross, Secretary
Eric Esser, Deputy Secretary
Jeff Weigand, Assistant Deputy Secretary

The dates and times of the Medical Examining Board meetings are announced on the DSPPS website at

<http://dsps.wi.gov>.

Meeting agendas are posted approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Current Name and Address Required

All applicants and recipients of a credential are required by Wisconsin statutes to notify the Department of Safety and Professional Services when they change their name or address from that most recently provided to the Department (most likely the name and address you included on your application for credential). The applicant or credential holder has 30 days to notify the Department from the date the change is made. Failure to comply in a timely manner may result in a \$50 forfeiture. You can update your name or address via the Department website at: <http://dsps.wi.gov>.

Bear in mind that if you do not provide the Department with name or address changes, you may not receive important information such as complaint and investigation notices concerning your credential. The Department is only legally required to try to contact you at your last known address as indicated in Department records.

CAUTION: It is considered “unprofessional conduct” if a license holder fails to cooperate in a timely manner with a Board investigation, and failure to timely cooperate may result in disciplinary action. See Wis. Stat. §§ 440.20(5), 440.11 and Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(g).



A wealth of useful information is available on the Department of Safety and Professional Services website at: <http://dsps.wi.gov>

Do you have a change of name or address?

Licenses can update name or address information on the Department website at:

<https://online.drl.wi.gov/UserLogin.aspx>

Please note that confirmation of change is not automatically provided. Legal notices will be sent to a licensee's address of record with the Department.

Telephone Directory:

Call the Department of Safety and Professional Services toll-free (877) 617-1565, or (608) 266-2112 in the Madison area to connect to the service you need.

As a result, all graduates of both US osteopathic and allopathic medical schools will be entering ACGME accredited residencies. This will phase in over the next four years and is expected to be completed in 2020 and several programs are already in the pre-accreditation phase with many more to follow. In order to not lose osteopathic principles, all programs will be able to obtain osteopathic recognition if they choose, not just programs that were formally accredited by the American Osteopathic Association. There was also a focus on patient safety and errors at the meeting, an issue that we all as physicians take very seriously.

One session in particular involved a 360 degree view wherein a case study was presented and then discussed by three panelists; representing medical regulation, practicing physician and most importantly, patient. This was an extremely engaging conversation and resulted in robust discussion. All in all, the attendees learned a great deal and I will be sharing what was learned with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board and you, our colleagues, in the times to come. In closing, I want to thank you for your continued efforts at learning on behalf of the public we serve and for upholding the commitments you made to appropriately care for the citizens of our great state.

Physician Continuing Education Compliance Audit

(M.D. 2011-2013, D.O. 2012-2014)

M.D. Audit

The Department conducted continuing medical education audits on behalf of the Board for the licensing period 2011-2013 (MD) and 2012-2014 (DO). Of 1,135 licensees audited, 94 were not in compliance, representing a 91.7 % compliance rate. Results from the audits include the following:

- 29 licensees returned the certified mail receipt, but did not submit any of the requested audit materials
- 21 licensees submitted CME hours that occurred outside of the acceptable time period of 1/1/2012-12/31/2013
- 18 licensees had the final notices returned as 'undeliverable' by the post office
- 11 licensees submitted less than 30 hours of acceptable CME
- 4 licensees submitted no CME
- 3 licensees submitted no audit materials. The Department received no reply, or an 'undeliverable' returned final notice was sent to the Department by the post office
- 2 licensees submitted a table that listed the required CME, but submitted no supporting documentation to verify it
- 2 licensees claimed medical hardship and requested a waiver
- 1 licensee claimed all documents had been lost and claimed medical hardship
- 1 licensee claimed retirement
- 1 licensee was living abroad. Two notices were sent via regular mail with no response to either
- 1 licensee submitted hours that were not acceptable under Med [13.03](#)

D.O. Audit

Of 81 licensees audited, 7 were not in compliance, representing a 91.3 % compliance rate. The following are reasons for noncompliance:

- 3 licensees returned the certified mail receipt, but did not submit any materials
- 2 licensees submitted CME hours that occurred outside of the acceptable time period of 1/1/2012-12/31/2013
- 1 licensee submitted a table with no CME hours and requested a refund of the paid license renewal fee
- 1 licensee had the final notice returned as 'undeliverable' by the post office.

Of the 101 cases that were referred to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for enforcement action, 52 were administratively closed for no violation as additional investigation revealed that the licensee satisfied the continuing education requirements for the biennium. Additionally, 2 cases were closed because the respondent had either passed away or requested a refund of the renewal fee during the initial stages of the audit.

Of the remaining 47 cases, 7 respondents were issued administrative warnings for failing to comply with the CME requirements for the biennium. Forty respondents were disciplined by the Medical Examining Board as follows: 2 indefinite license suspensions; 19 reprimands; 7 reprimands with license limitations; and 12 surrenders of license.

Pain Management and Safe Prescribing

Several new laws relating to opioid prescribing and reporting were recently passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor. [2015 Wisconsin Act 266](#) requires practitioners to review patient PDMP records before the practitioner issues a prescription order for that patient for a monitored drug. [2015 Wisconsin Act 267](#) creates reporting requirements for the PDMP to determine the program’s effectiveness. [2015 Wisconsin Act 268](#) requires law enforcement to report instances of inappropriate use of opioids to the PDMP. [2015 Wisconsin Act 269](#) allows the Medical Examining Board, the Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board, the Board of Nursing, the Dentistry Examining Board, and

the Optometry Examining Board to issue guidelines regarding best practices in prescribing controlled substances, as defined in [§ 961.01 \(4\)](#), for persons credentialed by that Board who are authorized to prescribe controlled substances. The Medical Examining Board is currently drafting guidelines in addition to a continuing medical education rule that would require CME in safe and responsible controlled substances prescribing starting with the next renewal biennium. For complete copies of the Acts, go to ‘2015-16 Session Acts’ at <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/related/acts>.

Enforcement Actions of the Medical Examining Board

The Medical Examining Board, with help from staff at the Department of Safety and Professional Services, can take action against licensed professionals around the state to help protect the citizens of Wisconsin, and the profession. You may search for any of the Board Orders listed below on the Department’s website by using this link:

Board Order Search: <http://dsps.wi.gov/Other-Services/Lookup-Orders-Disciplinary>

Disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioners Data Bank. Available options to the Board are:

Reprimand - A public warning of the licensee for a violation.

Limitation of License - Imposes conditions and requirements upon the licensee, imposes restrictions on the scope of practice, or both.

Suspension - Completely and absolutely withdraws and withholds for a period of time all rights, privileges and authority previously conferred by the credential.

Revocation - Completely and absolutely terminates the credential and all rights, privileges and authority previously conferred by the credential.

Non-disciplinary actions are not reported to the National Practitioners Data Bank. Available options to the Board are:

Administrative Warning - Issued if violation is of a minor nature, a first occurrence and the warning will adequately protect the public. The issuance of an Administrative Warning is public information, however the reason for issuance is not.

Remedial Education Order - Issued when there is reason to believe that the deficiency can be corrected with remedial education, while sufficiently protecting the public.

Board Orders

October 2015 - April 2016

Profession	Order No	Order Date	Respondent	City	State
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0002143	4/22/2016	Hale, John Michael	Green Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0003817	4/22/2016	Krieger, Westscot G	Appleton	WI
Physician Assistant	ORDER0000941	4/22/2016	Lueskow, Joel D	Menominee	MI
Physician Assistant	ORDER0004658	4/20/2016	Andrews, David William	Depere	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004659	4/20/2016	Cardone, Bruce W	Hartland	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004660	4/20/2016	Doenier, Jan A	Waukesha	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004661	4/20/2016	Garibaldi, Abel A	Oconomowoc	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004662	4/20/2016	Johnson, Tammy A	Waunakee	WI

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Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004663	4/20/2016	Plooster, Michael Dwain	Baraboo	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004664	4/20/2016	Ruiz Favela, Victor	Needham	MA
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004665	4/20/2016	Tavris, Dale Robert	Silver Spring	MD
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004202	4/18/2016	Arassi, Siamak B	Brookfield	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004312	4/8/2016	Preciado-Riestra, Juan S	Waupaca	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004603	4/8/2016	Houlihan, David J	La Crosse	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0000345	3/28/2016	Peterson, Kirsten D	Lake Geneva	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0002680	3/28/2016	Strapon, Paul	Hayward	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004622	3/28/2016	Parsa, Cameron F	Columbia	MD
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004434	3/24/2016	Tully, Madelaine T	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004603	3/16/2016	Houlihan, David J	La Crosse	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004485	3/16/2016	Pellmann, Roger A	Jackson	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004486	3/16/2016	Peterson, Jonathan G	Wabasha	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004606	3/16/2016	Engstrand, David J	Brookfield	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004607	3/16/2016	Khan, Mohammad R	Crystal Lake	IL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004608	3/16/2016	Macatol, Michael C	Columbus	OH
Medicine and Surgery, DO	ORDER0004609	3/16/2016	Kalinosky, Thomas J	Beaver Dam	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004610	3/16/2016	Awa, Paul K	Desoto	TX
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004611	3/16/2016	Johnson, W Dudley	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004612	3/16/2016	Anderson, Earl L	Waupaca	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004486	3/11/2016	Peterson, Jonathan G	Wabasha	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004147	3/3/2016	Abboud Leon, Chady	Marshfield	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004550	2/17/2016	Aponte, Leonardo	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004551	2/17/2016	Feltes, James R	Viroqua	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004552	2/17/2016	Hasan, Nosheen	Brookfield	WI
Physician Assistant	ORDER0004553	2/17/2016	Hayward, Jonathan R	Manitowoc	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004554	2/17/2016	Masci, Vance A	Glendale	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004555	2/17/2016	Vinluan, Jeremias B	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, DO	ORDER0003814	2/4/2016	Frankwitz, Alicia A	Wayzata	MN
Physician Assistant	LS0708153MED	2/3/2016	Nolden, Jennifer L	Verona	WI
Physician Assistant	ORDER0002310	2/2/2016	Haughey, Carol T	Whitefish Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004431	1/27/2016	Moore, R Christopher	Pensacola	FL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0002836	1/21/2016	Araujo, Jose Gonzalo	New Berlin	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0003559	1/21/2016	Ellias, Mazin A-y	Wausau	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004393	1/20/2016	Meress, Steven G	Fond Du Lac	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004482	1/20/2016	Gaylord, Gregg M	Wauwatosa	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004483	1/20/2016	Kadile, Eleazar M	Green Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004484	1/20/2016	O'Reilly, Michael D	Green Bay	WI

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Medicine and Surgery, DO	ORDER0004487	1/20/2016	Weddle, Andrew J	Wausau	WI
Medicine and Surgery, DO	ORDER0004316	1/20/2016	Calderon, Wilton Craig	Old Lyme	CT
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0003566	1/4/2016	Riesch, John D	Menomonee Falls	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0003126	1/4/2016	Petrovani, Mark S	Madison	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004070	12/28/2015	Cafaro, John A	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, DO	ORDER0002624	12/22/2015	Moraski, Luann	Whitefish Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0002405	12/22/2015	Panzer, Michael J	Menasha	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004429	12/16/2015	Chaffin, Todd H	Rockford	IL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004430	12/16/2015	Hoffmann, John Gregory	Waupaca	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004431	12/16/2015	Moore, R Christopher	Pensacola	FL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004432	12/16/2015	O'Connor, Daniel T	Brookfield	WI
Medicine and Surgery, DO	ORDER0004433	12/16/2015	Royal, Daniel F	Henderson	NV
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004434	12/16/2015	Tully, Madelaine T	Milwaukee	WI
Applicant	ORDER0004416	12/4/2015	Huynh, My-my	Fountain Valley	CA
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0002362	11/25/2015	Vanbommel, Jesse J	Menomonee Falls	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0002680	11/24/2015	Strapon, Paul	Hayward	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0003817	11/24/2015	Krieger, Westscot G	Appleton	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004001	11/24/2015	Kelly, John Edward	Oconomowoc	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004391	11/18/2015	Armus, Steven L	Franksville	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004392	11/18/2015	Finley, Joseph Clayton	Newport	RI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004393	11/18/2015	Meress, Steven G	Fond Du Lac	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004394	11/18/2015	Olsen, Garrick B	Hastings	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0000861	11/10/2015	Berezovski, Roman	Greenfield	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004147	11/10/2015	Abboud Leon, Chady	Marshfield	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004208	11/2/2015	Sunby, Carl R	Middleton	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004074	10/22/2015	Reynolds, Norman Clark	Shorewood	WI
Medicine and Surgery, DO	ORDER0004307	10/21/2015	Szyman, Charles R	Manitowoc	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004309	10/21/2015	Hetz, Robert Nolan	Manitowoc	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004310	10/21/2015	Jenkins, Scott D	North Oaks	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004311	10/21/2015	Murali, Ravi	Baraboo	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004312	10/21/2015	Preciado-Riestra, Juan S	Waupaca	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004313	10/21/2015	Schlidt, Scott A	Waupaca	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004314	10/21/2015	Schwarz, Dayna P	La Crosse	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004315	10/21/2015	Thompson, Timothy J	Watertown	WI
Medicine and Surgery, DO	ORDER0004316	10/21/2015	Calderon, Wilton Craig	Old Lyme	CT
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0002202	10/19/2015	Anderson, Floyd Owen	Golden Valley	MN

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