

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 |
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| Summary Actions | | | | |
| Saadi, James A., MD MD00022398 Out of state | Order of Summary Suspension | 2/17/23 | Suspension of license in Missouri. | Summary suspension of license. |
| Formal Actions | | | | |
| Ambati, Balamurali K. MD MD60668483 Out of state | Agreed Order | 3/2/23 | The Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing restricting Licensee's Utah license. | Notify WMC if renews license; restricted from performing eye surgery, performing experimental and/or off-label procedures, and non-FDA approved materials for 3 years; compliance audits; and personal appearances. |
| Hiltz, William MD MD00042350 Kitsap County | Final Order on Default | 4/12/23 | Licensee failed to comply with an order to undergo an investigative mental examination and failed to respond to a Statement of Charges | Indefinite suspension of license. |
| Mullen, Bernard N. MD MD00024520 Thurston County | Agreed Order | 3/2/23 | Licensee is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to a health condition. | Indefinite suspension of license. |
| Pugh, Steven MD MD00039278 Spokane County | Agreed Order | 3/2/23 | Licensee is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to a health condition. | Indefinite suspension of license. |
| Paul Thomas MD MD60353591 Out of state | Agreed Order | 3/2/23 | The Oregon Medical Board restricted Licensee's Oregon license. | Indefinite suspension of license. |

| Informal Actions | | | | |
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| Bailey, Barb H. PA PA60694573 Out of state | STID | 3/2/23 | Licensee surrendered her clinical privileges at a clinic in South Dakota. | CME in medical record-keeping; paper on dangers of lapses in documentation; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in one year. |
| Cearley, Aisling B., PA PA60697867 Snohomish County | STID | 3/2/23 | Alleged inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to a health condition. | Voluntary surrender of license. |
| Driver, Michael K., MD MD00025405 Benton County | STID | 4/13/23 | Alleged failure to diagnose stroke in a patient in the emergency department. | CME in diagnosis and management of strokes; CME in diagnosis and management of cardiac conditions; review topics covered in ACLS class; paper; personal appearances. May petition to terminate in 3 years. |
| Gillette, Darren L., MD MD00044993 Clark County | STID | 4/13/23 | Alleged submission of own specimens for laboratory testing that were not labeled or labeled under a patient's name in order to obtain test results for himself. | Course in ethics and boundaries; paper; personal appearances; costs; may petition to terminate after completing all requirements. |
| Goldberg, Ronald S., MD MD00017869 Pierce County | STID | 3/2/23 | Alleged inappropriate behavior with three patients. | Voluntary surrender of license. |
| Gordin, Mendel M., MD MD00028756 Whatcom County | STID | 4/13/23 | Alleged inappropriate comments to two patients and failure to cooperate with investigation. | Voluntary surrender of license. |
| Hardy, Malcolm W.G., MD MD60747884 Walla Walla County | STID | 4/13/23 | Alleged negligent performance of trans-obturator midurethral sling procedure to treat incontinence. | CME in urogynecology; paper; peer group presentation; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in 2 years. |
| Hursey, Phyllis MD MD00029979 Clark County | STID | 4/13/23 | The Oregon Medical Board restricted Licensee's Oregon license. | Provide notice and appear before WMC prior to practicing in Washington; comply with Oregon order; restricted from prescribing controlled substances and issuing authorizations for medical cannabis until deemed qualified; costs; personal appearances. May petition for termination after termination of Oregon order. |
| Hurvitz, James S., MD MD60578555 Out of state | STID | 4/13/23 | Medical Board of California revoked license following criminal conviction. | Voluntary surrender of license. |
| Lapides, David A., MD MD00024520 Out of state | STID | 3/2/23 | License was revoked, suspended or surrendered in several states following a criminal conviction. | Voluntary surrender of license. |

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| Nestor, Bryan J., MD MD60921303 Lewis County | STID | 3/2/23 | Alleged suspension of hospital privileges. | Voluntary surrender of license. |
| Ort, Joshua A., MD MD60823672 King County | STID | 3/2/23 | Alleged disruptive behavior. | Complete workshop on understanding disruption; paper; personal appearance; costs. May petition to terminate in one year. |
| Richards, Julia A., MD MD00031855 Thurston County | STID | 4/13/23 | Alleged failure to ascertain position of fetus prior to inducing labor. | Voluntary surrender of license. |
| Thompson, Matthew, G., PA PA60113828 Pierce County | STID | 4/13/23 | Alleged providing cannabis gummies to a family member and accessing the family member's medical record without authorization. | Ethics and boundaries course; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in 2 years. |
| Vansomphone, Boungkhong, D., MD MD60311908 Out of state | STID | 4/13/23 | Alleged disruptive and discriminatory behavior. | CME in clinician-patient communication given by PACE; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition for termination in 2 years. |
| Vu, Danny X, MD MD61106041 Out of state | STID | 4/13/23 | Alleged performance of eye and cardiac examination and failure to document those exams or findings. | CME in communication, record-keeping; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in one year. |
| Yujuico, Christopher, S., PA PA60714731 Out of state | STID | 3/2/23 | Alleged inappropriate remarks to a patient and inappropriate examination of patient. | Undergo fitness to practice evaluation; CME in professional boundaries and ethics; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in 2 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 on 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.