

STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

HYPNOSIS

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The Board has studied the subject in detail and interprets the law regarding hypnosis for medical purposes as follows:

- (1) Hypnosis for medical purposes (i.e., either examination or therapy) can only be used by an individual licensed in this state as a doctor of osteopathy, doctor of podiatry or doctor of medicine; or by licensees of other Ohio regulatory boards who by legislative action are entitled to such practice.
- (2) The use of hypnosis for medical purposes by unlicensed individuals, irrespective of whether the patients are referred by a licensed physician, constitutes the illegal practice of medicine and is therefore in violation of Section 4731.34, Ohio Revised Code.

This policy or position statement is only a guideline and should not be interpreted as being all inclusive or exclusive. The Board will review possible violations of the Medical Practices Act and/or rules promulgated hereunder on a case by case basis.

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