

**State Medical Board of Ohio**  
**Formal Action Report – November 2013**

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in November 2013 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of November 13, 2013.

**PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS**

**DURRANI**, Abubakar Atiq, M.D. (#35-085087) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, medical license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that doctor is in violation of Sections 4731.22(B)(10), (B)(22), and/or (B)(34), Ohio Revised Code and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 11/13/13. (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.*)

**SALIM**, Ali, M.D. (#35-078190) – New Albany, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(I), Ohio Revised Code, medical license automatically suspended. Based on doctor's conviction in the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas on two felony counts of Involuntary Manslaughter, an Alford plea of guilty to Rape, one felony count of Tampering with Evidence, and one felony count of Abuse of a Corpse. Suspension effective 10/24/13. (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.*)

**CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS**

**CARVER**, Joseph Claude, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Batavia, Ohio

Based on prior action by the State Medical Board of Ohio against the doctor's license to practice medicine and surgery; his alleged failure to furnish satisfactory proof of good moral character; his conviction in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio on one felony count of Concealment of Assets in Bankruptcy and one felony count of False Oath in Bankruptcy; prior findings that the doctor had engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient; and prior findings that in his care and treatment of two specified patients, the doctor departed from, or failed to conform to, minimal standards of care. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/14/13.

**DURRANI, Abubakar Atiq, M.D. (#35-085087) – Cincinnati, Ohio**

Based on allegations that the doctor pre-signed blank prescriptions to facilitate his employees, who were not legally authorized to prescribe, to issue prescriptions for dangerous drugs and controlled substances while the doctor was outside of the United States, which if proven constitutes the commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state; his alleged failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board; and prior action against his license to practice medicine and surgery by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, which issued an Emergency Order of Suspension, which was itself based on the doctor having been indicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, on multiple felony counts, including his alleged distribution of oxycodone outside the scope of professional practice. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/14/13.

**GARIN-VARGAS, Pura, M.D. (#35-032040) – Willard, Ohio**

Based on allegations that in his care and treatment of twenty specified patients, the doctor failed to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs, or failed to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other modalities for treatment of disease; departed from or failed to conform to minimal standards of care; and his alleged violation of the Board's rules governing the treatment of intractable pain. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/14/13.

**G HARABAWY, Ramez Reda, M.D. (#35-093487) – Westlake, Ohio**

Based on allegations that while providing anesthesia medical care to a patient prior to surgery, the doctor engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with the patient and made inappropriate sexual statements to the patient, which if proven constitutes the commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state and a violation of the Board's rules governing sexual misconduct. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/14/13.

**HUGHES, David Michael, D.O. (#34-005786) – Defiance, Ohio**

Based on allegations that in his care and treatment of five specified patients, the doctor failed to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administrative of drugs; departed from or failed to conform to minimal standards of care; failed to keep medical records relating to his treatment and prescribing; and utilized controlled substances in his treatment of family members in violation of Medical Board rules. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/14/13.

**MENON, Aiyappan, M.D. (#35-061918) – Solon, Ohio**

Based on the doctor's alleged violation of the limitations placed on his license pursuant to 8/12/09 consent agreement due to his failure to timely call in to a Board-approved drug testing facility, failure to submit a urine drug screen on the date selected, and failure to attend required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings as directed by the Board. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/14/13.

**SALIM, Ali, M.D. (#35-078190) – New Albany, Ohio**

Based on doctor's conviction in the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas on two felony counts of Involuntary Manslaughter, an Alford plea of guilty to Rape, one felony count of Tampering with Evidence, and one felony count of Abuse of a Corpse. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/14/13.

**SAOUD, Allen George, D.O. (#34-003681) – Clarksburg, West Virginia**

Based on the doctor's conviction in the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia on five felony counts of Health Care Fraud, eight felony counts of Health Care Fraud, one felony count of Aggravated Identity Theft, one felony count of Concealment of Material Facts in Health Care Matter, one felony count of Corrupt Endeavor to Obstruct and Impede the Due Administration of Internal Revenue Laws, five felony counts of Bankruptcy Fraud, and one felony count of False Statement to a Federal Agent and prior action by the West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine which suspended the doctor's license. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/14/13.

**SEVREY, Martin Ryerson, Jr., D.O. (#34-002020) – Ava, Missouri**

Based on the doctor's conviction in September 2012 in the Circuit Court of Douglas County, Missouri, on one felony count of domestic assault; his conviction in March 2013 in the Circuit Court of Douglas County, Missouri, on four misdemeanor counts of failure to keep or furnish records on controlled substances; and prior action by the Missouri State Board of Registration which placed the doctor's license on probation for a period not to exceed two years. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/14/13.

**SOMPUR VASANTHKUMAR, Sushil Kumar, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Mysore, India**

Based on the doctor's alleged false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in attempting to secure a certificate by failing to disclose on his application that he had been placed on probation during a residency training program and that he was not given credit for the academic year because he was not in good standing; affirmatively stating that he would be in an accredited training program in Ohio when in fact he had been informed by the program that a letter of intent had been revoked based on negative information not previously revealed by the doctor; and by falsely stating that he was participating in a residency program when in fact he had been notified that his contract would not be

renewed for the coming academic year. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/14/13.

**SUMMERS**, Christina Louise (M.T. Applicant) – Toledo, Ohio

Based on the applicant's conviction in the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas on one felony count of Attempted Trafficking in Cocaine and on the applicant's alleged false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statement in attempting to secure a certificate by failing to disclose that she had been convicted in the Toledo, Ohio, on one count of Negligent Assault. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/14/13.

### **FINAL ORDERS**

**DESAI**, Robert Krishna, M.D. (#35-056148) – Westborough, Massachusetts

Medical license revoked. Based on prior action by the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine, which immediately suspended the doctor's license based on its finding that he appeared at work under the influence of alcohol and that his continued practice presented an immediate jeopardy to the health and safety of the public. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.) Order effective 11/14/13.

**LEWIS**, Richard J., M.D. (#35-071324) – Bayside, New York

Medical license permanently revoked. Based on prior action by the New York State Board of Professional Medical Conduct, which issued a surrender order and upon the doctor's conviction in the Superior Court of the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, on eighteen counts of Aggravated Assault. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.) Order effective 11/14/13.

**MASOOD**, Yousuf, M.D. (#35-077680) – St. Louis, Missouri

Medical license permanently revoked. Based on prior action by the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners, which revoked the doctor's license based on his guilty plea to one count of conspiring to defraud a health care benefit program, namely Medicare and Medicaid, by billing the benefit programs for patient visits, which the doctor did not provide but were rather provided by non-licensed employees. Order effective 11/14/13.

**MILLER**, Jarrod Eugene, M.T. (#33-019376) – Barberton, Ohio

Massage therapy license permanently revoked. Based on massage therapist's conviction in the Stow Municipal Court on one misdemeanor count of Assault, the underlying conduct being the massage therapist's inappropriate touching of a female client during a therapeutic massage. Order effective 11/14/13.

**MUFFLEY**, Patrick Eugene, D.O. (#34-008355) – Lewis Center, Ohio

Medical license suspended for at least 60 days, with conditions for reinstatement established. Upon reinstatement of license, doctor shall be subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least two years. Based on doctor's violation of Board's rules governing prohibited sexual misconduct involving one specified patient, which constitutes a departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of care. Order effective 11/21/13.

**NALLURI**, Anil Choudary, M.D. (#35-040657) – Canfield, Ohio

Medical license subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least two years. Based on doctor's conviction in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on one count of Workers' Compensation Fraud. Order effective 11/14/13.

**STARR**, Christopher Shane (M.T. Applicant) – Defiance, Ohio

Application for license to practice as a massage therapist denied. Based on the legal presumption that the applicant's failure to submit to a chemical dependency examination as ordered by the Board constitutes an admission that he is unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of his habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Order effective 11/14/13. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

**UDE**, Chinelo Stella, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Minneapolis, Minnesota

Application for license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio denied. Based on the legal presumption that doctor's failure to submit to a psychiatric examination as ordered by the Board constitutes an admission that she is unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness and on prior action by the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice which immediately suspended the doctor's license until such time as she complies with an Order for Mental and Physical Examination and demonstrates that she may resume the competent practice of medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Order effective 11/14/13. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

**ZUCCO**, Anthony Donald, D.O. (#34-006525) – West Jefferson, Ohio

Medical license suspended for at least 180 days, with conditions for reinstatement established. Upon reinstatement of license, doctor shall be subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least two years. Based on doctor's conviction in the Fairfield County Juvenile Court, Lancaster, Ohio, on one misdemeanor count of Failure to Report Child Abuse or Neglect, the underlying basis being the doctor's failure to report to law enforcement or child services the rape of a minor who presented to his office with complaints stemming from sexual abuse. Order effective 11/21/13.

## **CONSENT AGREEMENTS**

**BRAUCH**, Rebecca Ann, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Akron, Ohio

Application for license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio granted, subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least two years. Based on doctor's admission that she has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, which requires further monitoring and treatment. Agreement effective 11/13/13.

**KIRKWOOD**, David Charles, M.D. (#35-050689) – Arcanum, Ohio

Medical license reinstated, subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least three years. Based on doctor having completed all requirements for reinstatement of license pursuant to terms of 3/13/13 consent agreement. Agreement effective 11/13/13.

**KRAENZLER**, Erik John, M.D. (#35-056589) – Brecksville, Ohio

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 so long as treatment and monitoring requirements are in place. Agreement effective 11/13/13; Agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

## **VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS**

**BRACEY**, Jefferson Dale, D.O. (D.O. Applicant) – Canton, Ohio

Application for license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery in Ohio withdrawn in lieu of further investigation of a possible violation of Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 11/13/13.

## **PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS**

**ADAS**, Mohammad A., M.D. (#35-055276) – Perrysburg, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/13.

**ATANASOFF**, Nicholas Anthony, D.O. (#34-007837) – Struthers, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed established.

**BANGERT**, Michael Theodore, M.D. (#57-018149) – Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist and mental health treatment provider granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/13.

**BROTT**, Edwin Thomas Strong, M.D. (#35-062695) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of medical records keeping course granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/13.

**DUNCAN**, Paul E., M.D. (#35-073208) – Union, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months and reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week with a minimum of ten per month granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/13.

**DUNLAP**, Gary Allan, D.O. (#34-002045) – Dayton, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of psychiatric treatment plan granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/13.

**EATON**, Lynne Antoinette, M.D. (#35-060149) – Delaware, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/13.

**JOHNSON**, Rebecca Erica, M.D. (#35-095365) – Westlake, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week with a minimum of ten per month, reduce required personal appearances to every six months, and discontinue chart review requirement granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/13.

**KANG**, Kavita A. J., D.O. (#34-010993) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed established.

**MACE**, Adam Geoffrey, M.D. (#57-018732) – Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce psychotherapy sessions to every three months, discontinue drug log requirement, reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week with a minimum of ten per month, and reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/13.

**ROSE**, Bernard Joseph, M.D. (#35-052219) – Kettering, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/13.

**SOTO**, Jessica Marie, M.T. (#33-021205) – Ottawa, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for approval of ethics course granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/13.

**WEST**, Lisa Ann, D.O. (#58-004609) – Toledo, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of mental health treatment provider and supervising mental health professional granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/13.

### **COURT ACTIONS**

**GRIFFITH**, Duane Lee, M.D. (#35-087588) – Tyler, Texas

Notice of appeal of Board's 8/14/13 revocation order filed by doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 10/31/13.

**SHAH**, Mahendrakumar Chiman, M.D. (#35-050056) – Middleport, Ohio

Notice of appeal of Board's 10/9/13 permanent revocation order filed by doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 10/28/13.

**SHAH**, Mahendrakumar Chiman, M.D. (#35-050056) – Middleport, Ohio

By Entry filed on 11/5/13, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas denied doctor's motion for stay of the Board's 10/9/13 permanent revocation order.

### **NON-DISCIPLINARY ORDERS**

**CARDAMONE**, Stephen Michael, D.O. (#34-004080) – Powell, Ohio

Application for restoration of license granted and license limited and restricted to the practice of administrative medicine until such time as he provides evidence that he has taken and passed the recertification examination for the American Board of Family Medicine. Based on doctor having not practiced clinical medicine in at least two years prior to application for restoration of license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio. Order effective 11/21/13.

**DENMAN, Jessica L., M.T. (#33-013340) – Cortland, Ohio**

Massage therapist's application for restoration of her license to practice massage therapy granted, pending passage of the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination. Based on massage therapist having not practiced in at least two years prior to application for restoration of license. Order effective 11/14/13. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

**FINAN, Walter Francis, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Royal Oaks, Michigan**

Application for license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio granted. Based on Board's findings that the doctor has meet the good cause waiver provisions of Rule 4731-6-14(C)(3)(b), Ohio Administrative Code. Order effective 11/21/13.

**MILLUNCHICK, Edward William, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Chicago, Illinois**

Doctor's application for a license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio granted and license permanently limited and restricted to the practice of administrative medicine. Based on doctor having not practiced clinical medicine in at least two years prior to application for restoration of license. Order effective 11/21/13.

**MORRIS-STIFF, Gareth John, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Cardiff, Wales**

Doctor's application for a license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio granted. Based on Board's determination that the doctor's clinical training and experience is equivalent to twenty-four months of graduate medical education through the second year level. Order effective 11/14/13.

**SCHIMPF, Darla Ann, M.T. (#33-008461) – Barberton, Ohio**

Massage therapist's application for restoration of her license to practice massage therapy granted, pending passage of the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination. Based on massage therapist having not practiced in at least two years prior to application for restoration of license. Order effective 11/14/13. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

Please note that revocation and suspension Orders are not always effective immediately. If you have questions about effective dates or conditions governing a doctor's practice before a Board Order takes effect, please contact the office.

Ohio law permits appeal of a Board Order to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Due to this possibility and the potential for a stay that might delay the imposition of a Board action, you may wish to contact us periodically to verify a given practitioner's licensure status.

Most current citation letters, Board Orders, consent agreements and voluntary surrenders or retirements are available on the Medical Board's website at <http://www.med.ohio.gov/> under "Licensee Profile and Status." If you have questions or need additional details about Citations, Board Orders, Consent Agreements, or Court Actions, please contact the Case Control Office. If you have questions regarding a probationary modification or a probationary request, please contact the Compliance Office. Our offices may be reached at (614) 466-3934.