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NEW BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED



From left : Dr. Sidney Seidman, Dr. Donald Chambers, Dr. Cheryl Winchell, Gov. Parris N. Glendening, Dr. Moises Fraiman

Governor Parris N. Glendening has appointed two new members to the Board of Physician Quality Assurance. Dr. Moises Z. Fraiman, a graduate of San Fernando Medical School in Lima, Peru, is a general surgeon who did his specialty training at Sinai and Lutheran Hospitals in Baltimore. He was the Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Lutheran Hospital for twelve years and has been in the private practice of general surgery in the Baltimore area since 1963. Dr. Fraiman, who is the Governor's appointee, will fill the seat vacated by Dr. Andrew Sumner who served on the Board since its inception in 1988.

Selected from the list of candidates provided by Med-Chi after a statewide election, Dr. Donald C. Chambers has also been appointed by Governor Glendening for a four-year term. Dr. Chambers was

born in Jamaica. He graduated from New York University and Howard University Medical School. His residency training in obstetrics and gynecology was at Kings County Hospital in New York. Dr. Chambers was a Major in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps. He is a past president of the Maryland Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, the recipient of numerous awards, and the author of numerous publications. Dr. Chambers will be replacing Dr. Israel H. Weiner who completed two full terms.

BPQA is fortunate to have Dr. Fraiman and Dr. Chambers, both experienced clinicians, as new Board members. Governor Glendening also reappointed Dr. Sidney Seidman and Dr. Cheryl Winchell for additional four year terms. Dr. Seidman was elected Vice-Chair of BPQA. Dr. Winchell was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer and continues as editor of the *BPQA Newsletter*.

CORE CREDENTIALS: ONE STOP SHOPPING

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Any physician who has been licensed in more than one state can tell you that the process of producing the same documents each time is tedious and frustrating. These same documents must be submitted to hospitals, managed care companies and insurers in an endless and repetitious stream.

While numerous credentialing services have been proposed to eliminate this redundancy with varying degrees of success, state licensing boards would accept nothing but original current documents to verify the core credentials of physicians seeking licensure.

But one stop shopping has finally arrived for core credential verification that is accepted by many licensing boards as well as other credentialing agencies. The Federation of State Medical Boards, the national organization that represents medical boards in every state and territory, is piloting a centralized Federation Credential Verification Service (FCVS). This service will soon be available to all physicians to submit core licensing credentials - those documents that prove stable because the information they contain does not change after issue; e.g., educational achievement, exam scores, etc.

The service will be funded by a one time fee collected when the original documents are gathered by FCVS. The service maintains strict requirements for the collection and verification of documents. The documents will be kept secure at the Federation's offices, and certified copies will be forwarded (upon the request of the physician) to any licensing board, or another credentialing organization which requires that information. A small verification fee will be charged for this service.

The Federation Credentials Verification Service is scheduled for pilot operations in seven states. Some states have even agreed to require FCVS on all new applications.

The Board is considering various options to expedite and simplify the licensure process.



CROSSING THE LINE

The Board has produced an 18 minute video tape entitled "Crossing the Line" in collaboration with Maryland Public Television. The video was developed to educate physicians about appropriate doctor-patient relationships and to help them identify situations which may tend to compromise them and lead to Board sanctions. This video was first shown at the Med-Chi semiannual meeting in Ocean City, MD and was well received. Several Board members and staff appear in the video and Drs. Hepburn and Winchell served as medical consultants. The Board is very proud of this tape because it demonstrates an increasing focus on education and prevention. The tape will be used in presentations to medical students and residents as well as for grand rounds and medical society meetings around the state for practicing physicians. The Board also plans to require that all new licensees attend an educational seminar designed to explain the Maryland laws pertaining to medical practice. "Crossing the Line" will be shown as part of that program.

Board members and staff have been making themselves available to give talks about BPQA. Last year, BPQA made over thirty presentations to medical groups. Please Contact Rod Clark, BPQA Education and Training Director, at (410) 764-2492 to make arrangements if you would like a presentation made to your hospital group or medical society. The Board protects the citizens of Maryland by helping its licensees follow the State's laws. Let us help you have a positive interaction with your licensing board rather than a punitive one.

BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

AUGUST 1 - OCTOBER 31, 1996

CLARENCE E. BEVERLY, M.D., License #D27732, Specialty: Anesthesiology. (Middletown, NY) **Reinstatement of license subject to the condition that the physician shall not practice in Maryland until he appears before the Board.** Effective 8/1/96.

MARLENE CORMIER-PARRY, M.D., License #D30823, Specialty: Internal Medicine. (Manchester, ME) **Administrative fine of \$100.** The fine was levied for failure to notify the Board of a change of address pursuant to State statute. Effective 8/6/96.

WILLIAM R. HOBBS, M.D., License #D24213, Specialty: Obstetrics/Gynecology. (Baltimore, MD) **Termination of probation.** Effective 8/15/96.

RICHARD A. KELTON, M.D., License #D45018, Specialty: Anesthesiology. (Baltimore, MD) **Termination of probation.** Effective 8/15/96.

JEROME L. LURIE, M.D., License #D20745, Specialty: Psychiatry/Anesthesiology. (New Rochelle, NY) **Five years probation with terms and conditions.** The physician was sanctioned by the New York Board of Medicine because of a medical condition which impaired his ability to practice medicine. Effective 8/21/96.

WILLIAM GEORGE BATAILE, M.D., License #D14392, Specialty: Pathology. (Gibson Island, MD) **Surrender of license.** The physician's decision to surrender was prompted by a Board investigation concerning his practice of pathology and his desire to retire. Effective 8/28/96.

ISAAC SAMUEL EDWARD BEN-OR, M.D., License #D45324, Specialty: None. (Owings Mills, MD) **Termination of probation and the order of March 23, 1994.** Effective 8/28/96.

MARIA LUISA T. DEL ROSARIO, M.D., License #D09159, Specialty: None. (LaPlata, MD) **Reprimand and condition to limit practice.** The physician failed to meet the standard of care in her obstetric care and treatment of a patient. Effective: 8/28/96.

GEORGE A. MAXWELL, M.D., License #D07852 Specialty: Obstetrics/Gynecology. (Centreville, MD) **Termination of the Consent Order of September 27, 1995.** Effective 8/28/96.

HERMAN A. MEYERSBURG, M.D., License #D07110, Specialty: Psychiatry/Neurology. (Kensington, MD) **Reprimand with a condition.** The physician failed to meet the standards of care in his practice of psychiatry with respect to his treatment of one patient, whom he was attempting to detoxify. Effective 8/28/96.

HIROSHI NAKAZAWA, M.D., License #D07437, Specialty: Surgery. (Baltimore, MD) **Reprimand; three years probation subject to terms and conditions.** The physician failed to meet the standard of care in his primary care practice and agrees not to engage in any primary care practice while licensed by the Board. Effective 8/28/96.

TAJU-DEEN I. OHIOKPEHAI, M.D., License #D30115, Specialty: None. (Baltimore, MD) **Termination of probation and the order of August 5, 1993.** Effective 8/28/96.

ALIYAH S. QURESHI, M.D., License #D08859, Specialty: Pediatrics. (Columbia, MD) **Reprimand.** The physician was dismissed from the residency program at St. Agnes Hospital. Effective 9/11/96.

ARTEMIO MIRANDA-SOLARI, M.D., License #D23276, Specialty: Internal Medicine. (Owings Mills, MD) **Suspension effective October 1, 1996 to remain in effect until completion of conditions.** In the event of a stay of suspension, probation for three (3) years subject to terms and conditions. The sanction was based upon peer review of the physician's practice of internal medicine. Effective 9/20/96.

ELSA I. CORREA, M.D., License #D20136, Specialty: Psychiatry. (Lutherville, MD) **Reinstatement of license and three (3) years probation subject to terms and conditions.** The psychiatrist met the requirements for stay of suspension and will continue to address physician-patient boundary issues during probation. Effective 9/25/96.

GIL E.T. DE LOS REYES, M.D., License #D17677, Specialty: Family Practice. (Hollywood, MD) **Suspension for one (1) year, stayed with the exception of 30 days; probation for four (4) years and eight (8) months subject to terms of and conditions; fine of \$7,500.** The Board found the physician guilty of unprofessional conduct with a patient. Effective 9/25/96

KENNETH L. JONES, M.D., License #D27743, Specialty: General Surgery. (Paintsville, KY) **Reprimand; fine of \$5,000; physician must appear before the Board prior to resuming the practice of medicine in Maryland.** The Board found that the physician failed to cooperate with a lawful investigation by the Board. Effective 9/25/96.

CHRISTOPHER M. SCHEMM, M.D., License #D36618, Specialty: Internal Medicine. (Olney, MD) **Termination of probation imposed by Consent Order dated September 19, 1995.** Effective date 9/25/96.

SUZANNE KAREFA-JOHNSON, M.D., License #D31727, Specialty: Family Practice. (Chevy Chase, MD) **Probation imposed by March 5, 1996 order is tolled, and the physician, who is relocating to another country, must appear before the Board in order to resume her medical practice in the State of Maryland.** Effective 9/26/96.

EMERGENCY REGULATION PERMITS PHYSICIANS TO DELEGATE THE WRITING OF MEDICATION ORDERS BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN HOSPITALS, PRISONS, AND PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS

Code of Maryland Regulations 10.32.03

Effective November 8, 1996, and only under an approved, expanded job description, physicians may delegate the ability to write medication orders for all but Schedule I medications to certified physician assistants who work in hospitals or correctional facilities. Physicians may delegate the ability to write medication orders for antiviral, antibacterial, and antifungal medications to certified physician assistants who work in public health clinics. The physician assistant must receive approval by the Board of Physician Quality Assurance prior to writing any medication orders.

The regulation includes the requirement that the supervising physician countersign all medication orders within 48 hours, just as the supervising physician would countersign all pertinent notes and orders when any medical care is not rendered under direct physician supervision.

Physician assistants who wish to write medication orders must complete a special application for expanded job duties. The application must include documentation of either NCCPA certification/recertification within the last six years, completion of 15 hours of pharmacology at an accredited educational institution, or completion of 15 Category I hours in pharmacology education. Samples of the special expanded job duty applications have been distributed to the Medical Staff Offices at Maryland hospitals. To request a copy of the expanded job duty application, please fax a request to the attention of Joyce Yalley at (410) 764-2478 or call Ms. Yalley at (410) 764-4768.

NEW REGULATIONS PERMIT CME CREDIT FOR PEER REVIEW

Effective October 7, 1996, physicians may earn up to 10 hours of CME credit toward the 50 hour requirement for licensure renewal by participating in peer review activities for Med Chi and by serving as preceptor under the auspices of a Focused Professional Education Committee of Med-Chi. CME credit can also be earned for service to the Rehabilitation Committee of Med-Chi.

Physicians who participate in a Med Chi peer review or who serve as chairperson of a peer review committee for their county medical society may earn up to 10 hours of CME credit. Similarly, those who serve as preceptors under the auspices of the Focused Professional Education Committee, or those who have supervised physicians on probation with the Board may also earn CME credit toward their license renewal. A maximum of 10 hours of CME credit is awarded to physicians who participate for two years and CME is granted proportionally to those physicians who serve for less than the entire renewal period.

The Board adopted these regulations to encourage physician participation in these activities and to provide recognition for the valuable service physicians provide in teaching, evaluating, and rehabilitating their colleagues.

For a copy of the new regulations, call Carol Johnson at the Board office at (410) 764-4782. For information on the Faculty's Peer Review Management Committee, contact Steve Johnson at (410) 539-0872. For information on physician rehabilitation and focused professional education contact Michael Lufrio at (410) 962-5580.

WHY DO RENEWALS COST SO MUCH?

by J. Michael Compton

The most frequent question asked of both Board members and BPQA staff is, "Why does license renewal cost so much?" Even though an explanation is included in the renewal packet, there is always a great deal of confusion and misunderstanding on this subject.

Every two years, physicians pay \$520.00 to renew their medical licenses. The assumption that the BPQA keeps all of this money is not correct. BPQA has been designated as the "tax collector" for physicians. All mandated assessments are bundled with the renewal fee to reduce the cost of billing.

The Board receives \$160.00 per year per physician for its operation. To put this in perspective, street vendors with hot dog carts pay over \$200.00 per year for a permit to operate their businesses. The monthly breakdown for physicians is about \$13.00 or the approximate cost of a newspaper subscription.

The remaining \$200.00 of the \$520.00 paid by a physician for renewal is broken down as follows:

- 1. Every licensed physician pays \$50.00 per renewal to assist in funding the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty's Physician Rehabilitation Program and "peer review" process.**
- 2. The Board is also mandated to collect \$70.00 per renewal to partially fund the Health Care Access and Cost Commission (HCACC).**
- 3. The General Fund of the State keeps \$24.00 of every renewal fee.**
- 4. The remaining \$56.00 is to be used by the State Scholarship Fund to fund scholarship programs for physicians and other allied health practitioners who will work in underserved areas of the State.**

The amount of money retained by the Board from license renewal fees has not changed since 1991.

**A FOND FAREWELL TO BOARD MEMBERS
DR. ISRAEL H. WEINER AND DR. J. ANDREW SUMNER**



Israel H. Weiner, M.D.
Board Chair
1988 - 1996

"I was appointed the first Chair of the Board in 1988 when the Commission on Medical Discipline merged with the Board of Medical Examiners to form the newly created Board of Physician Quality Assurance. Over the past eight years, I have seen many changes and procedures implemented that protect the health and safety of the citizens of Maryland through strong enforcement of licensure standards for



James Andrew Sumner, M.D.
Board Member
1988 - 1996

physicians and allied health providers and the development and growth of an effective disciplinary program. Under a national ranking for medical discipline in 1988, Maryland ranked 49; today it ranks among the top ten states disciplining standard of care cases. I am proud to have been a part of the Board's growth and progress." Israel H. Weiner, M.D.

The Board thanks Dr. Sumner for his hard work and dedication over the past eight years. Dr. Sumner's expertise and advice as a specialist in emergency medicine was invaluable to the Board. Dr. Sumner continues to serve as Chair to the Board's Emergency Medical Services Committee.

Dr. John DeHoff, Medical Consultant to BPQA since 1988, retired this year after many years of valuable service. Dr. Weiner will replace Dr. DeHoff as medical consultant to the Board.

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