



Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Newsletter

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Board's Three Opioid Prescribing Events a Huge Success

Recently, the Board completed a series of three opioid prescribing continuing medical education events, which were held in Lexington, Louisville, and Northern Kentucky. The events were free and centered on the requirements of House Bill 1 and House Bill 333 along with 201 KAR 9:260 and the critical components of opioid management. The courses also provided critical information on managing patients on opioids, interpreting urine drug screens, weaning opioids, recognizing, and dealing with addiction.

The Board is pleased to report that approximately 600 physicians and other prescribers were able to register for the events and the overall response to the course offering was very positive. The Board would like to offer a special thank you to Baptist Health Lexington, Baptist Health Louisville, St. Elizabeth Healthcare, the Northern Kentucky Medical Society, the Kentucky Medical Association, and the Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care for partnering with the Board to provide this educational opportunity to the physician community in Kentucky.

In addition, the Board would also like to offer its appreciation to the following speakers who volunteered their time and expertise in participating in these events: Trang Nguyen, M.D., David Randolph, M.D., Ph.D., James Talmadge, M.D., Robert J. Barth, Ph.D., Greg Jones, M.D., Jill Lee, Pharm.D., David McMahan, Sen. Robert Stivers, Sen. Will Schroder, Dave Hopkins, Van Ingram, and Phil Dietz.

Finally, the Board expresses its deepest gratitude to former Board President, Russell Travis, M.D., for spearheading and organizing these events. Dr. Travis' passion on the issue of addressing Kentucky's opioid epidemic is unmatched and the Board recognizes him for his leadership and efforts in this area.

Renewal of Physician Licenses for 2019

In late December, physicians holding an active license will receive a notice by mail with instructions to renew his or her license. Physicians will be able to renew their license online at www.kbml.ky.gov.

To complete the renewal, physicians will be required to verify and update their unique licensure information. The fee to renew online will be \$150.00. Physicians who renew by paper will be assessed an additional \$10.00 fee. Please note the link to renew your license on the Board's website will not be available until the first week of January 2019.

Board Orders can be viewed under the Physician Profile/Verification of License link on the Board's website:
www.kbml.ky.gov

Board Action Report (actions taken since 07/01/18)

David E. Anderson, M.D., Shelton, WA, License # 51670
Agreed Order of Fine entered into 07/10/18.

Richard W. Bailey, M.D., Bowling Green, KY, License # 38418
Agreed Order entered into 09/04/18.

William B. Bebout, M.D., Morganfield, KY, License # 32416
Amended Agreed Order entered into 08/06/18.

Avis M. Carr, M.D., Campbellsville, KY, License # 44558
Agreed Order entered into 08/03/18.

Timothy W. Carroll, M.D., Versailles, KY, License # 32975
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 07/31/18.

Mohamed Chebaclo, M.D., Paducah, KY, License # 51683
Agreed Order of Fine entered into 07/13/18.

Sean Russell Dillon, M.D., Carthage, IN, License # 47180
Second Amended Agreed Order entered into 07/23/18.

Wayne R. Edwards, M.D., Pikeville, KY, License # 34226
Sixth Amended Agreed Order entered into 09/19/18.

Emmanuel Eze, M.D., Ashland, KY, License # 31810
Agreed Order entered into 07/09/18.

Julie Ann Farrell, M.D., Cincinnati, OH, License # 31754
Order Terminating Agreed Order of Fine and Amended Agreed Order issued 08/22/18.

John D. Griffith, M.D., Houston, TX, License # 10837
Amended Agreed Order entered into 07/20/18.

Darin A. Harden, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 32468
Amended Agreed Order entered into 08/27/18.

Darin A. Harden, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 32468
Second Amended Agreed Order entered into 09/20/18.

Michael R. Heilig, M.D., Winchester, KY, License # 37035
Agreed Order entered into 08/03/18.

Nancy Hendrix, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 48513
Agreed Order entered into 07/09/18.

Kyaw Htin, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 36685
Amended Agreed Order entered into 07/23/18.

Joshua Kadetz, M.D., Cumming, GA, License # 42223
Fourth Amended Agreed Order entered into

Charles A. Moore, M.D., Middlesboro, KY, License # 22757

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 08/20/18.

Benjamin W. Moreland, PA-C, Louisville, KY, License # PA824

Amended Agreed Order entered into 07/24/18.

Benjamin W. Moreland, PA-C, Louisville, KY, License # PA824
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order issued 08/03/18.

Janda G. Morgan, PA-C, Ashland, KY, License # PA1223
Agreed Order entered into 08/02/18.

John M. Mullins, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 30990
Agreed Order entered into 08/06/18.

Shane Thomas Napier, D.O., Central City, KY, License # 03486
Second Amended Agreed Order entered into 08/17/18.

David M. Ratliff, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 31592
Fourth Amended Agreed Order entered into 07/13/18.

Matthew S. Schoen, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 51233
Amended Agreed Order entered into 07/03/18.

Matthew S. Schoen, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 51233
Second Amended Agreed Order entered into 07/23/18.

Matthew S. Schoen, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 51233
Third Amended Agreed Order entered into 09/24/18.

Morgan D. Schulz, M.D., Prestonsburg, KY, License # 47557
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 07/25/18.

Mohammad F. Shahzad, M.D., Danville, KY, License # 33429
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order issued 07/25/18.

Munawar Siddiqi, M.D., London, KY, License # 38485
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order issued 07/25/18.

Christopher T. Stokes, M.D., East Bernstadt, KY, License # 38216
Second Amended Agreed Order of Probation entered into 08/30/18.

Dwight H. Sutton, M.D., Bowling Green, KY, License # 40753
Order Terminating Second Amended Agreed Order issued 08/17/18.

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Bruce J. Swearingen, M.D., Seattle, WA, License # 44223

Amended Agreed Order entered into 07/05/18.

Marquel Tipton, PA-C, Crescent Springs, KY, License # PA1002

Agreed Order entered into 08/13/18

Restrictions have also been placed on the following physicians' licenses pending resolution of charges brought against them.

Sherri L. Hogan, M.D., Barbourville, KY, License # 36437

Emergency Order of Restriction issued 07/30/18, effective 08/03/18. Complaint issued 08/16/18.

Curt E. Liebman, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 26066

Complaint and Emergency Order of Restriction issued on 08/09/18, effective 08/10/18.

Marios D. Papachristou, M.D., Allison Park, PA, License # 50070

Emergency Order of Suspension issued 07/03/18, effective 07/12/18. Complaint issued 07/19/18.

Saad Sakkal, M.D., Mason, OH, License # 45727

Emergency Order of Restriction issued 08/16/18, effective 08/23/18.

Peter M. Steiner, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 32156

Amended Complaint and Amended Emergency Order of Suspension issued 07/03/18, effective 07/05/18.

National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) Releases Video-Based Communication Assessment Project

The Board would like to pass along information about a new tool being researched and developed by the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME). This new tool is called the Video-Based Communications Assessment (VCA) and it is a free assessment, which will provide feedback on provider communication effectiveness and style. VCA is a self-guided, web-based app and only takes about 20 minutes to complete and is accessible via a smartphone or tablet. The brief introduction video for VCA can be found [here](#).

The VCA takes advantage of modern technology, incorporating video stimuli to portray patients and capturing healthcare providers' spoken responses to these patients. It includes 5 to 10 brief communication situations (vignettes), each consisting of a 2-3 sentence description of a patient situation followed by a 30-second video of a patient reacting or asking a question. After each vignette the provider is asked: "What would you say next to this patient?" and then the provider records a spoken response. These responses are then rated by analog patients. Analog patients are lay people who take on the patient's perspective and rate the encounter as if they were the actual patient. Analog patients are increasingly used to study and assess clinician-patient communication, and a growing body of evidence suggests that analog patients' ratings are reliable and valid.

Providers receive detailed feedback reports including: 1) quantitative ratings for both the participant and his/her cohort; 2) exemplary spoken responses for each vignette (i.e. top-rated responses based on analog patients' scores); and 3) curated analog patient comments to facilitate learning. The tool is intended for physician/provider self-education. According to the NBME, physicians have expressed surprise at how helpful the feedback has been to them and how it stimulates further consideration of one's interactions with patients. Due to the fact that communications are at the core of most of the complaints presented to the Board, this information is made available to any interested physician. If you would like information on the National Board of Medical Examiners, please feel free to visit www.nbme.org.

Help Patients Find a Prescription Drug Disposal Location

To make it easier for citizens of the Commonwealth to dispose of their expired or unwanted medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, prescription drop boxes are available across Kentucky in conjunction with law enforcement agencies and local governments. There are now 198 locations in 116 counties, with sites being added daily. The Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) has a wonderful website where you can search the location of drop-off sites by county. Simply click on <https://odcp.ky.gov/Pages/Prescription-Drug-Disposal-Locations.aspx> for more information.

In addition to updated drop-off locations, you will also find links to helpful information developed by the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection on the FDA Guidelines on How to Dispose of Unused Medicines and Guidelines for Household Pharmaceutical Waste.

Annual Report

In accordance with state statutes, the Board has submitted its annual report to the Governor outlining its activities for the past fiscal year. A copy of the full report is available at <https://kbml.ky.gov/board/Pages/Annual-Report.aspx>.

Reminder on Board Policy Regarding the Required Reporting of Impaired Physicians by Other Physicians and Hospitals

According to Board policy, simply reporting impaired physicians directly to the Kentucky Physicians Health Foundation's Impaired Physicians Program ("the Foundation") is not sufficient to satisfy the statutory reporting requirements. In March 2003, the Board developed the following policy on this important issue:

If a licensed physician or hospital staff suspects that a physician is impaired - due to chronic alcoholism, chemical dependency or physical/mental disability(ies) - such fact must be report directly to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure within ten (10) days of obtaining direct knowledge of the impairment. The report to the Board must be in writing and contain the following information: the name of the physician suspected of being impaired, a detailed account of the facts giving rise to that suspicion, a list of other persons having information regarding the suspected impairment, and the name of the reporting physician/hospital staff.

When the Board receives such a report, it will immediately review the information provided to determine the nature and extent of the suspected violations. In most cases, the Board makes a referral for the physician or medical professional to the Foundation for assessment and treatment.

A complete version of this policy is available at the Board's website, or by clicking <https://kbml.ky.gov/board/Pages/Opinion-and-Policy-Statements.aspx>. Please note, the Board stresses the importance of early identification and encourages physicians to self-report to the Foundation if they recognize they are struggling with or believe they may have an issue involving alcohol or substance abuse. Identifying a potential problem is important and addressing it before a public event or violation of the Medical Practice Act occurs is absolutely crucial.

For more information about the Foundation, you can visit www.kyrecovery.org, or simply call (502) 425-7761 and speak with their medical director, Dr. Greg Jones. In the event that you have a question regarding the Board's policy on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact Board staff at (502) 429-7950 and ask to speak with the Executive Director, Mr. Rodman.

Board Elects New Officers and Welcomes New Members

The Board would like to announce that it has elected a new slate of officers to serve in leadership positions for the upcoming year. Randel C. Gibson, D.O., of Mayfield, was elected to serve as Board President. Dale E. Toney, M.D., of Lexington, was elected as Vice President and serves as Chair of the Board's Inquiry/Hearing Panel A. Sandra R. Shuffett, M.D., of Lexington, was elected to serve as Secretary and also serves as Chair of the Board's Inquiry/Hearing Panel B.

In addition to the election of officers, the Board also welcomed four new members at its September meeting. The Board welcomed the appointment of Caren Daniels, M.D., who practices Emergency Medicine in Morehead, and was appointed by Governor Matt Bevin to fill the position previously held by Russell E. Travis, M.D., whose term expired. The Board also welcomed Angela Dearing, M.D., who practices Internal Medicine in Lexington, and was appointed by Governor Bevin to fill the vacancy left by C. William Briscoe, M.D., whose term expired. Governor Bevin also appointed David Wallace, M.D., a Family Medicine physician in Shelbyville to fill the vacancy left by Waqar A. Saleem, whose term had expired. Finally, Governor Bevin appointed Kristen Ann Turner, Esq., an attorney from Alexandria, to serve in the role as consumer member on the Board and fills the vacancy left by Mr. John McConnell, whose term also had expired.

In addition to the newly appointed members, the Board also officially welcomed the recently appointed Commissioner of Public Health, Jeffrey Howard, M.D, and Dana C. Shaffer, D.O., Dean of the University of Pikeville, Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, to their new roles as Ex-Officio members of the Board.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its deepest appreciation to Dr. Travis, Dr. Briscoe, Dr. Saleem, and Mr. McConnell for their years of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth and their dedication to public protection.

Concerns Related to Urine Drug Screening

Over the past few years, the appropriate utilization of urine drug screening (UDS) has become an issue of concern for physicians and other health care providers throughout the Commonwealth. As most physicians are aware, 201 KAR 9:260 calls for the use of drug screens during the course of long-term prescribing of controlled substances for the treatment of pain and related symptoms associated with a primary medical complaint. In addition, the Board has consistently found that it is the acceptable and prevailing medical standard that physicians utilize drug screens for other long-term prescribing such as benzodiazepines. Although the Board regulation does not specify what form of drug testing should be utilized, it is recognized that UDS is the most commonly used testing method. The most common complaints the Board receives involves alleged overutilization of testing, poor or lack of insurance coverage, alleged incorrect interpretation of test results, and poor communication of practice policies related to UDS.

The Board has published some general guidance on the frequency of utilization of drug screening, which can be found on the Board's website. You will also find a link to some guidance on UDS developed in the *Washington State Interagency Guideline on Opioid Dosing for Chronic Non-cancer Pain*.

Physicians are expected to use their professional judgment and discretion to determine the appropriate frequency of UDS and educate themselves on current acceptable practices related to the use of UDS and interpretation of lab results and related pharmacology. Education on UDS and other monitoring activities is readily available through numerous sources. Finally, the Board encourages physicians to be very clear to patients of the expectation of the practice policies related to UDS and any policy changes.

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