

# 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
<b>Summary Actions</b>				
Benson, David B., MD MD.MD.00040349 Skagit County	Ex Parte Order of Summary Suspension	6/11/24	Alleged repeated practice below the standard of care when treating pregnant patients and newborn infants.	Restricted from practicing obstetrics and newborn care.
Akers-White, La Tania M., MD.MD.61003240	Ex Parte Order of Summary Suspension	6/21/24	Revocation of license in Montana.	Indefinite suspension.
<b>Formal Actions</b>				
Alhafez, Fadi, MD MD.MD.60094946 Pierce County	Agreed Order	6/13/24	Negligent performance of cosmetic surgery on a patient; negligent testosterone replacement therapy on three patients.	Restricted from performing cosmetic surgery without oversight of a preceptor; retain physician to perform periodic reviews of respondent's hormone therapy practice; CME in record keeping, informed consent, testosterone replacement therapy; prior to practicing cosmetic surgery must complete CME on pre-operative evaluation of surgical patients; paper; personal appearances; fine. May petition to terminate in three years.
Ataee, Sean, MD MD.MD.00047909 Out of state	Final Order on Default	6/13/24	Revocation of licenses in California and New York	Denial of application to renew license.
Figueras, Dominic A., MD MD.MD.0038348 Out of state	Final Order on Default	5/9/24	Failure to comply with Commission Order.	Indefinite suspension.
Knox, David G., MD MD.MD.00018242 Out of state	Agreed Order	7/23/24	Surrender of license in Oregon.	Voluntary surrender of license.

Lin, Wei-Hsung MD MD.MD.60207016 Benton County	Agreed Order	5/2/24	Negligent management of patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infections.	Restricted from prescribing ivermectin for non-FDA-approved indications; restricted from prescribing medication or providing care to patients without first establishing a physician-patient relationship by seeing the patient or via real-time video, taking a history and examining the patient before deciding on a course of treatment; review CDC web site and UpToDate web site for current guidelines on prevention, treatment, and management of COVID-19; paper on learning from web sites; CME on establishing the physician-patient relationship and maintaining a medical record; paper on physician-patient relationship; compliance audits; personal appearances; personal reports; fine. May petition to terminate in three years.
Nielson, Alex L., MD MD.MD.61130110 Clark County	Agreed Order	5/2/24	Inappropriate conduct with co-worker.	Compliance with WPHP contract; ethics and boundaries course; personal appearances; fine. May petition to terminate after completion of WPHP contract.
Oliver, Richard T., Jr., PA PA.PA.60271207 Walla Walla County	Agreed Order	7/11/24	Alleged negligent care of patients while working for the Department of Corrections.	Voluntary surrender of license.
Parvataneni, Kesav C., MD MD.MD.60827451 Our of state	Agreed Order	7/31/24	Inability to practice safely due to a health condition.	Indefinite suspension.
Pearson, Sean P., PA PA.PA.60610092 King County	Agreed Order	5/2/24	Violation of Commission order.	Indefinite suspension.
Tantuwaya, Lokesh MD MD.MD.60432704 Out of state	Final Order on Default	7/11/24	Suspension of license in California.	Indefinite suspension.
Turner, Michael K., MD MD.MD.60072206 Benton County	Final Order	6/21/24	Negligent prescribing of ivermectin including to several patients based on intake forms submitted via web site; without informed consent; and without getting more information about two patients' liver disease.	Restricted from prescribing ivermectin for the prevention or treatment of COVID-19 until such time as the FDA approves ivermectin for such indications; CME in record keeping, telehealth, and prevention and treatment of COVID-19; paper; and fine. May petition for modification in two years.

## Informal Actions

Ahmad, Nauman MD MD.MD.60926635 King County	STID	5/2/24	Alleged use of confrontational and unprofessional language with patients.	Course on communication; review Commission policy on disruptive behavior; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in one year.
Ankeney, Geoffrey A., MD MD.MD.60048348	STID	7/11/24	Alleged negligent documentation and monitoring of patients receiving transcranial magnetic imaging (TMS).	CME in treatment resistant depression, TMS; and ethics; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in two years.
Berry, Kevin A., MD MD.MD.60387536 King County	STID	5/2/24	Alleged negligent pain management treatment.	CME in controlled substance prescribing and treating insomnia; paper; register with PMP and query the PMP regularly; compliance audits; personal appearances; and costs. May petition to terminate in three years.
Dryland, David MD MD.MD.61199579 Out of state	STID	7/11/24	Disciplinary action against license in Oregon.	Compliance with Oregon order; prior to treating a patient in Washington, must retain practice mentor; if prescribing methotrexate to a patient in Washington, must document medical decision-making and evaluate each prescription every 3 months; costs. May petition to terminate when the Oregon order is terminated.
Griffin, Basil M., MD MD.MD.00049372 Spokane County	STID	5/2/24	Alleged self-prescribing and prescribing for family members without documentation.	CME in prescribing controlled substances, medical ethics, and record-keeping; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in two years.
Hardy, Kristen J., PA PA.PA.60247903 Spokane County	STID	5/2/24	Alleged misdiagnosis of abdominal pain in elderly patient.	CME in diagnosing acute abdominal pain in elderly patients; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in three years.
Hemmert, Jonathan W., MD MD.MD.60850584 Out of state	STID	7/11/24	Alleged failure to supervise estheticians in med spa who were using device that had not been submitted to FDA for clearance or approval..	Practice agreement not to serve as the medical director of any facility in which the Cryoskin device is being used unless or until it is approved or cleared by FDA; review Commission's guidance document on roles of medical directors; literature review of roles of medical directors; paper; compliance audit; costs. May petition to terminate after completing requirements.

Johnson, Drew A., PA PA.PA.60457629 Out of state	STID	5/2/24	Disciplinary action against license in Idaho.	Comply with Idaho order; paper; notify Commission if he intends to renew license; personal appearances; personal reports. May petition to terminate in two years.
Laney, Thomas J., MD MD.MD.00024468 Grant County	STID	5/2/24	Alleged negligent care of elderly patient who developed severe hypoxemia during dental procedure.	Surrender of license.
Liebert, John A., MD MD.MD.0009587 Out of state	STID	6/13/24	Disciplinary action against license in Arizona.	Surrender of license.
Lundebly, John P., MD MD.MD.00033393 Spokane County	STID	7/11/24	Alleged failure to refer patient with complications and possible internal bleeding from lipoabdominoplasty to hospital.	CME in identification and management of acute blood loss and post-operative bleeding; paper; communication course or review 3 articles on communication; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in one year.
Mohandessi, Soroush, MD MD.MD.61122713 Clark County	STID	6/13/24	Disciplinary action against license in Oregon.	Restricted from practicing psychotherapy; practice limited to forensic psychiatry, medication management, administrative medicine; comply with Oregon Order; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate when the Oregon Order is terminated.
Salvos, Timothy L., PA PA.PA.60785165	STID	7/11/24	Alleged disruptive behavior in the workplace.	Complete Understanding Disruption at Acumen Institute; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in one year.
Sheary, Conrad L., PA PA.PA.61013867 Snohomish County	STID	5/2/24	Alleged failure to provide necessary in-person care to geriatric patient following telemedicine visit.	CME in management of chronic conditions in geriatric patients; CME in wound care; CME in ethical obligations of primary care provider; paper; preceptor to monitor practice; personal appearances; quarterly personal reports; costs. May petition to terminate in three 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.