

Monthly electronic newsletter from the State Medical Board of Ohio
August 2016

Annual Report

The State Medical Board of Ohio published its annual report on August 1, in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code. Some of the most notable accomplishments include:

- Issuing MD/DO licenses 29% faster than we did in December 2014.
- Expedited licenses are now routinely issued in 25-30 days, a 38% reduction in days from January 1, 2015.

The [complete annual report](#) is available to the public online at med.ohio.gov.

New Rules

The State Medical Board of Ohio has adopted the following rules, which are effective July 31, 2016. (The rule number is a hyperlink to the rule.)

- [4730-1-08](#) Physician assistant delegation of medical tasks and administration of drugs.
[4731-8-05](#) Confidentiality statutes.

Medical Board Hearing Rules

- [4731-13-01](#) Representatives; appearances.
[4731-13-02](#) Filing request for hearing.
[4731-13-03](#) Authority and duties of hearing examiners.
[4731-13-08](#) Filing.
[4731-13-09](#) Service.
[4731-13-10](#) Computation and extension of time.
[4731-13-11](#) Notice of hearings.
[4731-13-12](#) Transcripts.
[4731-13-13](#) Subpoenas for purposes of hearing.
[4731-13-15](#) Reports and recommendations.
[4731-13-16](#) Reinstatement or restoration of certificate.
[4731-13-18](#) Exchange of documents and witness lists.
[4731-13-20](#) Depositions in lieu of live testimony.
[4731-13-20.1](#) Electronic testimony.
[4731-13-25](#) Evidence.
[4731-13-34](#) Ex parte communication.
[4731-13-36](#) Disciplinary actions.

Lead Testing Video Released

As part of Ohio's effort to reduce pediatric exposure to lead, the State Medical Board of Ohio and Ohio Department of Health are jointly issuing a new video outlining blood lead testing guidelines for children. Ohio law requires primary health care providers to administer blood lead tests to at-risk children. This training will provide information about risk factors, screening and medical management of lead poisoning. The module is not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged. [Click here](#) for a link to an online video that will guide you through the Blood Lead Testing Requirements. These guidelines will help keep Ohio's children lead-safe.

Reporting Gabapentin Products to OARRS

Effective December 1, 2016, the following entities are required to submit the specified dispensing, personal furnishing, or wholesale sale information on all products containing gabapentin to the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS):

- All pharmacies located outside this state and licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that dispense gabapentin to outpatients residing in this state.
- All pharmacies located within this state and licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that dispense gabapentin to all outpatients.
- All wholesalers licensed as a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs that sell gabapentin at wholesale shall report those drug transactions.
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- All prescribers, except veterinarians, located within this state that personally furnish gabapentin to outpatients, including samples.
- Pharmacists are required to report it to OARRS for studying. **Physicians and prescribers are not required to check OARRS prior to prescribing gabapentin.**

Wallet Cards

While the State Medical Board of Ohio is no longer printing wallet cards automatically for each license issued and renewed, those wishing to carry proof of licensure with them can print off a copy of their credentials from med.ohio.gov. Starting in spring 2017, applicants for licensure and renewal will have the option to print a wallet card from the online eLicense system.

Seeking Medical Specialists

The Medical Board is seeking AOA or ABMS Board Certified physicians in the following specialties to review confidential complaints involving quality of care issues:

- All osteopathic specialties
- Pain Management
- Occupational Medicine or Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation who practice pain management
- Family Medicine who also practice pain management
- Internal Medicine who also practice pain management
- Neurologists who also practice pain management
- Anesthesiologists who also practice pain management

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