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**Chair's Corner**

*By Dr. Kenneth Simons*

“How can I be useful, of what service can I be? There is something inside me, what can it be?”

Vincent Van Gogh

Van Gogh asks the question and each of us as physicians answers this call on a daily basis. Indeed, service to others is what defines us as physicians. It is in this spirit of service that I write to let you know that there are currently vacancies for physician members on the Respiratory Care Practitioners and Perfusionists Examining Councils. Applications are available online and we would welcome your interest in serving the Wisconsin citizenry and the medical community. (See notice on page 5 of this newsletter for more information.)



*Kenneth Simons*

As physicians, we also serve our patients, and to accomplish this task with which we are privileged, we must continue to educate ourselves, our patients and their families. Your Medical Examining Board (MEB) is continually educating itself on issues that currently impact the profession of medicine as well as looking into areas that will impact the practice of medicine in the future. As you will see in this issue of the newsletter, much work has been completed since our last publication. After much study and deliberation, the MEB has published a guideline regarding the responsible and appropriate use of opioids, given the crisis we face not just nationally but also the crisis that is particularly acute here in our great state.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE: NEW CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) REQUIREMENT IN EFFECT FOR CURRENT BIENNIUM**

**Notice and Update: CME Rules**

On November 10, 2016, emergency rules went into effect that revise Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter Med 13 to provide that two of the required 30 hours of **CME for the current biennium and the following biennium** must be related to the [opioid prescribing guideline](#) issued by the Board. Physicians who do not hold a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration number to prescribe controlled substances are exempted under the rules. A list of Board approved CME providers for this requirement can be located here: [List of Board Approved Courses](#)



## 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)  
Michael Carton, Public Member (Oconomowoc)  
Padmaja Doniparthi, M.D., Physician Member (Oconomowoc)  
Rodney Erickson, M.D., Physician Member (Tomah)  
Bradley Kudick, Public Member (Waukesha)  
Lee Ann Lau, M.D., Physician Member (West Bend)  
Carolyn Ogland Vukich, M.D., Physician Member (Madison)  
David Roelke, M.D., Physician Member (Hartland)  
Robert Zoeller, Physician Member (Oconomowoc)  
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:*

<https://walker.wi.gov/apply/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:**

Laura Gutiérrez, Secretary  
Eric Esser, Deputy Secretary  
Kirsten Reader, 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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To combat this scourge, the MEB promulgated a rule requiring that **all physicians with a DEA number must complete two hours of approved CME on the WI Opioid Prescribing Guideline within this biennium** (and the following biennium) so that each of us is educated as we serve our communities. (See the notice on page 1 of this newsletter for more information.) A number of courses have been approved and may be found on our website. We have also included an article on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) that provides the most current guidance on how to utilize this valuable tool for the benefit of your patients as well as to make sure your practice is compliant with its requirements. Your MEB has also implemented a rule regarding the practice of telemedicine in our state after carefully listening to numerous constituents throughout the rulemaking process. This rule will greatly assist physicians in providing quality care utilizing these technologies. Lastly, the Interstate Medical License Compact Commission (IMLCC), a group of states committed to ensuring an expedited process to multi-state licensure, has welcomed additional participating states and is very close to issuing licenses through a streamlined approach that will greatly assist those physicians who desire to practice in two or more of the participating states. All of these efforts made by your MEB, as well as colleagues and medical boards across the nation, represent the very commitment to service that represents what is best about being a physician. Muhammad Ali said it well, "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."

## 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.



## Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC): A New Platform

*by Robert H. Zondag, Wisconsin IMLC Commissioner*

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) offers a voluntary expedited pathway to licensure for qualified physicians who wish to practice in multiple states by applying to a single platform for licensure across member states of the Compact. It is estimated that approximately 80% of physicians meet the criteria for licensure through the IMLC. **The good news for our state is that Wisconsin is a member of the IMLC and is preparing to launch the Compact. Notice will be posted on the DSPPS website when DSPPS is prepared to accept applications.**

As of 2017, the Compact officially launched its website, <https://IMLCC.org>. The website provides important details on the IMLCC, information on how to qualify for licensure, and most importantly, the actual portal for physicians to apply.

How is the portal process intended work for a physician seeking licensure under the current plan?

1. At the website, you complete the online application form and submit it along with the application fee.
2. You will be asked to choose a State of Principal Licensure (SPL). If your primary practice is located in Wisconsin, you would choose Wisconsin as your SPL. If Wisconsin is chosen as your SPL and your application is complete, a criminal background check will be executed, and your qualifications will be verified.

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3. Once qualified, Wisconsin, as your SPL, will send you a Letter of Qualification. If you are not qualified, the state (as your SPL) will notify you of the reason(s) and what recourse you have in resolving any ineligibility.
4. After receiving your Letter of Qualification, you will be notified to return to <https://IMLC.org> where you will be able to select the IMLC Member States where you wish to be licensed and submit your license fees for those selected States.
5. The Member States medical boards you select will issue licenses to you at that time.

It is important to note that the portal provides an expedited system to receive licenses across Member States, however, the process is not immediate since information you present must be verified. Along with reviewing your training and other qualifications, the Letter of Qualification process involves querying data banks and running a criminal history background check. As a result, it may take several weeks for your selected State of Principal License to complete this step. However, after you receive a Letter of Qualification, the process of issuing licenses in IMLC Member States should take only a few days.

In recent weeks, the Commission has passed bylaws and rules that will promote ongoing expedited licensure, established a prudent service fee structure that will sustain ongoing licensure, and developed the secure web platform that will promote reliability among licensees and member states. Thoughtful consideration has been taken on each of the steps so that the final process will function effectively. Both Wisconsin Commissioners continue to be members of working committees of the Commission.

As your Commissioner, I invite you to visit the website, learn more, participate in the process and ask any questions you may have. You will find contact telephone numbers and support email addresses on the website.

## **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)**

### **Update**

The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) deployed the new Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (WI ePDMP) on January 17, 2017. The WI ePDMP is a valuable tool in the continuing fight against prescription drug misuse and abuse in WI. By providing critical information about the controlled substance prescriptions that are dispensed to patients in Wisconsin, the WI ePDMP can aid physicians in their prescribing and treatment decisions.

As of April 1, 2017, prescribers are required to review patient records in the WI ePDMP prior to issuing most controlled substance prescription orders to their patients. Please note that the following exceptions apply:

- The patient is receiving hospice care;
- Prescriptions intended to last the patient 3 days or less and is not subject to refill;
- The monitored prescription drug is administered directly to the patient;
- Emergency situations that prevent the practitioner from reviewing ePDMP records, and;
- Technological failures that cause the program to be inoperable.

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Note: the law does not provide an exception based on schedule of drug.

Reviewing records in the WI ePDMP will provide complementary information about a patient's controlled substance prescription history, including information about multiple provider episodes, high morphine milligram equivalent values, and dangerous drug combinations such as overlapping opioid and benzodiazepine prescriptions.

To use the WI ePDMP, prescribers will need to register with the new site, <https://pdmp.wi.gov>, even if they registered with and used the previous system. The login for the previous system will not work in the new system. To register, prescribers will need the following pieces of information:

- Last name
- Last four digits of SSN
- License number
- License type (profession)
- Specialty or primary area of practice
- DEA number

During registration, licensing information is verified with the DSPS licensing database. If any information in the DSPS licensing database is incorrect or missing, licensees may update their file with DSPS:

Prescribers will be able to begin using the WI ePDMP to look up patients and manage delegates as soon as they have completed the registration process. The multi-state search function will be available to both prescribers and their delegates as soon as their accounts are established. Training materials about how to register, search for patients, and manage delegate accounts are available on the WI ePDMP website, <https://pdmp.wi.gov>. We encourage all users to review the training materials and update their DSPS licensing file before registering for and beginning to use the WI ePDMP.

Please contact us at [pdmp@wisconsin.gov](mailto:pdmp@wisconsin.gov) with any questions about the Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

## Physician Member Positions on MEB Councils

The Respiratory Care Practitioners Examining Council and the Perfusionists Examining Council currently have Physician Member vacancies. If you are interested in serving on one of these MEB Councils, please review the position information provided below. To apply to serve simply complete the [application for appointment](#) and return it to the Department of Safety and Professional Services with a cover letter and resume as outlined in the application.

### Application for MEB Council Appointment

Respiratory Care Practitioners Examining Council – Created at Wis. Stat. § [15.407\(1m\)](#)

- Position Info: Physician Member: Serves a 3-year terms with no term limits
- Council Webpage: [Respiratory Care Practitioners Examining Council](#)

Perfusionists Examining Council – Created at Wis. Stat. § [15.407\(2m\)](#)

- Position Info: Cardiothoracic Surgeon or Cardiovascular Anesthesiologist Member: Serves a 3-year term with no more than 2 consecutive terms.
- Council Webpage: [Perfusionists Examining Council](#)



## Update: Telemedicine Rules

At its November 16, 2016 meeting the Board held a public hearing on the proposed rules developed by the Telemedicine Committee (Drs. Carolyn Oglund Vukich, David Roelke, Kenneth Simons and Mr. Robert Zondag). The final proposed rules were approved by the Governor's Office in January, and are currently under review by the Legislature. With legislative approval, the rules could go into effect as early as June 1, 2017.

The proposed rules define telemedicine; provide that a physician-patient relationship may be established through telemedicine; and create standards for the practice of medicine using telemedicine, including requirements for the use of equipment and technology and Internet diagnosis and treatment. Under the proposed rules, a physician is held to the same standards of practice and conduct regardless of whether health care services are provided in person or by telemedicine.

## 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 2016—March 2017

Profession	Order No	Order Date	Respondent	City	State
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003126</a>	3/20/2017	Petrovani, Mark S	Madison	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0005224</a>	3/15/2017	Bowe, Clifford T	Cadott	WI
Medicine and Surgery, DO	<a href="#">ORDER0005225</a>	3/15/2017	Dunek, Tracie M	West Bend	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0005227</a>	3/15/2017	Rypel, Gregory D	Green Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0005226</a>	3/15/2017	Ginkel, Paul D	Bayside	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003638</a>	3/13/2017	Pietrafitta, Joseph J	Maple Grove	MN
Physician Assistant	<a href="#">ORDER0005091</a>	3/1/2017	Nale, Jennifer K	McFarland	WI
Physician Assistant	<a href="#">ORDER0005090</a>	2/21/2017	Bernards, Amy E	Waunakee	WI

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Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0005173</a>	2/15/2017	Larson, Kirsten W	Appleton	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0002303</a>	2/15/2017	Haughey, Stephen A	Whitefish Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0005174</a>	2/15/2017	Rex, David L	Eden Prairie	MN
Medicine and Surgery, DO	<a href="#">ORDER0004433</a>	2/13/2017	Royal, Daniel F	Henderson	NV
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0004394</a>	2/3/2017	Olsen, Garrick B	Hastings	MN
Physician Assistant	<a href="#">ORDER0004757</a>	1/23/2017	Bender, Mark C	Waukesha	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0004603</a>	1/18/2017	Houlihan, David J	La Crosse	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0005127</a>	1/18/2017	Oppenheimer, Jonathan R	Nashville	TN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0004977</a>	12/30/2016	Turner, James H	Eden Prairie	MN
Physician Assistant	<a href="#">ORDER0005091</a>	12/21/2016	Nale, Jennifer K	McFarland	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0005092</a>	12/21/2016	Tran, Ann Anh	Eden Prairie	MN
Physician Assistant	<a href="#">ORDER0005090</a>	12/21/2016	Bernards, Amy E	Waukegan	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0005025</a>	11/16/2016	Bhillakar, Meenakshi S	Burlington	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0005027</a>	11/16/2016	Davis, Ronda Diane	Eau Claire	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0005026</a>	11/16/2016	Clarke, Gerald Paul	Oshkosh	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0005028</a>	11/16/2016	Mcclain, Gregory D	Nacogdoches	TX
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0005021</a>	11/15/2016	Thomas, Jonathan W	Pinckard	AL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0005021</a>	11/15/2016	Thomas, Jonathan W	Pinckard	AL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0003029</a>	10/31/2016	Rubin, Ronald G	Mequon	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0004977</a>	10/19/2016	Turner, James H	Eden Prairie	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0004973</a>	10/19/2016	Adejumo, Adetunji A	De Pere	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0004976</a>	10/19/2016	Olson, David L	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	<a href="#">ORDER0004975</a>	10/19/2016	Khan, Muhammad Y	Milwaukee	WI
Anesthesiologist Assistant	<a href="#">ORDER0004974</a>	10/19/2016	Boras, Leonard M	Middleton	WI
Medicine and Surgery, DO	<a href="#">ORDER0004609</a>	10/6/2016	Kalinosky, Thomas J	Beaver Dam	WI

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