



February 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025

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 not involving reinstatement, 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				
Hedmann, Shaun MD MD.MD.00034892 Out of state	Order of Summary Suspension	4/11/25	Surrender of license in Oregon.	Indefinite suspension of license.
Mundall, Jon M.R., MD MD.MD.00023408 Spokane County	Order of Summary Restriction	2/12/25	Alleged negligent treatment of patients for hypothyroidism.	Restricted from diagnosing, managing, or treating thyroid disorders.
Varnell, Daniel D., MD MD.MD.00046806 Out of state	Order of Summary Suspension	4/11/25	Inability to practice safely due to a health condition.	Indefinite suspension of license.
Formal Actions				
Dagan, Benigno W.A., MD MD.MD.00036169 Pierce County	Agreed Order on Modification	3/19/25	Negligent treatment of a patient for hypothyroidism.	Reinstatement of license. Restricted from diagnosing, managing, or treating thyroid disorders; undergo clinical competency assessment; CME in management of thyroid disorders; paper; compliance audits; personal appearances; fine. May petition to terminate in three years.
Gao, Lu, MD MD.MD.60815256 King County	Final Order	3/24/25	Criminal conviction for fourth-degree assault-domestic violence with sexual motivation.	Suspension of license. May petition for reinstatement in eight years.
Healey, David S., MD MD.MD.60565218 Out of state	Waiver Order	3/13/25	Criminal conviction for second-degree child molestation; disciplinary action in Massachusetts.	Revocation of license.
Li, Frank D., MD MD.MD.00049251 Out of state	Order on Non-Compliance	2/28/25	Failure to comply with a Commission order.	Indefinite suspension of license.

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Formal Actions				
Patel, Yogesh, MD MD.MD.60309742 Out of state	Default Order	4/30/25	Disciplinary actions in the states of Colorado, Illinois, and Arkansas.	Indefinite suspension of license.
Vassall, Alford N., MD MD.MD.60062958 Thurston County	Agreed Order	3/13/25	Negligent pelvic examination.	CME in patient communication, boundaries, and trauma-informed care; paper; personal appearances; personal reports; fine. May petition to terminate in three years.
Webster, Thomas A., MD MD.MD.60851665 Thurston County	Default Order	3/26/25	Criminal conviction for conspiracy to accept kickbacks in connection with fraudulent telemarketing and medical supply scheme.	Indefinite suspension of license.
Wright, Jonathan V., MD MD.MD.00011394 King County	Modified Agreed Order	4/14/25	Negligent management of patient's hypothyroidism.	Voluntary surrender of license.
Informal Actions				
Appelbaum, Andrew MD MD.MD.00033120 King County	STID	3/13/25	Alleged allowing untrained staff to administer vaccines and answer questions telephonically; staff recycle and handle dangerous materials; failure to notify patients of potential contamination; disruptive behavior. Respondent took remedial actions.	Review WMC policy on disruptive behavior; paper; develop protocol for employee injury reporting; notice of STID to employer; personal appearances; personal reports; costs. May petition to terminate in two years.
Blakenship, Beth L., PA PA.PA.10003496 Spokane County	STID	3/7/25	Alleged dating of patient.	Ethics course; costs.
Borgen, Matthew E., PA PA.PA.60736542 Pierce County	STID	3/13/25	Alleged failure to document reason for prescribing opioids, stimulants, and hormones to a patient; alleged failure to document a reason for prescribing opioids to a second patient; and alleged accessing a medical record of a colleague without authority.	Restricted from prescribing controlled substances; course in safe prescribing of controlled substances; paper; CME in confidentiality of personal health information; ethics course; WPHP assessment; personal appearances; costs. May petition upon completion of all terms.

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Boyer, Marnie L., PA PA.PA.10004142 Grant County	STID	3/13/25	Alleged declaring patient dead without checking respiration, circulation, or pulse and without physically examining the patient.	CME in emergency medicine; course in communication and civility; paper; personal appearances; personal reports; costs. May petition to terminate in three years.
Buxbaum, Evan R., MD MD.MD.60027949 San Juan County	STID	3/13/25	Alleged disciplinary action in California for inappropriate submission of pediatric vaccine exemptions to California Department of Public Health; and allegedly recommending that a four-year-old child should receive only two of four childhood vaccines recommended by the CDC.	Compliance with California order; prohibition from completing Washington State Medical Certificates of Exemption and Health Care Practitioner Declaration on a Washington State Personal/Religious Certificate of Exemption; literature review of childhood vaccines; paper; compliance audits; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in two years.
Flaming, Michael B., MD MD.MD.60415836 Clark County	STID	3/13/25	Alleged serving as a medical director for a clinic and failing to examine, assess, or create a treatment plan for a patient who underwent aesthetic procedures by a registered nurse.	CME in non-physician clinical supervision and timely documentation; ethics course; review WMC guidance on the duties of medical directors; personal appearances; personal reports; costs. May petition to terminate in one year.
Watts, Michael A., MD MD.MD.61337302 Pierce County	STID	3/13/25	Alleged disruptive behavior and excluding a patient's nurse case manager from attending an appointment.	Communications course; 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.

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.

Order on Non-Compliance: An order issued after a health law judge has found a licensee has failed to comply with a Commission order.