Legal Actions



February 1, 2024 - April 30, 2024

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							
Knox, David G., MD MD.MD.00018242 Out of state	Ex Parte Order of Summary Suspension	2/29/24	Surrender of Oregon license.	Indefinite suspension.			
Smith, Stephen L., MD MD.MD00019257 Benton County, WA	Ex Parte Order of Summary Action	3/31/24	Alleged treatment of family members without keeping records; inappropriate prescribing testosterone ananastrozole, unsterile reinfusion of blood into two patients, noncompliance with WMC order.	Indefinite suspension.			
Formal Actions							
De, Monya, MD MD.MD.60861239 Out of state	Agreed Order	3/7/24	Failure to comply with WMC order.	Ethics assessment exam; ethics course; paper, personal appearances; fine. May petition to terminate in one year.			
Hill, Simon D., PA PA.PA.10004888 Out of state	Agreed Order	3/7/24	Prescribing of controlled substances to without keeping records and while having a romantic relationship with the patient.	CME on prescribing; ethics and boundaries course; papers on maintaining professional boundaries and prescribing; personal appearances; fine. May petition to terminate in 30 months.			
Houtz, Jane MD MD.MD.00038185 Out of state	Default Order	2/28/24	Failure to provide medical records to patients and failure to cooperate with investigation.	Indefinite suspension.			
Miller, Richard A., MD MD.MD.00018550 King County	Default Order	3/15/24	Alleged health condition that could impair ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.	Indefinite suspension.			
Parakh, Rugvedita S., MD MD.MD.60917578 King County	Default Order	2/15/24	Disciplinary action in Indiana.	Indefinite suspension.			

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Pothini, Gouri, B., MD MD.MD.60729650 King County	Agreed Order	3/7/24	Prescribing a controlled substance in another person's name for his own use and having a health condition impacting his ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.	Indefinite suspension. May petition to lift the suspension after an assessment by WPHP and compliance with recommendations.			
Informal Actions							
Ferries, Michael, MD MD.MD.00029850 Spokane County	STID	3/7/24	Alleged inappropriate touching of patient.	Ethics course; boundaries course; paper; disclosure of sexual misconduct to patients; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in four years.			
Jackson, George F., MD MD.MDooo39825 Pierce County	STID	4/5/24	Alleged negligent care and patient abuse.	CME in record keeping; ethics and boundaries course; multidisciplinary evaluation; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate when all terms are completed.			
Lagattuta, Francis, MD MD.MD.60538273 Out of state	STID	2/23/24	Revocation of license in Oregon.	Voluntary surrender of license.			
Lang, Robert G.R.,MD MD.MD.00019502 Thurston County	STID	3/7/24	Alleged health condition that could impair ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.	Voluntary surrender of license.			
Ravasia, Sajid, A., MD MD.MD.00045273 Out of state	STID	3/7/24	Alleged failure to cooperate with an investigation.	Voluntary surrender of license.			
Shuster, Allison K., PA PA.PA.60656503 Clark County	STID	3/7/24	Alleged inappropriate issuance of vaccine exemptions to three children as part of new refugee intake examinations.	CME in vaccine compliance and exemptions and in recordkeeping; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in one year.			

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.

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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.

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