

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – November 9, 2022

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of November 9, 2022.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSION

GRAWE, Katharine R., M.D., (#35.094502) – Powell, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery is summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that doctor is in violation of Sections 4731.22(B)(6) and 4731.22(B)(20) Ohio Revised Code, and that their continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 11/18/22. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

JOHNSON, Cynthia J., P.A., (#50.001350RX) – Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4730.25(G), license to practice as a physician assistant is summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that physician assistant is in violation of Section 4730.25(B)(5), Ohio Revised Code, and that their continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 11/9/22. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

DAVIS, John L., M.D., (#35.136927) – Traverse City, Michigan

Based on allegations that the doctor's plea of guilty in the Grand Traverse 13th Circuit Court, Traverse City, Michigan, to one felony count of Capturing/Distributing Image of Unclothed Person and one felony count of Computers-Using to Commit a Crime, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, individually and/or collectively constitute: 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 11/10/22.

DOSS, William L., III, M.D., (#35.143479) – Chesapeake, Virginia

Based on allegations that a prior disciplinary action by the Virginia Board of Medicine, which issued a 7/8/22 Consent Order, individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to

practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 11/10/22.

GRAWE, Katharine R., M.D., (#35.094502) – Powell, Ohio

Based on allegations that when: the Board issued two prior caution letters asking the doctor to complete remedial education courses, and cautioning the doctor to maintain patient privacy when sharing photos and video via social media, along with articulating multi-faceted issues with patient care including lack of informed consent, ethical concerns of privacy and social media, and avoidable complications requiring surgical intervention; and with respect to the care and treatment of three identified patients the doctor inappropriately treated and/or failed to appropriately treat and/or failed to appropriately document treatment, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, individually and/or collectively constitute: a departure from, or the failure 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 violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board, to wit: Office-Based Surgery – General Provisions, and Liposuction in Office Setting. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing mailed 11/18/22.

JOHNSON, Cynthia J., P.A., (#50.001350RX) – Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Based on the physician assistant's prior disciplinary history with the Board, and on allegations that when the physician assistant failed to complete treatment with a Board-approved treatment provider, and failed to respond to Board questions related to that decision to leave treatment, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, individually and/or collectively constitute: impairment in ability to practice in accordance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing mailed 11/10/22.

LUSK, Timothy A., M.T., (#33.021412) – Saint Paris, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to two identified patients, when the massage therapist sent text messages and private messages to two current patients asking them out for a date, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, individually and/or collectively constitute: violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board, to wit: the Board's prohibition regarding engaging in sexual misconduct with a patient, which also constitutes a departure from, or the failure 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. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 11/10/22.

PANCHAL, Mahendra J., M.D., (#35.082902) – Fayetteville, North Carolina

Based on allegations that a prior disciplinary action by the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs which issued a May 2022 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, and a 7/25/22 Settlement and Decision, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 11/10/22.

RITCHIE, Sarah J., M.T. Applicant – Vandalia, Ohio

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that the massage therapist's plea of guilty in the Miami County Court of Common Pleas to one felony count of Trafficking in Drugs, and two felony counts of Possession of Drugs, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, individually and/or collectively constitute: 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 11/10/22.

SAIFY, Emil A., M.D., (#35.137470) – Hollywood, California

Based on allegations that a prior disciplinary action by the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs which issued a 4/15/22 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, and a 5/25/22 Decision, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 11/10/22.

SHELCHKOV, Dmitry A., M.D., (#35.082684) – Rego Park, New York

Based on allegations that a prior disciplinary action by the State of New York, Department of Health, State Board for Professional Medical Conduct which issued a 11/1/21 Order, as alleged, individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 11/10/22.

FINAL ORDERS

ARMSTRONG, Arthur T., Jr., M.D., (#35.088541CTR) - Columbus, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery permanently revoked. Based on the finding that when the doctor engaged in sexual misconduct with respect to three identified patients, when the doctor inappropriately treated and/or touched the patient's breasts, and inappropriately moved and/or removed clothing to unnecessarily expose breasts and/or buttocks, and discouraged patients from bringing others to the appointment, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board, to wit: the Board's prohibitions against engaging in sexual misconduct with a patient, which also constitutes a departure from, or the failure 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. Order effective 11/10/22.

ASH, Xavier C., M.D. Applicant - Snellville, Georgia

Application for a license to practice medicine and surgery denied. Based on the doctor's submission of an application to practice medicine and surgery, and on the finding that when the doctor failed to respond to multiple Board interrogatories, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: a failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board, including failure to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the Board or failure to answer truthfully a question presented by the Board in an investigative interview, an investigative office conference, at a deposition, or in written interrogatories. Order effective 11/10/22. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

BROWNLEE, Kory D., D.P.M., (#36.003315) - Delaware, Ohio

License to practice podiatric medicine and surgery permanently revoked. Based on a 11/10/10 Consent Agreement, and an 4/13/11 Step II Consent Agreement, and on the finding when the doctor engaged in a scheme to obtain controlled substances by writing prescriptions in the name of several patients without their knowledge, and then attempting to fill those prescriptions for self-use which were subsequently found by law enforcement in the doctor's possession; and also stealing controlled substances from the residence of one specified patient following a house call appointment, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: 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; and the making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or a limited branch of medicine; or in securing or attempting to secure any license or certificate to practice issued by the board; and the commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which

the act was committed, to wit: Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drug; Illegal Processing of Drug Documents; and Theft of a Dangerous Drug. Order effective 11/30/22.

ELLIS, Malakya, M.T. Applicant - Columbus, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for a license to practice massage therapy denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant does not hold a diploma or certificate from a school, college, or institution in another state or jurisdiction that meets the Board's required course of instruction and has not held a current license, registration or certificate of good standing for massage therapy issued in another state for at least five years. Order effective 11/10/22. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

HOOKS, Stephen E., M.T., (#33.016541) - Cincinnati, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Conditional approval of restoration of license to practice massage therapy, provided the applicant takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) within six months. Based on the submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 11/10/22. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

JILES, Brittany D., M.T., (#33.016260) - Chillicothe, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Conditional approval of restoration of license to practice massage therapy, provided the applicant takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) within six months. Based on the submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 11/10/22. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

KNULL, Alan F., M.D., (#35.044446) - Pulaski, Virginia

The doctor's prior 6/14/89 Order is modified to remove the CME requirement for reinstatement located in paragraph 2.b, with the addition of the payment of a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine; conditions for reinstatement including the requirement that the physician complete a reentry program; and the requirement that a monitoring physician be appointed upon reinstatement. All other terms in the Order to remain in effect. Based on the doctor's submission of a 3/24/22 application for reinstatement of license to practice medicine and surgery, and on doctor's prior disciplinary history with the Board which issued a 6/16/89 Order, which individually and or collectively constitute: a violation of the conditions of limitation placed by the board upon a license or certificate to practice. Order effective 11/30/22.

LICHTEN, Edward M., M.D., (#35.034960) - Birmingham, Michigan

License to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to a three thousand five hundred dollar (\$3,500.00) fine, with implementation of a limitation/restriction on license

prohibiting the doctor from performing sterile compounding with limitation to stay in effect until board receives acceptable documentation evidencing full and unrestricted licensure in the state of Michigan. Based on the finding that that a prior action by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Board of Medicine, Disciplinary Subcommittee which issued a 7/21/21 Consent Order and Stipulation individually and/or collectively, constitute any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Order effective 11/30/22. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

MCDOWALL, Olga V., R.C.P., (#RCP.10840) - Bexley, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for restoration of license to practice as a respiratory care professional conditionally approved, provided that they take and pass the Clinical Simulation Examination (CSE) administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care within six months. Based on the finding that the respiratory care professional has not been engaged in the active practice of respiratory care for more than two years. Order effective 11/10/22. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

MYERS, Elizabeth E., M.T. Applicant - Westlake, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for a license to practice massage therapy denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant does not hold a diploma or certificate from a school, college, or institution in another state or jurisdiction that meets the Board's required course of instruction and has not held a current license, registration or certificate of good standing for massage therapy issued in another state for at least five years. Order effective 11/10/22.

YOUNG, Shantae'sha L., M.T. Applicant - Canton, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for a license to practice massage therapy denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant does not hold a diploma or certificate from a school, college, or institution in another state or jurisdiction that meets the Board's required course of instruction and has not held a current license, registration or certificate of good standing for massage therapy issued in another state for at least five years. Order effective 11/10/22. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

DHARIWAL, Manoj, M.D., (#35.098137) – Port Charlotte, Florida

License to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to a three thousand five hundred dollar (\$3,500.00) fine. Based on the doctor's admission that prior disciplinary actions

taken by the Connecticut Medical Examining Board which issued a 5/18/21 Consent Order, and the Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline which issued a 12/8/21 Consent Order, individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Agreement effective 11/9/22.

SAVONA, Michaela D., M.T., (#33.023163) – Broadview Heights, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy restored, and immediately suspended for a definite period of ninety days, and subject to interim monitoring terms and conditions, and general probationary requirements and a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) fine. Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on the massage therapist's admission that when she continued to practice massage therapy despite expiration of her license, that act individually and/or collectively constitute: the commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed, to wit: Practicing Medicine or a limited branch Without Certificate. Agreement effective 11/9/22.

WOOD, William R., M.D. (#35.078813) – Dayton, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, but not less than one year with suspension beginning on 1/15/23. Doctor prohibited from accepting new patients during wind-down period prior to suspension. Doctor also subject to general probationary requirements for at least one year, and conditions for reinstatement including entering into a subsequent consent agreement, and the payment of a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000.00) fine. Based on the doctor's admission when he had consensual sexual relationships with two patients despite an ongoing concurrent physician-patient relationship, those acts individually and/or collectively constitute: violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board, to wit, the Board's prohibition from engaging in sexual misconduct with a patient, which is also a departure from, or the failure 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. Agreement effective 11/9/22. Suspension effective 1/15/23.

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS

JAGODA, Heather, M.D., (#57.246462) – Akron

Non-permanent surrender of training certificate to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(26),

and 4731.22(B)(15) Ohio Revised Code, as set forth in the Notices of Opportunity for Hearing issued by the Board on 8/10/22 and 5/11/22. Agreement effective 11/9/22.

LEON, Alberto M.D., (#35.046211) – Xenia, Ohio

Permanent surrender, revocation and retirement of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(2), 4731.22(B)(3), 4731.22(B)(6), and 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, as set forth in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued by the Board on 8/11/21. Agreement effective 11/9/22.

RAHEJA, Deepak, M.D., (#35.065408) – Hudson, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(2) and (B)(6), Ohio Revised Code, and as set forth in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued by the Board on 9/11/19, as well as in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(9), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 11/9/22.

SPENCER, John, M.T., (#33.019557) - Columbus, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice massage therapy, authorized by massage therapist in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board,” to wit: the Board’s prohibition regarding engaging in sexual misconduct in the course of practice, which also constitutes a violation of Section 4731.22(B)(6), a departure from, or failure 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, related to sexual misconduct in the course of practice. Agreement effective 11/9/22.

TARBET, Darlene M., M.T., (#33.021022) – Chardon, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice massage therapy, authorized by massage therapist, in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(9) and (B)(11), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 11/9/22.

PROBATIONARY RELEASE

ALSAGER LEE, Christopher G., M.D., (#35.136730) - Austin, Minnesota

Doctor’s request for release from the terms of the 11/8/17 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 11/9/22. Release effective immediately.

BROWN, Paul R., P.A., (#50.001371Rx) - Cincinnati, Ohio

Physician assistant's request for release from the terms of the 4/17/17 Step II Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 11/9/22. Release effective immediately.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

FATECHAND, Raju, M.D., (#35.095392CTR) - Newark, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of personal and professional ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 11/9/22.

HARRIS, Dale A., M.D., (#35.074799) - Lewis Center, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval to discontinue psychiatric treatment, granted by vote of the Board on 11/9/22.

JADCHERLA, Yamini, M.D., (#35.136900) – Galena, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval to administer controlled substances, and discontinuance of drug log requirement and monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 11/9/22.

JOHNSON, Gregory G., M.D., (#35.048254) - Kent, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of practice plan, granted by vote of the Board on 11/9/22.

MALKOVITZ, Vincent J., D.O., (#34.006675) - Youngstown, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of an additional monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 11/9/22.

SMITH, Whitaker M., M.D., (#35.069231) - Seymour, Tennessee

Doctor's request for approval of a controlled substance prescribing course and personal/professional ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 11/9/22.

COURT ACTIONS

DEMIO, Phillip C., M.D., (#35.054874) – Medina, Ohio

Notice of Appeal filed 10/18/22, in the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County, Ohio.

ENTSUAH, Laurence K., M.D., (#35.083222) – Canal Winchester, Ohio

Notice of Appeal filed 10/18/22, in the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County, Ohio.

Decision and Entry granting doctor's motion to stay, filed 11/1/22.

HOFFMAN, Melissa L., R.C.P., (#RCP.8814) – Ottawa, Ohio

Decision and Entry affirming 6/8/22 Board Order, filed 10/18/22, in the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County, Ohio.

LAKE, Norma S., M.D., (#35.068277) – Miami, Florida

Notice of Appeal filed 10/27/22, in the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County, Ohio.

MOK, Charles D., D.O., (#34.013216) – Shelby Township, Michigan

Proposed Journal Entry approving the doctor's motion to stay, filed 10/26/22 in the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County, Ohio.

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 "Lookup a License." If you have questions or need additional details about Citations, Board Orders, or Court Actions, please contact the Case Control Office. If you have questions regarding a Consent Agreements, probationary modification or a probationary request, please contact the Compliance Office. Our offices may be reached at (614) 466-3934.