



## Chair's Corner

By Dr. Kenneth Simons



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For those of us who have the privilege of serving the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, we constantly keep in mind our obligation to ensure the provision of safe, responsible and appropriate care by our licensees to the Wisconsin public. We also provide education to our colleagues and discipline those licensees whose actions have betrayed their obligations to their patients. That said, each of us who holds a license to practice medicine in Wisconsin has a special responsibility to see that all of our colleagues uphold these obligations and more importantly, to inculcate the right values and virtues into the next generation of health care providers. In my full time position overseeing residency and fellowship training programs, I am always cognizant that everything I do is, and will be scrutinized, by the young women and men who have followed us into this noble profession and are under the supervision of their program's faculty.

But it is far more than just those individuals who have received their medical degree that are on my mind. The practice of good medicine is now a team sport. Each of us is part of a team whether it be within an individual solo private practice, a large multi-specialty group practice or at the hospital where we practice/admit patients depending upon our specialty. The team is composed of other physicians, nurses, physician assistants, occupational and physical therapists, pharmacists and many others. All of these individuals are needed to provide safe, responsible and appropriate care to the patient populations we serve. As physicians we have a special obligation to make sure that we behave professionally at all times with all with whom we are in contact, not just our patients. Are we perfect? No, we are all human and exhibit the frailties that human beings do. Our responsibility however is to minimize the frequency of our

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## Physician Licensing Changes Are Coming

2013 Wisconsin Act 240, enacted on April 8, 2014, significantly impacts physician licensing in Wisconsin. It increases the Graduate Medical Education (GME) requirement from one year to two years, and it creates three new licensing classifications: the resident educational license (REL); the restricted license to practice medicine and surgery as a visiting physician; and the administrative physician license. The Medical Examining Board is currently drafting rules necessary to implement the new legislation.

### PROJECTED EFFECTIVE DATES

It is projected that applicants will be able to apply for licenses under the new licensing classifications as early as April 1, 2015.

### GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (GME) INCREASE FROM 1 TO 2 YEARS

When Act 240 becomes effective, it will require applicants seeking a license to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin, including graduates of international medical schools, to have successfully completed 24 months of postgraduate training in a program that has been accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or a successor organization. Alternatively, applicants may also satisfy the GME requirement by being enrolled in and successfully completing 12 consecutive months of an ACGME or AOA approved postgraduate training program within Wisconsin and receiving an endorsement from the postgraduate training program director that confirms the applicant is expected to complete at least 24 months of ACGME or AOA approved postgraduate training. Prior to the passage of Act 240, applicants for a license to practice medicine and surgery were only required to complete 12 months of GME or show equivalent training.

### RESIDENT EDUCATIONAL LICENSE (REL)

The resident educational license, which replaces the temporary educational permit to practice medicine and surgery, creates a license for residents in post-graduate training programs in Wisconsin. The license does not allow independent practice. REL holders are allowed to practice only in connection with the

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## **Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Aims to Expedite Multi-state Licensure**

*Note: The Department of Safety and Professional Services has taken no position regarding the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.*

State medical boards continue to make significant progress in developing an Interstate Medical Licensure Compact – a newly proposed pathway to expedite the licensing of physicians seeking to practice medicine in multiple states. The interstate compact system is anticipated to increase access to health care for patients in underserved or rural areas and allow patients to more easily consult medical experts through the use of telemedicine technologies.

To be eligible to participate in the proposed system, a physician must possess a license in a member state, be certified in a medical specialty, and have no history of being disciplined, penalized or punished by a court, a medical licensing agency or the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Initial surveys estimate that nearly 80% of the physician population licensed in the United States will be eligible for expedited licensure via the Compact.

To be eligible, the physician must :

- Have passed the USMLE or COMLEX within 3 attempts;
- Possess a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a compact state;
- Have successfully completed a graduate medical education (GME) program;
- Have achieved specialty certification recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or be in possession of a time unlimited certificate;
- Have no discipline on any state medical license;
- Have no discipline related to controlled substances;
- Not be under investigation by any licensing agency or law enforcement.

Physicians who are ineligible for the expedited licensure process facilitated by the Compact may still seek additional licenses in those states where they desire to practice through the traditional licensure processes. The Interstate Compact is not a national license. Each license to practice medicine will be issued by a state medical board and physicians must be licensed in the state where the patient is located.

The model Interstate Medical Licensure Compact was drafted by state medical board representatives, with assistance from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and the Council of State Governments (CSG). The Compact's foundational principles were proposed by medical regulators from a diverse collection of states, in terms of population, size, and geographic region. During the last year, feedback on each draft of the Compact was solicited from state medical boards, provider groups, telehealth organizations, and other interested stakeholders.

The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board supports the compact in concept, and several other states have endorsed it. States will begin to formally consider the model compact legislation by early 2015. Participation in the Compact would be voluntary, for both states and physicians. For more information about the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, please visit [www.fsmb.org](http://www.fsmb.org).

Acknowledgement: Federation of State Medical Boards

## **Wisconsin Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Update**



The Wisconsin Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (WI PDMP) continues to help combat prescription drug abuse by giving registered prescribers access to their patients' controlled substance prescription histories. Currently, over 9,400 prescribers, pharmacists, and their delegates have registered to access the PDMP database. Prescribers account for approximately 48% of registered users and have performed about 25% of the patient queries (greater than 900,000 to date). Nearly 24,000 of the queries have been multiple state searches, a type of search that allows providers to view their patients' prescription histories from other states in addition to Wisconsin. Providers in Wisconsin can currently receive data from twelve other states, including the neighboring states of Illinois, Michigan, and Minnesota. PDMP users in Wisconsin will soon be able to access patient prescription histories from Iowa as well.

To make the PDMP data more readily accessible to providers at the point of care, the Department is collaborating with the Wisconsin Statewide Health Information Network (WISHIN) to integrate PDMP data into the state health information exchange. Other ongoing system enhancements include proactive reports informing prescribers about high-risk patients who meet designated criteria for prescription activity.

To register for access to the WI PDMP database, visit the database access site: <http://dsps.wi.gov/pdmp/access/prescriber>. Select Registration Site. When prompted, enter "newacct" as your username and "welcome" as your password. Complete and submit the online registration form. If you experience any problems or have any questions while registering, please contact the Department at: [PDMP@wisconsin.gov](mailto:PDMP@wisconsin.gov).



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failings and we can accomplish this by simply living by the tenets contained within one of the medical oaths we swore to upon our entry into the profession. As one example, the Declaration of Geneva states in part: "I solemnly pledge to consecrate my life to the service of humanity; I will practice my profession with conscience and dignity; I will maintain by all the means in my power, the honour and the noble traditions of the medical profession; my colleagues will be my sisters and brothers."

And to the point of holding each of us accountable to each other, as well as our patients, 2009 Wisconsin Act 382 places a legal duty upon all licensed physicians (MDs and DOs) to report the unsafe practice of other physicians to the Medical Examining Board (MEB) under circumstances detailed in the law. The duty to report codifies ethical obligations which exist in policy statements of the Wisconsin Medical Society and the American Medical Association and is similar to what exists in the laws of many other states. Act 382 was written with the knowledge that physicians are in the best position to be aware of colleagues who may engage in a pattern of unprofessional conduct; may engage in acts creating an immediate or continuing danger to patients or the public; may be medically incompetent; or may be mentally or physically unable to safely practice medicine. Failure to report such physicians to the MEB may

itself lead to disciplinary actions against the licenses of physicians who had knowledge about these unprofessional practices.

Wisconsin is fortunate to have a dedicated, compassionate physician workforce that, in general, works in concert with all other members of the healthcare team, to the benefit of our citizenry's health. I encourage you to continue to do so and remind you that as written in Luke 12:48 - "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." While we have certainly worked hard to acquire the knowledge and skills we possess, indeed much has been given to us by society and significant trust has been placed in us. Thus, it is incumbent upon us, the descendants of the Hippocratic traditions, to continually prove ourselves worthy of what we have been given and the trust placed therein.

**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.



## **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., Chair (Milwaukee)  
Timothy Swan, M.D., Vice Chair (Marshfield)  
Sridhar Vasudevan, M.D., Secretary (Belgium)  
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Mary Jo Capodice, D.O., Physician Member (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)  
Timothy Westlake, M.D., Physician Member (Hartland)  
Russell Yale, M.D., Physician Member (Fox Point)  
Robert Zondag, Public Member (Delafield)

*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  
Gretchen Mrozinski, Legal Counsel  
Taylor Thompson, Bureau Assistant

#### **Executive Staff:**

Dave Ross, Secretary  
Bill Wendle, Deputy Secretary  
Tom Engels, Assistant Deputy Secretary

*The dates and times of the Medical Examining Board meetings are announced on the DSPS website at <http://dsps.wi.gov>. Meeting agendas are posted approximately one week prior to the meeting.*

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approved postgraduate training program in which the resident is enrolled. The license is valid for one year and may be renewed for additional one-year terms as long as the REL holder is enrolled in a postgraduate training program within Wisconsin.

#### **VISITING PHYSICIAN LICENSE**

The restricted license to practice medicine and surgery as a visiting physician replaces the visiting professor license. Subject to any additional conditions the Medical Examining Board may require by rule, applicants for the visiting physician license must provide proof that the applicant:

- has a diploma from a medical or osteopathic college approved by the board;
- is licensed to practice medicine and surgery outside of Wisconsin;
- teaches medicine, conducts medical research, or practices medicine and surgery outside of Wisconsin;
- has provided a letter from the dean or president of the facility or college confirming that the licensee intends to teach, research, or practice medicine and surgery at a medical education facility, medical research facility, or medical college in this state.

The visiting physician license is valid for one year and remains valid as long as the licensee is actively engaged in teaching, researching, or practicing medicine and surgery and is lawfully entitled to work in the United States.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE PHYSICIAN LICENSE (APL)**

The administrative physician license is a brand new licensing class created by Act 240. APL holders will not be allowed to engage in the active practice of medicine and surgery. The other requirements for this class of license and the limits of its use will be identified by rule.

### **Controlled Substances Scheduling Changes**

The Drug Enforcement Administration and the State of Wisconsin Controlled Substances Board have scheduled tramadol and re-scheduled hydrocodone combination products. Tramadol is now a Schedule IV drug. Hydrocodone combination products are now Schedule II medications. More information is available following the links below:

#### **Tramadol**

[http://dsps.wisconsin.gov/Documents/Tramadol%20Scheduling%20\(signed\).pdf](http://dsps.wisconsin.gov/Documents/Tramadol%20Scheduling%20(signed).pdf)

On July 2, 2014, the DEA published its final rule in the Federal Register placing tramadol into Schedule IV of the federal Controlled Substances Act effective August 18, 2014. The Wisconsin Controlled Substances Board pursuant to s. 961.11(4), Wis. Stat. took affirmative action to similarly treat tramadol as a schedule IV controlled substance effective September 1, 2014.

#### **Hydrocodone Combination Products**

[http://dsps.wisconsin.gov/Documents/HCP%20Scheduling%20\(signed\).pdf](http://dsps.wisconsin.gov/Documents/HCP%20Scheduling%20(signed).pdf)

On August 22, 2014 the DEA published its final rule in the Federal Register rescheduling hydrocodone combination products from Schedule III to Schedule II of the federal Controlled Substances Act. The scheduling action was effective October 6, 2014. The Wisconsin Controlled Substances Board pursuant to s. 961.11(4), Wis. Stat., rescheduled hydrocodone combination products from Schedule III to Schedule II effective November 1, 2014.

## **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 profession and the citizens of Wisconsin. 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** - To completely and absolutely terminate 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

March – October 2014

Profession	Order No	Order Date	Respondent	City	State
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003474</a>	10/15/2014	Portman, Edward M	Marietta	GA
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003475</a>	10/15/2014	Phillips, Elliott R	Malone	WI
Physician Assistant	<a href="#">ORDER0003476</a>	10/15/2014	Christofferson, Brian E	West Bend	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003477</a>	10/15/2014	Trier, Todd T	El Paso	TX
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003478</a>	10/15/2014	Barney, Richard N	Janesville	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0002353</a>	9/23/2014	Weidman, Kevin A	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0002361</a>	9/23/2014	Sidhu, Devinder Kaur	Pleasant Prairie	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0002065</a>	9/23/2014	Pellmann, Roger A	Germantown	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0002303</a>	9/23/2014	Haughey, Stephen A	Whitefish Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003414</a>	9/17/2014	Domke, Lewis R	Brookfield	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003415</a>	9/17/2014	Doenier, Jan A	Waukesha	WI
Respiratory Care Practitioner	<a href="#">ORDER0003416</a>	9/17/2014	Krueger, Korby J	Shawano	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003417</a>	9/17/2014	Bullis, Gregory G	Roscoe	IL
Applicant	<a href="#">ORDER0003418</a>	9/17/2014	Shah, Kaukab P	Richardson	TX
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003163</a>	9/11/2014	Barsness, Brigg W	Union Grove	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003287</a>	8/21/2014	Ali, Zulfiqar	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003287</a>	8/21/2014	Ali, Zulfiqar	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">LS0702141MED</a>	8/21/2014	Oconnor, Thomas A	Cudahy	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0000348</a>	8/21/2014	Armus, Steven L	Racine	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003339</a>	8/20/2014	Entress, Jeffrey J	Brookfield	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003340</a>	8/20/2014	Agrawal, Vibha	Mequon	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003341</a>	8/20/2014	Logan, James Joseph	Mauston	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003342</a>	8/20/2014	Horan, John Wp	Omro	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003343</a>	8/20/2014	Jacobson, Donald M	Racine	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003344</a>	8/20/2014	Nepsund, Kevin C	Woodbury	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003345</a>	8/20/2014	Harrington, Francis E	Naples	FL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003346</a>	8/20/2014	Steele, James Oliver	Fort Dodge	IA
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0002303</a>	8/15/2014	Haughey, Stephen A	Whitefish Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003321</a>	7/28/2014	Van De Loo, David A	Eau Claire	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0002949</a>	7/28/2014	Fogarty, James P	Rice Lake	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0002361</a>	7/28/2014	Sidhu, Devinder Kaur	Pleasant Prairie	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003029</a>	7/16/2014	Rubin, Ronald G	Mequon	WI

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Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003320</a>	7/16/2014	Aders, Graig A	Greendale	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003322</a>	7/16/2014	Gorelick, Jeffrey B	Glendale	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003287</a>	6/25/2014	Ali, Zulfiqar	Milwaukee	WI
Physician Assistant	<a href="#">ORDER0002310</a>	6/23/2014	Haughey, Carol T	Whitefish Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0002362</a>	6/23/2014	Vanbommel, Jesse J	Menomonee Falls	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0001892</a>	6/23/2014	Turner, Robert C	Reedsburg	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0001969</a>	6/23/2014	Angelini, Giuditta	Fitchburg	WI
Medicine and Surgery, DO	<a href="#">ORDER0003280</a>	6/18/2014	Spiegel, Barry	Waukesha	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003281</a>	6/18/2014	Kornaus, Paul Alvin	Portage	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003282</a>	6/18/2014	Salti, Nader I	Racine	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003283</a>	6/18/2014	Kaprelian, Vallie M	Appleton	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0001280</a>	5/30/2014	Baich, Michael V	Coleraine	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003229</a>	5/22/2014	Byrd, Jane D	Chippewa Falls	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003230</a>	5/21/2014	Gengerke, Jason T	Visalia	CA
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003231</a>	5/21/2014	Cullinan, Stephen A	Peoria	IL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003232</a>	5/21/2014	Moyer, Nancy L	Hibbing	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003233</a>	5/21/2014	Bruno, Patrick L	Van Wert	OH
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003234</a>	5/21/2014	Kaiseruddin, Mohammed A	Orland Park	IL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003235</a>	5/21/2014	Jagetia, Rakesh	Orange Village	OH
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003236</a>	5/21/2014	Steinmetz, Steven W	Jim Falls	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003237</a>	5/21/2014	Subramani, Govindaraju	Danville	IL
Applicant	<a href="#">ORDER0003238</a>	5/21/2014	Pal, Bharat	Montgomery	IL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0002303</a>	5/15/2014	Haughey, Stephen A	Whitefish Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0002144</a>	5/8/2014	Boyum, George Peter	Stillwater	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0000804</a>	4/28/2014	Bertram, Dale Thomas	Cross Plains	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003073</a>	4/28/2014	Sinh, Nipa H	Oakland	CA
Medicine and Surgery, DO	<a href="#">ORDER0002951</a>	4/17/2014	Paustian, David L	Neillsville	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003163</a>	4/16/2014	Barsness, Brigg W	Union Grove	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003164</a>	4/16/2014	Christensen, John P	W Palm Beach	FL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003165</a>	4/16/2014	Moe, Terrance D	Eagle River	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0002143</a>	3/26/2014	Hale, John Michael	Green Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0000966</a>	3/26/2014	Williamson, Lawrence J	Windsor	CA
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003130</a>	3/26/2014	Aldrich, Peri L	Oneida	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0002950</a>	3/17/2014	Schein, Moshe	Ladysmith	WI

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