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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my inaugural report to you, as I was honored to be elected by my colleagues on the Board to serve as President during 2001. The Medical Board has an ambitious agenda for the year. Defining the scope of functions that may be safely delegated to non-physician extenders and setting practice guidelines for office-based surgery are two issues being studied by Board committees. We plan to promulgate administrative rules on both topics later this year.

I'm pleased to report that Governor Bob Taft reappointed **Anand G. Garg, M.D.**, to serve another five year term on the Medical Board. As the Board's Secretary, Dr. Garg works with Supervising Member **Raymond J. Albert** to determine the disposition of the over 2500 complaints filed with our office each year. Their efforts contribute to the Ohio Board's status as a leader among licensing authorities across the country.

On the national level, Board member **Ronald C. Agresta, M.D.**, was selected to serve as President-Elect of the Federation of State Medical Boards at the Federation's annual meeting held April 19-21, 2001 in Atlanta, Georgia. In this position, he is poised to become President of the Federation in 2002—the first time an Ohioan has led this internationally recognized organization since 1981. **Pitambar (Peter) Somani, M.D.**, was elected at the Atlanta meeting to a one year term on the Federation's Nominating Committee. **Ray Q. Bumgarner**, our former Executive Director, was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, the Federation's highest honor. The award recognizes outstanding service and leadership to the Federation and to the field of medical licensure and discipline.

Anant R. Bhati, MD, President

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From the Secretary & Supervising Member

by Anand G. Garg, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary
and Raymond J. Albert, Supervising Member

Last year, the number of disciplinary actions taken against Medical Board licensees reached a new high: 166 sanctions were imposed, ranging from reprimand to permanent license revocation. Board members and staff who speak to professional organizations, hospital groups and students throughout the state are often questioned about the steady rise in Medical Board disciplinary actions over the past decade. "Are there really more problem doctors than there used to be?" they want to know. What do the numbers really tell us?

From our vantage point, with years of regulatory experience between us, we don't see an increase in the number of problem practitioners so much as we do an improvement in the Board's ability to identify and deal with practitioners who are headed for or are already immersed in trouble. This is particularly true with respect to impaired practitioners. If you look more closely at our disciplinary statistics, you'll find that 28% of the Board's actions in 2000 were based on drug or alcohol impairment. Most of those sanctions include suspension of the professional license pending appropriate treatment through a Board-approved provider (for a current provider listing, see page 4) and verification of the licensee's fitness to resume practice, followed by extensive probationary monitoring by the Board and its staff. Currently, about 160 impaired practitioners are being monitored. While we know that the Board's strict oversight is often the subject of derisive discussion at support group meetings, we are heartened by those probationers who, at the end of their stint with us, credit the Board's intervention and scrutiny with saving their careers.

The Board has long been on record as recognizing addiction as a disease. Thus, we will work with an impaired practitioner to support his or her successful recovery and return to practice,

provided that the practitioner has not engaged in acts that result in a criminal conviction or that might have an adverse impact on others. Ohio law also recognizes addiction as a treatable disease, providing a one-time alternative route to recovery for those who would prefer to avoid the Medical Board altogether. This "one-bite rule," adopted as statute by the Ohio General Assembly in 1987, permits licensees who become drug or alcohol impaired to avoid being reported to the Board if they comply with recommended treatment by a Board-approved provider, commit no other reportable violations and maintain sobriety.

To every rule, of course, there is an exception. The Board has never read the "one-bite rule" as applying in the case of a new licensure applicant. An applicant who has received treatment for chemical dependency must disclose that fact on the application, and will generally receive a license only with probationary terms unless he or she is able to document five years of continuous sobriety at the time of application.

Since the implementation of the mandatory training certificate law in 1999, applicants for new training certificates, like full licensure applicants, have been required to disclose any diagnosis of or treatment for chemical dependency. While these physicians have been permitted to refrain from disclosing a history of chemical dependency (with no relapses) when they renew their training certificates, the Board has treated them like new licensure applicants—requiring full disclosure of chemical dependency diagnoses and treatment—when they elect to trade in their training certificates for full licenses. Recognizing that the safeguards underlying the "one bite rule" would still be present in those situations, the Board decided to extend those benefits to these physicians at its February 2001 meeting by adopting the position statement on page 3.

The regulatory process is a dynamic one. As a Board, we continually strive to improve our processes and develop new approaches to better serve the interests of the public and our licensees.



STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO - POLICY STATEMENT

**LICENSURE OF
CHEMICALLY IMPAIRED RESIDENT PHYSICIANS**

February 14, 2001

A physician licensed by the State Medical Board who suffers from impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, and subject to Board disciplinary action. Any Board licensee having knowledge of such a violation is required by Section 4731.224(B) to report that information to the Board. In 1987, however, the Ohio General Assembly carved out a one time "one bite" exception, whereby an impaired physician may escape Board intervention, and the physician's colleagues may be excused from reporting the physician's impairment, so long as the physician has completed treatment with a Board approved treatment provider and maintained uninterrupted sobriety, and violated no other provisions of the Ohio Medical Practice Act. In addition, the physician must adhere to all other statutory requirements. The One Bite Rule is codified in Sections 4731.22, 4731.224 and 4731.25, Ohio Revised Code, and Rules 4731-15-01, 4731-16-04, 4731-16-07, and 4731-16-13, Ohio Administrative Code.

The State Medical Board recognizes that resident physicians practicing under training certificates are entitled to the protection of the One Bite Rule to the same extent as are fully licensed physicians. Both fully licensed physicians and residents practicing under training certificates are excused from reporting their impairment when renewing their certificates so long as they continue to adhere to the requirements of the statutes and rules. Physicians seeking new Ohio licensure, however, have never been granted "one bite", and are expected to report their status in applying for licensure. The Board will generally require some period of probation as a contingency to licensure if an applicant has been impaired and is unable to document at least five years of uninterrupted sobriety at the time of application.

Physicians practicing under training certificates frequently decide to apply for full Ohio licensure after a year or two of residency training. Although these physicians do receive new "full" licenses, the State Medical Board does not view them as new licensure applicants for purposes of the One Bite Rule. A physician who enters treatment for chemical dependency while in residency under a training certificate need not report his or her impairment when applying for full licensure so long as the physician continues to qualify for the one bite exception by completing treatment and complying with aftercare requirements. If the physician is required to respond in the affirmative to any of the other "Additional Information" questions on the application (e.g., the physician was placed on probation by his or her postgraduate training program) the Board will generally license the physician without restrictions or probationary terms if investigation reveals that the problem requiring the affirmative answer would not have occurred but for the physician's impairment. ♦

APPROVED TREATMENT PROVIDERS

Chemical dependency treatment providers are approved by the Medical Board pursuant to Section 4731.25, O.R.C. The following list is current as of May 2001. See www.state.oh.us/med/ for updates.

***Addiction Programs of Mahoning County**

2516 Market Street
Youngstown, OH 44507
(330) 747-2614

Bethesda Hospital Alcohol & Treatment Pgm

619 Oak Street
Cincinnati, OH 45206
(513) 569-6020

Brighton Hospital

12861 East Grand River
Brighton, MI 48116-8596
(810) 227-1211

***Cleveland Clinic**

9500 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44195-5189
(216) 444-2970

***Comprehensive Addiction Service Systems (COMPASS)**

2465 Collingwood Blvd.
Toledo, OH 43620
(419) 241-8827

***Crossroads Counseling Services, Inc.**

255 W. Main St., P.O. Box 118
St. Clairsville, OH 43950
(740) 695-9447

Edwin Shaw Hospital for Rehabilitation

1621 Flickinger Road
Akron, Ohio 44312-4495
(330) 784-1271

***Glenbeigh Health Sources**

2863 St. Rt. 45
P.O. Box 298
Rock Creek, OH 44084-0298
(440) 563-3400

Greene Hall Chemical Dependency Services

Greene Memorial Hospital
1141 N. Monroe Dr.
Xenia, OH 45385
(937) 372-8011 x 5442;
(937) 429-3360

Marworth Treatment Center

Lily Lake Road
Waverly, PA 18471
(800) 442-7722

***Maryhaven**

1791 Alum Creek Drive
Columbus, OH 43207
(614) 445-8131

Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic

2151 Rush Blvd.
Youngstown, OH 44507
(800) 228-8287

Parkside Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

349 Olde Ridenour Rd.
Columbus, OH 43230
(614) 471-2552

Rogers Memorial Hospital Herrington Recovery Center

34700 Valley Road
Oconomowoc, WI 53066
(262) 646-3526 x240

Rosary Serenity Center at St. Vincent Charity Hospital

2351 E. 22nd St.
Cleveland, OH 44115
(216) 363-2580

Shepherd Hill Hospital

200 Messimer Drive
PO Box 1067
Newark, OH 43058-1067
(740) 348-4870

Sierra Tucson

39580 N. Lago Del Oro Pkwy.
Tucson, AZ 85739
(520) 624-4000
(800) 624-5858

St. Thomas Medical Center Summa Health

444 North Main St.
Akron, OH 44310-3178
(330) 379-5906

***Talbert House**

2600 Victory Parkway
Cincinnati, OH 45206
(513) 751-8600

Talbot-Marsh Recovery Campus

5448 Yorktowne Dr.
Atlanta, GA 30349
(404) 994-0185;
(800) 445-4232

The Toledo Hospital

2142 North Cove Blvd.
Toledo, OH 43606
(419) 471-2300
inpatient: (419) 471-2351

West Michigan Addiction Consultants, P.C.

3001 Fuller Ave., N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
(800) 253-7700

*Approved treatment providers with the ability to adjust fees on a sliding scale

Healthcare Fraud & Abuse

by Charles Stienecker, M.D., Member

Material for the following article was extracted from a presentation by Robert J. Benvenuti III, J.D., MPA, to the University of Kentucky Family Medicine Review (November 2000), and is being used with the permission of the author.

With increasing frequency, the U.S. Department of Justice scrutinizes physicians for Medicare fraud and abuse. Various sources have estimated the total annual cost related to fraud and abuse in the health care industry to be 90 billion dollars, or 10% of each dollar spent on health care. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, improper payments to physicians total 5.9 billion dollars annually. As a result, policy makers, regulators, and law enforcement agencies have been taking a closer look at the practices of health care professionals. Since 1996, for example, addressing issues of medical fraud and abuse has become the number two priority of the United States Department of Justice. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) authorized massive increases in funding for the investigation and prosecution of fraud and abuse. Further, HIPPA expanded the scope of fraud and abuse statutes and facilitated coordination of investigative efforts among agencies at all levels of government and created

jurisdictional scope to reach fraud committed against private payers, i.e., insurance companies and your private patients.

There are eight basic sources of statutes and prohibitions encompassing both criminal and administrative law:

1. Theft, bribery or embezzlement related to health care
2. Mail/wire fraud
3. False statements or representations, including advertising
4. Specific health care fraud, i.e., HIPPA
5. The RICO, or Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, aimed at patterned misconduct
6. The False Claims Act
7. Anti-kickback statutes, and
8. Anti-referral laws or Stark I and II

The lawyers may recognize fraud and abuse in technical terms as defined in these statutes, but for our purposes, a more general statement may be more helpful. In general, **FRAUD** is any act, omission, or concealment, calculated to

deceive, or "making false statements or representations of material facts in order to obtain some benefit or payment for which no entitlement would otherwise exist." There is a burden to show that the act was based on the intent of the physician to engage in illegal behavior; that is, that "beyond a reasonable doubt" the doctor "acted knowingly and willfully."

ABUSE, on the other hand, broadly defined, is any excessive, improper or harmful act "that either directly or indirectly results in unnecessary cost." A finding of abuse does not depend on a physician's intent; it requires only that "a preponderance of the evidence" suggests the doctor was "acting with *knowledge*, or in *deliberate ignorance* or with *reckless disregard* of the truth or falsity of certain information." That you "knew or should have known" is enough to find against you; specific intent to defraud is not required. An astounding array of actions can potentially lead to an investigation of your practice. The following list points out the breadth of vulnerability:

1. Billing for services or supplies that were not provided
2. Misrepresenting the nature of services provided
3. Misrepresenting the agent that provided care
4. Billing for unnecessary services
5. Billing for unallowable cost
6. Failure to follow doc-

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umentation guidelines or not having sufficient documentation to support a claim for reimbursement

7. Beneficiary inducement (e.g., waiving co-pays)
8. Billing for services provided by unqualified or unlicensed clinical personnel
9. Knowingly billing for inadequate or sub-standard care
10. Making false or fraudulent statements or representations related to the delivery of health care
11. Failing to return monies wrongfully obtained
12. Violation of participation agreements
13. Illegal remuneration or self-referrals
14. Faulty or otherwise inadequate business systems

Who is involved in enforcing these new statutes? The list is long and includes the Department of Justice (U.S. Attorneys and the FBI), the Department of Health and Human Services through the Office of the Inspector General, and almost every other federal agency. At the state level, fraud control units and licensing boards are supplemented by state-designated Medicare carriers, their intermediaries, and private insurance companies. At the bottom of this feeding chain are the private bounty hunters for personal gain; *qui tam* relators, whistleblower government contractors; and your former and current patients and employees. There is, as you can see, a rather daunting group of watchdogs.

Physicians face an alarming array of these potholes. With so many acts constituting fraud and abuse, it is helpful to note what behavior *does not* rise to the level of fraud or abuse. Singular mistakes and innocent errors are not likely to become a problem unless frequent repetition of a pattern of conduct gives rise to allegations that a physician “should have known” that his/her behavior was questionable. Similarly, good faith interpretations and good faith reliance on professional advice, if it is reasonable and documented, are defensible. The old adage applies here: “You can’t get something

for nothing”...or keep it...very long...anymore. Free advice might well be worth what you pay for it; competent legal and financial counsel can be invaluable.

The best remedies for these vulnerabilities are corporate compliance programs. These programs provide the best defense against allegations based upon a physician’s intent to defraud, and the best support for an argument for mitigation of a physician’s culpability based on his/her profession of having acted in good faith. They are means by which an entity, including a doctor’s corporation, may take affirmative steps to prevent and detect illegal, unethical or abusive conduct within an organization.

There are a number of additional reasons that a physician would want to maintain an effective compliance program. First, it is the right thing to do and it helps to maintain the trust of the community. It is an opportunity to self-correct and to reduce the likelihood of wrongful conduct and innocent mistakes. It will reduce the likelihood of persons in your practice being found to have acted with criminal intent or reckless disregard for the law and, and it will help you negotiate with the government from a position of strength to avoid mandated integrity agreements. In sum, corporate compliance programs help to maintain the financial stability of your practice and protect your license and your practice from jeopardy.

There are seven basic elements to an effective physician practice compliance plan:

1. One person must be designated oversight responsibility. This person is usually the doctor, but the task can be delegated to an office manager.
2. Develop a code of conduct, policies and procedures that express, in writing, the commitment to compliance.
3. Establish a simple reporting procedure.
4. Establish documented education and training programs, focusing on the code, policies, and procedures, for all corporate personnel.
5. Establish monitoring and auditing procedures to regularly review the business and clinical

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- activities of the practice.
6. Develop a response, correction and prevention policy.
 7. Develop a statement of enforcement standards and a schedule of disciplinary action engaging in fraudulent or abusive practices or for failure to report incidents of such behavior. Conversely, one may also consider an incentive program that rewards employees who spot, correct and avoid situations problematic for your practice.

The above elements may appear complex and daunting, but they may be scaled somewhat to the size of your practice. At some level, however, they may be invaluable. Should you find yourself across the table from a U.S. Attorney, this could be your best defense against allegations of fraud or abuse, and the loss of your license. ♦

AMA Offers Health Literacy Self-Study Program

More than 90 million Americans have limited health literacy skills – ranging from difficulty in reading prescription labels to following a physician's instructions for follow-up care. The problem also affects seniors and other patients who have difficulty hearing and seeing but may feel embarrassed or ashamed to ask questions. "As physicians, we should ask patients to 'show us' or 'teach back' to us how they are supposed to take their medications, what diet they are supposed to follow, how often they should exercise," said Mark Williams, M.D., a health literacy researcher and association professor of medicine at Emory University School of Medicine.

To increase awareness, the AMA Foundation signature program, "Partnership in Health – Improving the Patient-Physician Relationship Through Health Literacy," hopes to mobilize the physician community to combat low health literacy. Physicians were encouraged to review the AMA Foundation's Health Literacy Kit to better educate themselves and their staffs.

The health literacy kit is a medical education self-

study program that helps illustrate how literacy problems extend across racial, educational and socioeconomic backgrounds. The kit, which is available for \$25, contains:

- A video presenting a series of vignettes of individuals affected by low health literacy
- Health Literacy: Report of the AMA Council on Scientific Affairs
- Fact Sheets on Health Literacy
- Discussion Guide with a Physician Feedback Survey
- Questionnaire for CME credit (up to 2 hours Category I credit)

To order a copy of the Health Literacy Introductory Kit, e-mail AMA staffer Joanne Schwartzberg at Joanne.Schwartzberg@ama-assn.org or call the AMA at 312-464-5563. ♦

CD-ROM Offers Free CME

A new CD-ROM produced by the Ohio Department of Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Project, "Cultural Competence in Breast Cancer Care," aims at improving cultural competence in clinical practice.

Noting that the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) has recently adopted standards for cultural diversity in medical education, ODH is recommending the CD-ROM as an educational tool for training program directors, residents, and undergraduate medical students. ODH also points to plans by the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) to place a greater emphasis on diversity issues in its licensure examinations. The Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME) are developing similar guidelines for residency programs, ODH says.

The free interactive CD-ROM offers up to five hours of Category I Continuing Medical Education. To obtain a copy, or for more information, contact Olga Alvarez-Ott by phone at (614)728-2177 or via e-mail at oalvarez@gw.odh.state.oh.us. ♦

STATEHOUSE SUMMARY

The following summary offers you, as a Medical Board licensee, a look at changes in Ohio law that may affect your practice. Because this summary is not all-inclusive, we encourage you to periodically review relevant portions of the Ohio Revised Code (statutes) and Ohio Administrative Code (rules) to keep your knowledge and understanding of Ohio regulatory law up-to-date. Changes in the law are regularly noted on the Medical Board's website at www.state.oh.us/med/; you may also wish to consult your state and local professional associations for further information.

House Bill 90 - Alternative Medical Treatments

This bill enacted Section 4731.227 of the Revised Code to specify that physicians licensed by the State Medical Board may use alternative medical treatments when informed consent has been obtained and the treatment meets the standards enforced by the Board pursuant to Revised Code Section 4731.22.

HB 90 created Section 4731.227 of the Medical Practices Act (Chapter 4731., O.R.C.), which reads as follows:

An individual authorized to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery may use alternative medical treatments if the individual has provided the information necessary to obtain informed consent from the patient and the treatment meets the standards enforced by the state medical board pursuant to section 4731.22 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted by the board.

As used in this section, "alternative medical treatment" means care that is complementary to or different from conventional medical care but is reasonable when the benefits and risks of the alternative medical treatment and the conventional medical care are compared.

House Bill 585 - Telemedicine

This bill enacted Sections 4731.053 and 4731.296 of the Revised Code to specify that the practice of medicine in this state

includes certain activities performed in person or through the use of any communication, including oral, written, or electronic communication, to establish requirements for obtaining a telemedicine certificate, to modify the exceptions to the law governing physician licensure, to require the adoption of rules regarding the authority of optometrists to delegate the performance of optometric tasks, to authorize physical therapists and athletic trainers to apply topical prescription drugs, and to change references in statutes governing the practice of medicine from "podiatry" to "podiatric medicine and surgery."

Pertinent sections of the Medical Practices Act (Chapter 4731., O.R.C.) created or revised by HB585 appear below.

Section 4731.34 Unauthorized practice of medicine, surgery or podiatry.

(A) A person shall be regarded as practicing medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery, within the meaning of this chapter, who does any of the following:

- (1) Uses the words or letters, "Dr.," "Doctor," "M.D.," "physician," "D.O.," "D.P.M.," or any other title in connection with the person's name in any way that represents the person as engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery, in any of its branches;

(2) Advertises, solicits, or represents in any way that the person is practicing medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery, in any of its branches;

(3) In person or, regardless of the person's location, through the use of any communication, including oral, written, or electronic communication, does any of the following:

(a) Examines or diagnoses for compensation of any kind, direct or indirect;

(b) Prescribes, advises, recommends, administers, or dispenses for compensation of any kind, direct or indirect, a drug or medicine, appliance, mold or cast, application, operation, or treatment, of whatever nature, for the cure or relief of a wound, fracture or bodily injury, infirmity, or disease.

(B) The treatment of human ills through prayer alone by a practitioner of the Christian Science church, in accordance with the tenets and creed of such church, shall not be regarded as the practice of medicine, provided that sanitary and public health laws shall be complied with, no practices shall be used that may be dangerous or detrimental to life or health, and no person shall be denied the benefits of accepted medical and surgical practices.

(C) The use of words, letters, or titles in any connection or under any circumstances as to induce the belief that the person who uses them is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery, in any of its branches, is prima-facie evidence of the intent of such person to represent the person as engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery, in any of its branches.

Section 4731.053 Rules for physician's delegation of medical task

(A) As used in this section, "physician" means an individual authorized by this chapter to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery.

(B) The state medical board shall adopt rules that

establish standards to be met and procedures to be followed by a physician with respect to the physician's delegation of the performance of a medical task to a person who is not licensed or otherwise specifically authorized by the Revised Code to perform the task. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(C) To the extent that delegation applies to the administration of drugs, the rules adopted under this section shall provide for all of the following:

(1) On-site supervision when the delegation occurs in an institution or other facility that is used primarily for the purpose of providing health care, unless the board establishes a specific exception to the on-site supervision requirement with respect to routine administration of a topical drug, such as the use of a medicated shampoo;

(2) Evaluation of whether delegation is appropriate according to the acuity of the patient involved;

(3) Training and competency requirements that must be met by the person administering the drugs;

(4) Other standards and procedures the board considers relevant.

(D) The board shall not adopt rules that do any of the following:

(1) Authorize a physician to transfer the physician's responsibility for supervising a person who is performing a delegated medical task to a health professional other than another physician;

(2) Authorize an individual to whom a medical task is delegated to delegate the performance of that task to another individual;

(3) Except as provided in divisions (D)(4) to (8) of this section, authorize a physician to delegate the administration of anesthesia, controlled substances, drugs administered intravenously, or any other drug or category of drug the board considers to be inappropriate for delegation;

(4) Prevent an individual from engaging in an activity performed for a handicapped child as a service needed to meet the educational needs of the child, as identified in the individualized

education program developed for the child under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code;

(5) Prevent delegation from occurring pursuant to section 5126.356 of the Revised Code within the programs and services offered by a county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities;

(6) Conflict with any provision of the Revised Code that specifically authorizes an individual to perform a particular task;

(7) Conflict with any rule adopted pursuant to the Revised Code that is in effect on the effective date of this section, as long as the rule remains in effect, specifically authorizing an individual to perform a particular task;

(8) Prohibit a perfusionist from administering drugs intravenously while practicing as a perfusionist;

(9) Authorize a physician assistant, anesthesiologist assistant, or any other professional regulated by the board to delegate tasks pursuant to this section.

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With respect to the telemedicine certificate, applicants must complete the same licensure forms and meet the same requirements as applicants for full licensure, with a few notable exceptions. To be eligible for a telemedicine certificate, the applicant must hold a current unrestricted license in other states in which that applicant is already licensed. In addition, to be eligible for licensure renewal, the holder of a telemedicine certificate shall certify to the board compliance with the continuing medical education requirements of the state in which the holder's principal place of practice is located. Please note that if you hold a full license to practice medicine in Ohio, you may practice "telemedicine" without holding a "telemedicine certificate."

4731.296 Telemedicine certificate.

(A) For the purposes of this section, "the practice of telemedicine" means the practice of medicine in this

state through the use of any communication, including oral, written, or electronic communication, by a physician located outside this state.

(B) A person who wishes to practice telemedicine in this state shall file an application with the state medical board, together with a fee in the amount of the fee described in division (D) of section 4731.29 of the Revised Code, the board may issue, without examination, a telemedicine certificate to a person who meets all of the following requirements:

(1) The person holds a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery issued by another state that requires license holders to complete at least fifty hours of continuing medical education every two years.

(2) The person's principal place of practice is in that state.

(3) The person does not hold a certificate issued under this chapter authorizing the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in this state.

(4) The person meets the same age, moral character, and educational requirements individuals must meet under sections 4731.08, 4731.09, 4731.091 [4731.09.1], and 4731.14 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, demonstrates proficiency in spoken English in accordance with division (E) of section 4731.29 of the Revised Code.

(C) The holder of a telemedicine certificate may engage in the practice of telemedicine in this state. A person holding a telemedicine certificate shall not practice medicine in person in this state without obtaining a special activity certificate under section 4731.29.4 of the Revised Code.

(D) The board may revoke a certificate issued under this section or take other disciplinary action against a certificate holder pursuant to section 4731.22 of the Revised Code on receiving proof satisfactory to the board that the certificate holder has engaged in practice in this state outside the scope of the certificate or that there are grounds for action against the holder under section 4731.22 of the Revised Code.

(E) A telemedicine certificate shall be valid for a period specified by the board, and the initial renewal shall

be in accordance with a schedule established by the board. Thereafter, the certificate shall be valid for two years. A certificate may be renewed on application of the holder. To be eligible for renewal, the holder of the certificate shall do both of the following:

(1) Pay a fee in the amount of the fee described in division (B)(1) of section 4731.281 of the Revised Code;

(2) Certify to the board compliance with the continuing medical education requirements of the state in which the holder's principal place of practice is located. The board may require a random sample of persons holding a telemedicine certificate to submit materials documenting completion of the continuing medical education requirements described in this division.

(F) The board shall convert a telemedicine certificate to a certificate issued under section 4731.29 of the Revised Code on receipt of a written request from the certificate holder. Once the telemedicine certificate is converted, the holder is subject to all requirements and privileges attendant to a certificate issued under section 4731.29 of the Revised Code, including continuing medical education requirements.

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With respect to the new delegation statute found in Ohio Revised Code Section 4731.053, the Board will likely be in the midst of the Chapter 119. administrative rule-making process by the time you receive this publication. The rules are to establish standards to be met and procedures to be followed by a physician with respect to the physician's delegation of the performance of a medical task to a person who is not licensed or otherwise specifically authorized by the Revised Code to perform the task. It is anticipated that the Board will look to its own position statement on "Delegation of Medical Tasks" (please see the Board's website at www.state.oh.us/med/delegate) as well as specific guidelines set forth in statute when drafting initial rules in this area.

Current and proposed Medical Board rules are available on the Board's website at www.state.oh.us/med/rules/. ♦

Board Action: New Options for Allopathic CME

Section 4731.281 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the State Medical Board to enforce requirements for Continuing Medical Education (CME):

...each person holding a certificate under this chapter to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatry shall certify to the state medical board that in the preceding two years the person has completed one hundred hours of continuing medical education.

The Board further maintains the authority to recognize broad classes of acceptable CME activities and mandates completion of numbers of hours in different categories per registration period. The Board's Allopathic CME Booklet defines acceptable Category 1 activities as follows:

Category 1 activities are planned, structured activities offered by an organization accredited as a sponsor of CME by the OSMA, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or any other State Medical Association recognized as an accreditor by the ACCME, which has designated that education for AMA PRA Category 1 credit. These learning activities may be in the form of lectures, seminars, or workshops or may be based on self-assessment programs or audiovisual or computer materials.

In July 2000, the Board approved changes to its CME requirements to make them consistent with the AMA's Physician's Recognition Award (PRA) requirements. Those changes are as follows:

First, recognizing the increasing sophistication and efficacy of multimedia and computer-aided

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ANDREJIC, Anthony (MD training cert. #1637) - Cleveland
Voluntary Surrender - Permanent revocation of training certificate authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on his pleas of guilty to felony counts of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs and Possession of Drugs. Effective 1/25/01.

BAMBRICK, William S., III (MD #43889) – Williston, ND
Board Order - Doctor reprimanded based on prior action against his North Dakota license by that state's medical board, which was itself based on doctor's admission that he had failed to reveal on a license renewal application that his clinical privileges at a medical facility in Florida had been summarily suspended. Order mailed 2/28/01; Order effective 2/28/01.

BEEHLER, Gary Andrew (DO #5162) - Yakima, WA
Board Order - Medical license permanently revoked

based on doctor having been found guilty of two felony counts of Computer Crime, the acts underlying which involved his accessing of sexually explicit internet sites by use of a hospital computer on which he had, without authorization, installed a modem and software; and prior action against his Oregon and Washington medical licenses based on conduct underlying the above criminal convictions. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order mailed 8/10/00; Order effective 8/10/00.

BIRDSONG, Edward Miles (DO #3450) - Youngstown
Board Order - Application for restoration of Ohio medical license granted, subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for a period of at least five years. Based on prior action against doctor's New York medical license following findings, based on a review of six cases, that doctor had practiced with negligence,

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instruction techniques as applied to CME, the Board eliminated the 30-hour limit on Category I CME credits obtained through multimedia audiovisual self-instruction activities per registration period. Licensees may now earn more than 30 hours of Category 1 credit through such programs.

Second, the Board approved the PRA's upgrading and granting Category 1 credits for a number of additional activities.

1. Authoring an article published in peer reviewed journals (i.e., journals listed in the Index Medicus): 10 credits for each article, 1 article per year.
2. Presenting a poster designated for A.M.A. PRA Category 1 credit: 5 credits per presentation, 1 presentation per year.
3. Presenting a lecture designated for A.M.A. PRA Category 1 credit: 2 credits for each hour of lecture, a maximum of 10 credits per year.

4. Achieving and maintaining a specialty board certification: 25 credits.

5. Earning a medically-related degree, such as a Master's in Public Health: 25 credits.

The Board further sought to clarify several of these activities. In #4, "achieving and maintaining a specialty board certification" means that the act of achieving certification earns 25 credits in the CME period in which the certification is obtained, and the act of achieving recertification earns 25 credits in the period in which recertification is obtained. The mere status of certification in subsequent periods is not sufficient to earn CME credits. Similarly, in #5, a licensee may earn 25 CME credits for the period in which a medically-related degree is conferred, but may not receive CME credits for pursuing that degree.

Continuing Medical Education is not merely a requirement for license renewal, it is essential for maintaining high standards of patient care. You should embrace the opportunity presented by the CME requirement to expand your knowledge, enhance your skills, and serve well your patients and the profession.

gross negligence, incompetence and gross incompetence on more than one occasion. Order mailed 11/13/00; Order effective 11/13/00.

BOSACK, Douglas Paul (MD #48959) - Beavercreek
Reinstatement – Doctor's request for reinstatement granted by vote of the Board on 1/10/01, subject to probationary terms established by 12/8/99 Board Order.

BRANT, Gregory Charles (DO #3654) - Madison
Board Order - Permanent revocation of medical license stayed, subject to suspension for at least thirty days; conditions for reinstatement and subsequent probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least three years established. Based on doctor's plea of guilty to two misdemeanor counts of Obstructing Official Business, the acts underlying which involved his alteration of patient records that in turn impeded an investigation by the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. Order mailed 9/28/00; Order effective 10/29/00. **NOTE: doctor authorized by Board to begin suspension period on October 14, 2000.**

BROCK, David Todd (DO #7161) - Columbus
Consent Agreement - Medical license suspended for at least 30 days; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admissions that he failed to advise Medical Board on licensure application that he had plead guilty to a misdemeanor count of driving under the influence; and that he was evaluated for chemical dependency at the request of his residency program and underwent inpatient assessment. Agreement effective 11/9/00.

CASTEN, Timothy L. (PA #322) - Euclid
Board Order - Physician assistant's certificate of registration permanently revoked based on his having prescribed dangerous drugs and/or controlled substances to two specified patients without receiving specific authorization from his supervising physician or any other physician; and P.A.'s plea of guilty to one felony count of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents. Order mailed 12/8/00; Order effective 12/8/00. **Board Order** - Physician assistant's certificate of registration permanently revoked based on his having called in prescriptions for dangerous drugs for himself without receiving specific authorization from a physician to do so, in violation of his supervision agreement; and his continued practice as a P.A. after the expiration of his certificate. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order mailed 2/15/01; Order effective 2/15/01.

CHAPMAN, Thomas M., Jr. (MD #31744) - Fallbrook, CA
Voluntary Surrender - Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary

proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(9), O.R.C., which authorizes Board to take action based on a felony; and Section 4731.22(B)(22), O.R.C., which authorizes Board to take action based on prior action by another state medical board. Effective 12/5/00.

CLARK, Kevin Robert (MD #58506) - Beavercreek
Consent Agreement - Medical license restored subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations based on doctor's admitted history of alcohol and poly-substance abuse; his abstinence from use of illicit drugs and alcohol since 2/98; and reports from two Board-approved treatment providers indicating that doctor has been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care with appropriate monitoring. Agreement effective 9/13/00; agreement to remain in effect for a minimum of eight years prior to any request for termination.

DAIBER, Robert Raymond (MD #64194) - Sylvania
Pre-hearing Suspension - Pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), O.R.C., medical license immediately suspended based on doctor having been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents. Notice mailed 10/12/00. **Consent Agreement** - Medical license suspended for at least six months; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's plea of guilty to one felony count of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents, for which he was found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction; the acts underlying that conviction, which included the doctor's writing of a controlled substance prescription using a false patient name and attempting to fill it for his own use; his issuance and cashing of prescriptions using false patient names on other specified occasions; and his diagnoses during outpatient treatment of alcohol dependence, opiate dependence (in early full remission), cannabis abuse and anxiolytic abuse. Agreement effective 11/9/00.

DAVIES, Brian W. (MD #49895) - Akron
Pre-hearing Suspension - Pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), O.R.C., medical license immediately suspended based on doctor having been found guilty of 18 felony counts of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs. Notice mailed 2/15/01; suspension effective upon service of notice on 2/16/01. (NOTE: doctor's license already suspended pursuant to 10/13/99 consent agreement.)

DAVIS, Robert Stuart (PA #1510) - Cuyahoga Falls
Consent Agreement - Certificate of registration to practice as a physician assistant granted, subject to reprimand. Based on P.A.'s admission that he

functioned as a P.A. in the course of his employment prior to being properly registered to do so. Agreement effective 8/9/00.

DE LA FLOR, Richard (MD #47505) - Toledo
Board Order - Permanent revocation of medical license stayed, subject to indefinite suspension; interim monitoring conditions, conditions for reinstatement, and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least five years established. Based on impairment of ability to practice due to drug and/or alcohol abuse; and improper possession of an unlabeled controlled substance. Order mailed 8/11/00; Order effective 8/11/00.

DEAN, Orval (MD #54702) - Piketon
Voluntary Surrender - Doctor's permanent voluntary surrender of medical license accepted by Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on prior action by Washington State's medical board following its findings that doctor had engaged in unprofessional conduct by sexually molesting his nieces and a nephew, with whom he had a physician-patient relationship. Effective 12/5/00.

DHILLON, Robin Kanwar (MD #78887) - Medina
Consent Agreement - Medical license granted subject to conditions, including permanent limitation and restriction prohibiting doctor from performing surgery of any type or assisting in any surgical procedure. Based on doctor having been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and the opinion of his neurologist that, although he is unable to practice as a surgeon, he is able to practice in situations that conform to his physical disabilities. Agreement effective 12/13/00; agreement may be amended or terminated upon agreement of the parties after one year.

DODD, Larry Allen (MD #39491) - Wheeling, WV
Board Order - Doctor reprimanded based on prior action his West Virginia license by that state's medical board following its findings that doctor had engaged in unprofessional conduct by not properly informing a patient prior to performing surgery that he had terminated his contract with her insurance carrier. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order mailed 12/14/00; Order effective 12/14/00.

DOUGHERTY, David Andrew (DO #6330) - Akron
Consent Agreement - Medical license suspended for at least thirty days; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission that he has been diagnosed with alcohol dependence, major depression, opioid dependence, and cannabis dependence; and that he has sought

treatment through a Board-approved provider. Agreement effective 3/14/01; suspension eff. 3/24/01.

EASTBURN, Timothy D. (PA #1021) - Casselberry, FL
Board Order - Physician assistant's certificate of registration permanently revoked based on prior action against physician assistant's South Carolina license by that state's medical board due to (1) his having been convicted of sixteen felony counts of Acquiring or Attempting to Acquire Possession of Controlled Substances by Misrepresentation, Fraud, Forgery, Deception, or Subterfuge; and (2) his failure to provide complete and accurate information on his South Carolina licensure application pertaining to previous arrests and employment. Order mailed 12/14/00; Order effective 12/14/00.

FIGENSCHUH, William Harold, Jr. (MD #37859) - Alliance
Board Order - Permanent revocation of medical license stayed, subject to indefinite suspension for at least two years; interim monitoring conditions, conditions for reinstatement, and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least seven years established. Based on violation of conditions of limitation imposed on license by 3/15/96 consent agreement, and impairment of ability to practice due to multiple alcohol relapses. Order mailed 8/25/00; Order effective 8/25/00.

FIEDLER, Benjamin Paul (MD #78888) - Columbus
Consent Agreement - Medical license granted subject to limitation restricting doctor from practicing obstetrics without successful completion of post-graduate training program of at least three months; and subject to probationary terms for at least one year. Based on prior action against doctor's Texas license by that state's medical board following suspension of doctor's hospital privileges as the result of an investigation of a single obstetrical patient case. Agreement effective 12/13/00.

FLEMING, James E. (MD #29707) - East Cleveland
Pre-hearing Suspension - Pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), O.R.C., doctor's medical license immediately suspended based on his having been found guilty of two felony counts of Possession of Drugs; one felony count of Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs; and two felony counts of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents. Notice mailed 12/14/00.

FORD, Donald Brooks (MD #74884) - Solon
Consent Agreement - Medical license indefinitely suspended; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admitted history of alcohol dependence and relapse, for which he has sought treatment through a board-

approved provider; and doctor's admission that he was found guilty in 5/20 of Disorderly Conduct after first being charged with Intoxication, and that he is now under court supervision relative to a pending charge of Assault.

Agreement effective 10/11/00. **Consent Agreement** - Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care provided that treatment and monitoring requirements are in place. Agreement effective 2/14/01; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

FOX, Jeffrey Thomas (MT #5796) - Columbus
Board Order - Application for restoration of massage therapy license denied based on massage therapist's continued practice after his license had lapsed due to non-renewal; and his failure to cooperate with a Medical Board investigation. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order mailed 10/12/00; Order effective 10/12/00.

FUCHS, Victor Emil (MT #5557) - Columbus
Voluntary Surrender - Massage therapist's permanent voluntary surrender of certificate accepted by Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on M.T.'s admission that he was charged with two counts of Sexual Imposition, which charges were subsequently amended to one third degree misdemeanor count of Criminal Mischief to which he pled guilty. Eff. 12/6/00.

GADEK, James E. (MD #48075) - Columbus
Board Order - Medical license revoked based on doctor's failure to comply with conditions of limitation imposed on his license by 7/8/98 Board Order due to admitted relapse, failure to submit certain required documentation, and failure to appear for probationary conferences. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order mailed 9/14/00; Order effective 9/14/00.

GALL, Ronald Marcel (MD #42178) - Cincinnati
Consent Agreement - Doctor reprimanded; probationary terms, conditions and limitations imposed for at least one year. Based on doctor's failure to record controlled substance prescriptions issued to two specified patients; and failure to comply with Medical Board rules governing utilization of controlled substances for weight loss. Agreement effective 9/13/00.

GILLIAM, David Thomas (MD #38060) - Marion, IL
Court Action - By Decision and Entry rendered 11/21/00, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 11/17/99 suspension Order.

HALLE, Mark Thomas (MD #58051) - Columbus
Consent Agreement - Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing

according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care with appropriate treatment and monitoring. Agreement effective 10/11/00; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

HAMADEH, Mazen B. (MD #73816) - Orlando, FL
Court Action - By Decision and Entry filed 10/11/00, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas dismissed doctor's appeal based on his failure to exhaust administrative remedies. Notice of appeal to Tenth District Court of Appeals filed by doctor on 11/13/00.
Court Action - By Journal Entry filed 2/20/01, Tenth District Court of Appeals dismissed doctor's appeal based on his failure to timely file a brief.

HATFIELD, Susan Merkel (PA #1572) - Maineville
Consent Agreement - Certificate of registration to practice as a physician assistant granted subject to reprimand and probationary terms based on physician assistant's admission that she had unknowingly practiced as a physician assistant prior to being properly licensed to do so. Agreement effective 12/13/00; agreement to remain in effect for a minimum of one year prior to any request for termination.

HASAN, Nasira Fatima (MD #62453) - Pulaski, WA
Board Order - Medical license permanently revoked based on prior action against doctor's Virginia medical license due to her improper prescribing of controlled substances. Order mailed 11/13/00; Order eff. 11/13/00.

HAYES, Mark William (DPM #2092) - Elyria
Court Action - By Opinion and Entry filed on 9/21/00, Tenth District Court of Appeals affirmed Common Pleas Court's decision, which had upheld Board's permanent revocation Order. Notice of appeal to Ohio Supreme Court filed by doctor on or about 11/6/00. By Entry filed 1/24/01, Ohio Supreme Court declined to accept jurisdiction of doctor's appeal. By Entry filed 2/16/01, Tenth District Court of Appeals clarified its 12/3/99 Entry to specify that its stay of Board's Order terminated upon journalization of Court of Appeals' judgment on 9/21/00.

HEAD, Jonathan H. (MD (MD #36158) - Milford
Court Action - By Decision and Entry filed on 2/14/01, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas granted Medical Board's motion to dismiss doctor's appeal of 7/12/00 permanent revocation Order.

HERMAN, Michael Lee (MD #54884) - Youngstown
Court Action - By Opinion and Entry filed on 11/28/00, Tenth District Court of Appeals affirmed decision of Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, which had upheld Board's permanent revocation Order. Notice of appeal to Ohio Supreme Court filed by doctor on or about 1/12/01.

HESSLER, Dallas Dan (DO #2471) – Tucker, GA
Board Order - Doctor reprimanded based on prior actions by medical boards in Colorado and California, the latter of which was based on a finding by the California board that doctor had failed to indicate on a licensure application that he knew the Colorado board was investigating two complaints involving his practice. Order mailed 2/28/01; Order effective 2/28/01.

HO-A-LIM, Frederick G. (MD #55690) – Beachwood
Automatic Suspension - Pursuant to determination by Jefferson County Child Support Enforcement Agency that doctor is in default under a child support order, medical license immediately suspended until such time as Board receives notice from Jefferson County Child Support Enforcement Agency that doctor is no longer determined to be in default. Notice mailed 3/2/01; suspension effective upon doctor's receipt of notice on 3/12/01.

HOFSTRA, Richard Manville (MD #67160) - Cleveland
Consent Agreement - Medical license indefinitely suspended based on determination, following a Board-ordered evaluation, that doctor suffered from chemical dependency, for which he underwent treatment through a Board-approved provider. Agreement effective 9/13/00.
Consent Agreement - Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. Agreement effective 11/9/00; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

HUFFNAGLE, Frederic Thomas (MD #26081) Leitchfield, KY
Voluntary Surrender - Permanent voluntary surrender of medical license accepted by Board in resolution of requirements of 10/13/99 Board Order. Doctor ineligible to reapply in the future. Effective 10/26/00.

JAMES, Justice Harold (DO #895) – Little Egg Harbor, NJ
Journal Entry - Medical license indefinitely suspended; conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Order entered due to doctor's failure to comply with board-ordered examination for possible inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental or physical illness. Order mailed 3/15/01; Order effective 3/15/01.

KELKAR, Manohar S. (MD #34365) - Solon
Voluntary Surrender - Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(9), O.R.C., which authorizes Board to take action based on a felony. Effective 11/7/00.

KRESS, Timothy Scott (MD #60555) - Bellbrook
Consent Agreement - Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. Agreement effective 1/10/01; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

KRUGLIKOV, Stanislav (MD #74889) - Cuyahoga Falls
Voluntary Limitation - Doctor's voluntary agreement to waive automatic reinstatement of license, which lapsed on 10/1/00 due to his failure to renew, accepted by Board on 12/11/00 in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on doctor's history of alcohol dependency, treatment and relapse.

KRUMM, Frank Joseph (MD #71800) - Columbus
Board Order - Medical license permanently revoked based on emergency suspension of doctor's Florida medical license following findings that he inappropriately exercised influence in the physician-patient relationship with five female patients for the purpose of engaging those patients in sexual activity. (Journal Entry - hearing request withdrawn) Order mailed 12/14/00; Order effective 12/14/00.

KUSHKIN, Alex Leslie (DPM #1427) - Columbus
Voluntary Surrender - Permanent revocation of podiatry license authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on his plea of guilty to felony counts of Obtaining a Controlled Substance by Misrepresentation and Fraud, and Making False Statements Relating to Health Care Matters. Eff. 1/9/01.

LIANG, Guang (Acupuncture applicant) – Seven Hills
Consent Agreement - Certificate of registration to practice acupuncture granted subject to reprimand and probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least three years based on applicant's admission that he practiced acupuncture in Ohio from 1994 until 11/00 without either a medical license or acupuncture certificate, and that he used the title "doctor" in conjunction with his name. Agreement effective 3/14/01.

LEVENTHAL, Mitchell W. (MD #36605) – Cleveland
Consent Agreement - Probationary terms, conditions and limitations established based on history of alcohol abuse and dependence, for which he has received evaluation and treatment through Board-approved providers, who have opined that doctor is capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. Agreement effective 3/14/01; agreement to remain in effect for at least three years prior to any request for termination.

LEVINE, Mark A. (MD #57985) - Lexington, KY
Board Order - Medical license permanently revoked

based on doctor having been found guilty of one felony count of Coercion & Enticement and one felony count relating to possession of child pornography, the acts underlying which involved his obtaining child pornography via the internet, and his use of the internet to solicit for sexual relations a person he thought was under 13 years of age. Order mailed 12/14/00; Order effective 12/14/00.

LEWIS, James Pearl (MD #43819) - Lima

Consent Agreement - Probationary terms, conditions and limitations imposed to monitor practice based on doctor's admission that his diagnoses include obsessive-compulsive personality disorder and major depression, in substantial remission. Agreement effective 9/13/00; agreement to remain in effect for at least two years prior to any request for termination.

LILLY, John F., II (MD #64620) - Portsmouth

Voluntary Surrender - Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on his plea of guilty to one felony count of Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity. Effective 1/31/01.

LIVINGSTON, Michael Francis (MT #6877) - Cleveland

Board Order - Massage therapy license permanently revoked based on massage therapist's pleas of guilty to one felony count of Drug Abuse and one felony count of Burglary. Order mailed 12/14/00; Order eff. 12/14/00.

Court Action - Notice of appeal of Board's 12/13/00 revocation Order filed on behalf of massage therapist in Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on or about 1/10/01. Notice of dismissal of appeal without prejudice filed on behalf of massage therapist on 1/26/01.

LOTHES, Eric Williams (MD #55417) - Dublin

Consent Agreement - Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. Agreement effective 10/11/00; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

MAZKALNINS, Norman Andrew (PA # 1509) - Parma

Consent Agreement - Certificate of registration to practice as a physician assistant granted, subject to reprimand. Based on P.A.'s admission that he held himself out as a P.A. to patients and other employees prior to being properly registered. Agreement eff. 8/9/00.

MCCRACKEN, John Willis, Jr. (DO #1657) - Tucson, AZ

Voluntary Surrender - Permanent voluntary surrender of medical license accepted by Board in resolution of requirements of 8/11/99 Board Order. Doctor ineligible to reapply in the future. Effective 8/7/00.

MCERLEAN, Jeffrey A. (MD #70398) - Farmington Hills, MI
Court Action - By Decision and Judgment Entry filed 10/11/00, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas dismissed doctor's appeal of Board's 12/8/99 probationary Order based on doctor's failure to file appeal in a timely manner.

MCINTOSH, Michael Stephen (MD #49922) - Parkersburg, WV

Consent Agreement - Medical license indefinitely suspended for at least three months; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission that he voluntarily sought treatment through a Board-approved provider for narcotic dependency; and that he had ordered hydrocodone samples for his own use. Agreement effective 10/11/00.

MINOR, David Cragar (MD #49411) - Lawton, OK

Consent Agreement - Probationary terms, conditions and limitations imposed based on doctor's admission that he has been diagnosed with and received treatment and/or evaluation for bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder and attention deficit disorder; and on opinion of Board-approved evaluator that doctor is amenable to treatment and is able to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care with appropriate treatment and monitoring. Agreement eff. 9/13/00; agreement to remain in effect for a minimum of five years prior to any request for termination.

MUNOZ, Cayetano Sanchez (MD #33007) - Phoenix, AZ

Board Order - Probationary terms, conditions and limitations imposed for at least four years based on prior action against doctor's Arizona medical license mandating his completion of a mini-residency in airway management, and subsequent action due to his failure to comply with required supervision requirement following that training. Order mailed 10/13/00; Order effective 10/13/00.

NEUFELD, Elliott Lance (DO #2380) - Columbus

Board Order - One year suspension of medical license stayed, subject to thirty day suspension and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least three years. Based on doctor's plea of guilty in federal court to one felony count of Knowingly and Willfully Presenting False Claims, the acts underlying which involved his having made fraudulent claims to Medicare & Medicaid. Ordered mailed 12/8/00; Order effective 1/7/01.

OHIO COLLEGE OF MASSOTHERAPY/Jeffrey Scott Morrow, President – Akron

Consent Agreement - School's certificate of good standing renewed effective 12/7/98, subject to

limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's plea of guilty to eight felony counts of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents, for which he was granted intervention in lieu of conviction; and his history of treatment for chemical dependency and subsequent relapse. Agreement effective 12/13/00.

ROBERTS, John Adrian (MD #65308) - St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Board Order - Permanent revocation of medical license stayed, subject to indefinite suspension for at least one year; interim monitoring conditions, conditions for reinstatement, and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least five years established. Based on violation of conditions of limitation imposed on license by 11/15/99 consent agreement due to doctor's admitted use of alcohol and crack cocaine, and submission of unwitnessed urine specimens on at least five occasions. Order mailed 8/11/00; Order effective 8/11/00.

ROLDAN-ROLDAN, Arnaldo (MD #24960) – Westerville

Voluntary Surrender - Doctor's permanent voluntary surrender of medical license accepted by Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on doctor's admission that he prescribed controlled substances and other dangerous drugs to one patient for a period of years without having performed appropriate examination or maintaining appropriate medical records. Eff. 2/13/01.

ROLFE, Stephen J. (MD #51023) – Columbus

Consent Agreement - Medical license suspended for at least nine months; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission that he has been diagnosed as opioid and benzodiazepine dependent; that he wrote prescriptions in the names of others for his own use and signed the names of other physicians to prescription forms; that he was arrested and charged with illegal processing of drug documents; and that he has sought treatment through a Board-approved provider. Agreement effective 3/14/01.

ROMER, William Anthony (MD #49062) - Centerville

Agreed Cessation of Practice - By Agreed Notice filed on 7/12/00, doctor agreed to cease and refrain from practice from 8/1/00 through 8/30/00 based on his admitted failure to submit to random drug screenings during a two week period. Terms of 2/11/99 consent agreement remain in effect. **Pre-hearing Suspension** - Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), O.R.C., medical license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that doctor violated conditions of limitation imposed on his license by 1/97 consent agreement; that his ability to practice is

impaired; and that his continued practice poses a threat of immediate and serious harm to the public. Notice mailed 2/15/01; suspension effective upon service of notice.

ROSSITER, Lawrence J. (DO #1933) - Alliance

Board Order - Permanent revocation of medical license stayed, subject to suspension for at least 90 days; conditions for reinstatement and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least five years established. Based on doctor having been found guilty in federal court of one felony count of filing a false income tax return, and one misdemeanor count of failing to file an employer's quarterly federal tax return of federal income taxes withheld from wages of his employees. Order mailed 12/14/00; Order effective 1/14/01. **Court Action** - Notice of appeal of Board's 12/13/00 suspension Order filed by doctor in Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 12/22/00. By Decision and Entry filed 1/8/01, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas granted doctor's motion for a stay of Board's 12/13/00 suspension Order.

ROYDER, James Otis (DO #3608) - Bedford, TX

Application Withdrawn - Applicant authorized to withdraw application for restoration of Ohio medical licensure; permanently ineligible to reapply in the future. Action taken in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings following applicant's admission that prior action had been taken against his medical licenses in Texas and Missouri due in part to findings that he had failed comply with state and federal drug laws; that he had failed to provide complete and accurate information on restoration application pertaining to the Missouri action; and that action had been taken against his practice privileges by the U.S. Navy based, in part, on competence issues. Effective 10/10/00.

SANDOVAL, Samuel Carmen David (MD #57689) – Millersburg

Court Action By Decision and Entry filed on 2/7/01, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 3/8/00 permanent revocation Order.

SCHACHNER, Sheldon Julius (MD #25407) - Toledo

Voluntary Surrender - Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of further formal proceedings based on his admissions that he had been found guilty of two misdemeanor counts of Aggravated Menacing, the acts underlying which involved his pointing a gun at two persons and threatening to shoot them; and that he had been convicted of one felony count of Unlawfully and Recklessly Violating an Order to Obtain a Detailed Chemical and Physical Analysis of a Representative Sample of Wastes and one felony count of Recklessly Storing Hazardous Waste, the acts underlying which involved his failure to comply with an order by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to

have tested and then properly dispose of hazardous materials located on his property. Effective 10/10/00.

SCOTT, James H. (DO #6758) - Cincinnati
Board Order - Indefinite suspension of medical license stayed, subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years. Based on prior action against doctor's California license by that state's osteopathic medical board following findings that he was guilty of gross negligence and incompetence due to his having performed major surgery on a co-worker after working hours in a non-sterile environment using only local anesthesia, without an anesthesiologist or appropriate medical assistance, without having appropriate credentials and surgical privileges at the facility, and without authorization. Order mailed 10/13/00; Order effective 10/13/00.

SENIOR, Mark Edwin (DO #4860) - Akron
Consent Agreement - Doctor reprimanded; medical license indefinitely suspended based on doctor's admitted history of alcohol addiction, for which he is receiving treatment through a board-approved provider; and based on doctor's false answer on license renewal application to question pertaining to alcohol dependency, abuse and treatment. Agreement effective 8/9/00. **Consent Agreement** - Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care with appropriate treatment and monitoring. Agreement effective 11/9/00; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

SHEGOG, Don Roy (MD #32127) - Cincinnati
Board Order - One year suspension of medical license stayed, subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least five years. Based on doctor's failure to advise the board on a license renewal application that he was under investigation by Kentucky's medical board. Order mailed 12/14/00; Order effective 12/14/00.

SIMON, Richard Shereef (MD applicant) - Toledo
Board Order - Application for training certificate permanently denied based on doctor's failure to comply with conditions of limitation imposed on previous training certificate by 6/11/99 Board Order. Order mailed 12/14/00; Order effective 12/14/00.

SIVASHANKER, Saravana E. (MD #44430) - Columbus
Reinstatement - Doctor's request for reinstatement granted by vote of the Board on 2/14/001, eff. 2/17/01, subject to probationary terms established by 7/12/00 Board Order.

SMARSCH, Robert D. (DO #7543) - Cleveland Heights
Consent Agreement - Medical license granted subject to

probationary terms, conditions and limitations based on doctor's history of alcohol dependency, for which he received treatment through a Board-approved provider, who has opined that doctor is capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. Agreement effective 1/10/01; agreement to remain in effect for a minimum of five years prior to any request for termination.

SMITH, Larry Lee (DO #1724) - Canfield Village
Board Order - Doctor reprimanded based on having been found guilty of 25 first degree misdemeanor counts of Practicing Osteopathy Without a Certificate due to his having continued practice after his license lapsed for non-renewal. Order mailed 9/15/00; Order eff. 9/15/00.
Court Action - Notice of appeal of board's 9/13/00 reprimand order filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on or about 9/28/00.

SMITH, Leonard K. (MD #36580) - Kenton
Court Action - By Decision and Judgment Entry on 10/17/00, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 6/9/99 suspension Order. By Decision and Entry filed 10/19/00, Common Pleas Court granted doctor's motion to extend the stay of Board's suspension Order, retroactive to 10/2/00. Notice of appeal to Tenth District Court of Appeals filed by doctor on or about 11/14/00.

ST. AUBYN, Charles Raymond (MT applicant) - Cleveland
Board Order - Application for certificate to practice massage therapy denied and conditions for future application recommended based on impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs or alcohol. Order mailed 2/15/01; Order effective 2/15/01.

STEPHENSON, Melanie Ann (MD #72154) - Gallipolis
Voluntary Surrender - Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on her admissions that she violated monitoring conditions imposed on her license by a 9/99 consent agreement and that, while her license was suspended, she telephoned in prescriptions for controlled and non-controlled substances in the names of friends and family members to various pharmacies from 10/99 through 6/00. Effective 1/10/01.

STEWART, Scott T. (PA #926) - Gahanna
Court Action - Notice of appeal of Board's 7/12/00 suspension Order filed by physician assistant with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 8/10/00. By Decision filed 10/4/00, Court granted physician assistant's motion to withdraw his request for a stay of Board's Order.

SUTTON, James Louis Michael (DPM #1721) - Richmond Heights
Voluntary Surrender - Doctor's permanent voluntary surrender of medical license accepted by Board on 12/5/00, in resolution of requirements of 3/10/00 Board Order.

SVEDA, Stephen J. (MD #29305) - Zanesville
Board Order - Medical license indefinitely suspended; conditions for reinstatement established. Order entered following finding by medical board that doctor's failure to comply with Board-ordered evaluation constituted an admission to allegations that he was unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. (Journal Entry) Order mailed 8/10/00; Order effective 8/10/00. **Consent Agreement** - Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care with appropriate monitoring. Agreement effective 11/9/00; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

SWEENEY, Kevin Thomas (PA applicant) - Akron
Board Order - Application for registration as a physician assistant denied based on impairment of ability to practice due to drug and alcohol dependency; and prior action against applicant's license by Maryland's medical board due to drug and alcohol dependency and relapse. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order mailed 12/14/00; Order effective 12/14/00.

THOMAS, Richard Wallace (MD #47608) - Minerva
Reinstatement - Doctor's request for reinstatement granted by vote of the Board on 9/13/00, subject to probationary terms established by 5/10/00 Board Order.

THOMPSON, Daniel Lee (MD #49547) - Columbus
Voluntary Surrender - Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings based on doctor's admitted failure to conform to minimal standards of care due to his failure to properly examine patients prior to prescribing medication; and failure to comply with Medical Board rules regarding prescribing of controlled substances. Effective 8/15/00.

TORE, Joseph Anthony (MD training cert. #2244) - Toledo
Pre-hearing Suspension - Pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), O.R.C., medical license immediately suspended based on doctor's plea of guilty to one felony count of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents, for which he was found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction. Notice mailed 3/15/01; suspension effective upon doctor's receipt of notice.

TRUMBO, John Rolla (MD #50813) - Mountain Home, ID
Consent Agreement - Medical license suspended for at least 180 days; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's history of alcoholism and relapse. Agreement effective 2/14/01.

TYMOCHKO, Youra (DO #2110) - Cortland
Board Order - Medical license indefinitely suspended; conditions for reinstatement and subsequent probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least seven years established. Based on doctor's inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to mental illness, and on his commission of acts constituting the felonies of Intimidation and Retaliation by virtue of his having threatened and followed a psychiatrist who had performed a Board-ordered evaluation to determine if doctor was capable of practicing medicine. Order mailed 9/15/00; Order effective 9/15/00.

VUTLA, Prasad Venkata (MD #43757) - Horseheads, NY
Voluntary Surrender - Doctor's permanent voluntary surrender of medical license accepted by Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on his admitted failure to satisfactorily comply with probationary terms established by 3/8/00 consent agreement. Effective 11/7/00.

WEBB, Deleno H., III (MD #37883) - Huntington, WV
Court Action - By Decision filed 7/12/00, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas granted doctor's motion for a stay of Board's suspension Order.

WEINER, Ned Elton (MD #77474) - University Heights
Consent Agreement - Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. Agreement effective 12/28/00; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

WIERSEMA, Pieter (MD #63381) - Indianapolis
Application Withdrawn - Applicant authorized to withdraw application for restoration of Ohio medical licensure; permanently ineligible to reapply in the future. Action taken in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings following applicant's admission that he improperly provided controlled substances to an undercover police officer and pled guilty to two misdemeanor counts in Indiana of sale of legend drug not in good faith; and related prior action against doctor's license by Indiana medical board. Eff. 6/12/00.

And the Survey Said . . .

Charles D. Stienecker, MD, Chair, OSMB Pain Committee
Thomas E. Gretter, MD, Chair, Ad Hoc Pain Management Advisory Committee

In October 1997, the Ohio General Assembly passed Sub. H.B. 187 which addressed care given by physicians for management of intractable pain. This legislation required the State Medical Board of Ohio to establish standards and procedures for physicians regarding the diagnosis and treatment of intractable pain, including the use of prescription drugs in amounts or combinations that may not be appropriate when treating other medical conditions. The Medical Board's pain management rules, which contain these standards, went into effect on November 11, 1998.

To assess the impact of the Board's rules on the day-to-day practice of pain management, the Ad Hoc Pain Management Advisory Committee developed a survey for physicians. Key requirements of the Medical Board's pain management rules were described in the survey questions. The pilot survey was distributed to 300 randomly selected physicians in the following specialties: pain management, anesthesia, neurology, neurosurgery, orthopedic surgery, family practice and internal medicine.

Eighty responses (27%) were received. Fifty four of the 80 respondents indicated that they treat

pain patients, while 26 indicated that they do not treat patients with intractable pain. The 54 respondents treating pain ranked the effect of

individual elements of the pain rules on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 indicating that the element greatly impeded their ability to treat pain patients and 5 indicating that the element greatly facilitated their ability to provide care. The distribution of those rankings appears on page 23.

According to the survey, the four elements that respondents found most facilitative in treating pain were:

- documentation of assessment of pain impact on patient's function
- documentation of physical exam
- documentation of assessment of coexisting illnesses
- documentation of alcohol/substance abuse histories

While none of the elements were judged to impede patient care, those rated least facilitative were:

- informed consent
- evaluation by appropriate specialist

See **Survey** on p. 24

Disciplinary Actions (cont.)

WOOD, Dirk Gregory (MD #50320) - Springfield
Pre-hearing Suspension - Pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), O.R.C., medical license immediately suspended based on doctor's plea of guilty to 19 felony counts of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents and one felony count of Possession of Drugs. Notice mailed 2/15/01; suspension effective upon service of notice on 2/20/01.

YOUNG, Brian Wesley (MD #55268) - Cincinnati
Consent Agreement - Medical license suspended for at least three months; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent

agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's history of alcoholism and relapse. Agreement effective 2/14/01.

YOUNG, Lawrence Leroy, III (MD #57364) - Toledo
Board Order - Thirty day suspension of medical license stayed, subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least three years. Based on doctor's plea of guilty in federal court to one felony count of Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax, the acts underlying which involved his willful attempt to evade 1995 income tax by failing to file a return and failing to pay more than \$150,000 income tax due. Order mailed 9/15/00; Order effective 9/15/00.

Pain Rules Survey					
Average Ranking per Pain Rule Element					
	Greatly impedes care 1	Slightly impedes care 2	No effect on care 3	Slightly facilitates care 4	Greatly facilitates care 5
Documentation of alcohol/substance abuse histories				4.2	
Documentation of assessment of pain impact on patient's function				4.4	
Documentation of review of previous studies and therapies				4.0	
Documentation of assessment of coexisting illnesses				4.2	
Documentation of physical exam				4.3	
Presence of intractable pain				4.1	
Signs, symptoms and causes				4.1	
Nature of underlying pain mechanism (if discernable)			3.9		
Justification for prescribing drugs on a protracted basis, or in amounts of combinations that may not be appropriate when treating other medical conditions			3.5		
Role of prescription drug therapy within overall plan			3.6		
Documentation of unsuccessful treatments (if applicable)				4.0	
Prescription drug therapy			3.78		
Patient's response to the therapy				4.1	
Modifications to treatment plan as necessary				4.0	
Evaluation by appropriate specialist			3.4		
Informed Consent			3.2		
Documentation that therapy is still indicated			3.7		
Documentation of any drug effects			3.8		
Documentation of progress toward treatment objectives			3.9		
Notation of patient's functional ability & quality of life				4.0	
Notation of any indications of possible addiction			3.5		
Documentation of any drug abuse or diversion			3.7		

Survey (cont.)

- notification of any indications of possible addiction
- justification for use of medications

In addition to the numerical ratings, respondents were given the opportunity to comment on numerous facets of the pain rules. Respondents listed a variety of timeframes as their definition of an appropriate interval for patient follow-up. Timeframes ranged from every two or three days to every six months. It appears that it is appropriate to base the interval on the needs of the individual patient.

Based on the limited response to its pilot survey, the ad hoc Committee reached the preliminary conclusion that the Medical Board's pain rules

tend to facilitate care, but that some fear of reprisal by regulatory authorities still exists. ♦

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

The ad hoc Committee continues to seek input on the impact of the Medical Board's pain management rules. If you are a practitioner involved in the care of patients who suffer from intractable pain and would like to share your opinion about the rules, you can obtain a copy of the survey by contacting Joan Wehrle, Coordinator for Assessment & Development, State Medical Board of Ohio, 77 S. High St., 17th Floor, Columbus, OH 43216-6127. The Committee will also accept a request submitted via e-mail to joan.wehrle@med.state.oh.us. Survey responses will be tallied and summarized in a future issue of *Your Report*.

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