

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – May 2017
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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in May 2017 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of May 10, 2017.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

BERNIE, Stephen, M.D. (#35.029203) — Beachwood, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), Ohio Revised Code, medical license immediately suspended based upon plea of guilty to five felony counts of Trafficking by the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. Order effective 5/10/17. (See also; Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

BERNIE, Stephen, M.D. (#35.029203) — Beachwood, Ohio

Based on the doctor's plea of guilty to: five felony counts of Trafficking; one felony count of Workers Compensation Fraud; and five felony counts of Tampering With Records, in the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, which together or individually constitute a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 5/11/17.

BROWN, Morris Lamar, M.D. (#35.038418) — Centerville, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the treatment of sixteen 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 diseases; and that he departed from, or the failed to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established; and that he violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisted in the violation of, or conspired to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board, to wit: Utilizing Prescription Drugs for the treatment of Intractable Pain. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/11/17.

PARKER, Gregory Allan, M.D. (#35.058477) — Hamilton, Ohio

Based on allegations that the doctor violated the terms and conditions of the November 9, 2016 Superseding Step I Consent Agreement by failing to: submit quarterly declarations; make personal appearances before the Board or its designated representative; submit required call-ins

and urine screenings; and submit documentation evidencing continued participation in an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/11/17.

SIDDIQI, Munawar, M.D. (#35.077460) — London, Kentucky

Based on the prior action of the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure which restricted the doctor's license to practice medicine and surgery for an indefinite period of time; prohibited the doctor from prescribing, dispensing, or otherwise professionally utilizing controlled substances; and also required the doctor to complete courses on medical record keeping, and prescribing of controlled substances. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/11/17.

ZIA, AMIR, M.D. (#35.091198) — Bowling Green, Kentucky

Based on the prior action of the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure which restricted the doctor's license to practice medicine and surgery for an indefinite period of time by prohibiting the doctor from performing epidural steroid injections, facet joint injections, and radiofrequency thermocoagulation, and requiring the doctor to have a chaperone during sensitive examinations or in the presence of female patients. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/11/17.

FINAL ORDERS

AGGARWAL, Arun, M.D. (#35.120049) — Mayfield Heights, Ohio

Certificate to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio permanently revoked. Based on the finding that the doctor engaged in sexual misconduct with two specified patients, one of whom was a minor at the time of alleged misconduct. Order effective 5/11/17.

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS/ RETIREMENTS/WITHDRAWALS

BLACKBURN, Richard J., D.O. (#34.006104) — Ravenswood, West Virginia

Permanent revocation of license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(22), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 5/10/17.

ST. ONGE, Rick D., M.D. (# 35. 066328) — Columbus, Ohio

Permanent revocation of certificate to practice medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(5), and (B)(15), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 5/10/17. (See Dismissals Section Below).

PEREZ, Carlos Antonio, M.D. (#35.039557) — Richfield, Ohio

Permanent revocation of certificate to practice medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 5/10/17. Surrender effective June 1, 2017.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

LINDNER, Robert Arthur, L.M.T. (#33.009676) — Upper Arlington, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy restored, provided he otherwise meets all statutory and regulatory requirements, and then immediately suspended for ninety days subject to interim monitoring terms and probationary monitoring terms for at least two years, including successful completion of professional ethics course, and payment of a five hundred dollar fine. Based on the massage therapist's admission that he practiced massage therapy for more than two years after his license expired, which constitutes a felony. Agreement effective 5/10/17.

ROSE, Deborah Lyn., M.D. (#57.028147) — Cleveland, Ohio

Certificate to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded. Based on: a 2002 prior action by the State of Alaska which reprimanded the doctor, placed her on probation for five years, and issued a fine; a 2003 prior action by the Medical Board of California which issued a nonpermanent surrender of her certificate to practice medicine and surgery; a 2004 Consent Agreement with the Arizona Medical Board; a 2013 Consent Agreement with the New Mexico Medical Board requiring her to adhere to probation and monitoring terms; and a 2013 Settlement Agreement with the California Board requiring her to adhere to probation and monitoring terms. Agreement effective 5/10/17.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

BABAR, Nabila S., M.D. (# 35.067632) — Mason, Ohio

Doctor's request for early release from the terms of the February 10, 2016 Consent Agreement denied by vote of the Board on 5/10/17.

BATRA, Devender K. M.D. (#35.067462) — Saint Clairsville, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the May 11, 2016 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17.

DARRAH, Casey D. M.D. (# 35.127592) — Toledo, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of new monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17.

DHILLON, Jagprit S., M.D. (#35.070181)— Brecksville, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval for discontinuance of Vivitrol requirement granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17.

DUNLAP, Gary Allan, D.O. (# 34.002045)— Dayton, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of discontinuance of the psychiatric treatment requirement granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17.

MEHRA, Maneesh L., M.D. (#35.094934) — Strongsville, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of new treating psychiatrist granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17.

PURVIS, Jerry G. Jr., M.D. (# 35.080726) — Adel, Georgia

Doctor's request for approval to make final appearance in July 2017, with release to be effective after Board's approval at the August 2017 meeting granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17.

REDDY, Srinivas Perugu, M.D. (# 35.130052) — Scottsdale, Arizona

Doctor's request for approval to continue under the terms of the March 12, 2014 Ohio Board Order while residing in Arizona, and approval to make personal appearance via electronic means, granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17.

RODEBAUGH, Justin M., M.D. (#57.027246) — Virginia Beach, Virginia

Doctor's request for approval to continue under the terms of the November 4, 2015 Ohio Board Order while residing in Virginia granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17.

ROSE, Bernard J., M.D. (# 35.052219) — Kettering, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of request for permission to travel from Ohio to Michigan until October without prior permission granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17.

SIDDIQUI, Siraj A., M.D. (# 35.065056) — Mansfield, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of new monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17.

ZEWAIL, Aly M. A., M.D. (#35.088417) — Doylestown, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of new treating psychiatrist; monitoring physician; and to continue under the terms of the December 14, 2016 Step II Consent Agreement while residing in Louisiana granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitor established.

PROBATION TERMINATED

BREIDENSTEIN, James Edward., D.O. (#34.005707) — Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the May 9, 2012 Step II Consent Agreement, except for the permanent restriction requiring physician to have a chaperone at all times when interacting with female patients, granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17. Effective immediately.

CORNELL, Clinton James., P.A. (# 50.003493) — Cincinnati, Ohio

Physician Assistant's request for release from the terms of the October 14, 2015 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17. Effective Immediately.

GRINBLATT, Michael Steven., M.D. (#35.052369) — Beachwood, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the April 11, 2012 Step II Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17. Effective immediately.

HESLER, Brain David., M.D. (# 35.121206) — Chicago, Illinois

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the May 9, 2012 Step II Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17. Effective immediately.

RUFFA, Anthony Mark., D.O. (#34.010895) — Erie, Pennsylvania

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the May 8, 2013 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/17. Effective immediately.

DISMISSALS

ST. ONGE, Rick D., M.D. (# 35. 066328) — Columbus, Ohio

Partial dismissal of the alleged violations set forth in the September 14, 2016 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, to wit: Sections 4731,22(b)(6), and (B)(20), Ohio Revised Code. Dismissal Order effective 5/10/17.

WASHINGTON, William L., M.D. (# 35.060842) — Gahanna, Ohio

The alleged violations set forth in the June 8, 2016 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing are dismissed without prejudice. Dismissal Order effective 5/23/17.

COURT ACTIONS

MENKES, Alan L., D.O. (#34.001775) — Murrieta, California

Notice of Appeal filed 4/28/17 in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, from Board's Entry and Order dated 4/12/17.

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 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.