

Legal Actions



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Below are summaries of interim suspensions and final actions taken by the Medical Commission. Statements of Charges, Notices of Decision on Application, Modifications to Orders and Termination Orders are not listed. We encourage you to read the legal document for a description of the issues and findings. All legal actions can be found with definitions on the Medical Commission [website](#).

Practitioner Credential and County	Order Type	Date	Cause of Action	WMC Action
Summary Actions				
Ambati, Balamurali MD MD6068483 Out of state	Order of Summary Restriction	1/6/23	Restriction of license to practice in Utah.	Restricted from performing all types of eye surgery, and from performing experimental or off-label procedures, and from using non-FDA-approved materials.
Haas, Jonathan MD MD60716362 Out of state	Default Order	12/8/22	Inability to practice due to health condition	Indefinite suspension of license.
Pugh, Steven L. MD MD00039278 Spokane County	Order of Summary Suspension	12/20/22	Inability to practice due to health condition	Indefinite suspension of license.
Riyaz, Farhaad R. MD ILMC.MD6110328 Out of state	Order of Summary Suspension	12/23/22	Suspension of license to practice in Virginia.	Indefinite suspension of license.
Formal Actions				
Hu, Chester MD MD00039238 Out of state	Agreed Order	1/12/23	Alaska license placed on probation.	Restricted to treating a patient only in a hospital-based setting with a post-anesthesia care unit. May not treat patients in an ambulatory surgical facility or in a non-hospital-based setting.
Lucke, John C. MD MD60709314 Out of state	Agreed Order	1/12/23	Surrender of Massachusetts license.	Voluntary surrender of license.
Odea, Timothy MD MD00037234 Chelan County	Agreed Order	11/18/22	Impairing health condition.	Voluntary surrender of license.
Parvin, Dara MD MD60139957 Out of state	Final Order	1/23/23	Iowa and Ohio licenses placed on probation.	Reprimand; comply with Iowa and Ohio orders; 30 days prior to renewing expired Washington license, must obtain assessment by WPHP.

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Informal Actions				
Buckley, Tyler MD MD60942112 Asotin County	STID	11/17/22	Alleged accessing medical records of non-patient.	CME in ethics, boundaries, and HIPAA; paper; costs. May petition to terminate after completing terms.
Buttitta, James MD MD00033961 King County	STID	11/17/22	Alleged changing medication from warfarin to apixaban in patient with a mechanical heart valve.	CME in error prevention; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate after one year.
Helwig, Jonathan A. MD MD60091913 Out of State	STID	1/12/23	Discipline of Oregon license.	Comply with Oregon order; enroll in WPHP; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate when Oregon terminates Oregon order and WPHP endorses return to practice.
Kregenow, Lily MD MD00048510 Pierce County	STID	11/17/22	Alleged inappropriate documentation of alleged child sexual abuse.	CME in identifying and evaluating child abuse; CME in pediatric medical ethics; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate after one year.
Luo, Xin Jie MD MD61114625 King County	STID	1/12/23	Alleged misdiagnosis of diabetic ketoacidosis in emergency department.	CME in diagnosing and treating diabetic ketoacidosis; CME in treating migraine headache; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in two years.
Stone, Christopher PA PA60604965 Pierce County	STID	11/17/22	Alleged prescribing for friends and co-workers without properly documenting case or an examination in medical record.	CME in prescribing; review WMC policy on Self-Treatment or Treatment of Immediate Family Members; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petitioner to terminate in 1.5 years.
Vasin, Dmitri MD MD00038345 Kitsap County	STID	11/17/22	Alleged failure to comply with Governor's order regarding wearing of masks in the office.	Compliance with proclamations and orders issued by Governor, Secretary of DOH, or other health officials; CME in measures healthcare providers can take to help reduce spread of COVID-19; CME in infectious disease; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in two years.

- **Order of Summary Suspension:** An order suspending a license prior to a hearing based on a determination that the licensee's continued practice represents a danger to the public.
- **Order of Summary Restriction:** An order restricting an aspect of a licensee's practice prior to a hearing based on a determination that the licensee's continued practice with an unrestricted license represents a danger to the public.
- **Agreed Order:** A settlement resolving a statement of charges. This order is an agreement by a licensee to comply with certain terms and conditions to protect the public.
- **Final Order:** An order issued after a formal hearing before the Commission.
- **Final Order of Default:** An order issued after the licensee fails to respond to a statement of charges.
- **Final Order (Waiver of Hearing):** An order issued after the licensee waives the right to a hearing on a statement of charges by the licensee to comply with certain terms and conditions to protect the public.
- **Stipulation to Informal Disposition (STID):** A document detailing allegations, but with no findings or admissions, and containing an agreement by the licensee to comply with certain terms and conditions to protect the public.