

# Legal Actions



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## May 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020

Below are summaries of interim and final actions taken by the Washington Medical Commission (WMC) that were reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards between May 1, 2020 and July 31, 2020. Statements of Charges, Notices of Decision on Application (with exceptions), Modifications to Orders (with exceptions), and Termination Orders are not listed. We encourage you to read the legal document for a description of the issues and findings.

Practitioner Credential and County	Order Type	Date	Cause of Action	Commission Action
<b>Summary Actions</b>				
Brown, Michael MD00028042 King	Ex Parte Order of Summary Action - Restriction	06/11/20	Alleged mismanagement of chronic pain patients.	Restriction – no prescribing controlled substances pending completion of proceedings.
Jutla, Rajninder MD00047987 King	Ex Parte Order of Summary Action - Suspension	06/23/20	Revocation of license to practice by the Oregon Board of Medicine in March 2020 for failure to meet the standard of care while treating chronic pain patients.	Suspension – pending completion of proceedings.
Said, Mohammad MD00018311 Grant	Ex Parte Order of Summary Action - Suspension	05/01/20	Alleged inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to a health condition.	Suspension – pending completion of proceedings.
Sterling, Ronald MD00038889 King	Ex Parte Order of Summary Action - Restriction	05/08/20	Alleged moral turpitude, failure to comply with a Commission order, misrepresentation or fraud, patient abuse, and sexual misconduct.	Restriction – no treating female patients pending completion of proceedings.
<b>Informal Actions</b>				
Sassone, Justin PA60238234 Spokane	Informal Disposition	05/14/20	Alleged failure to appropriately and timely manage an inmate patient's life threatening condition contributing to a delay in emergency department care.	Managing difficult patients and treating acute intoxication coursework, written research paper, personal appearances, \$1,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than one year.
Shannon, Michael MD00042625 Thurston	Informal Disposition	05/20/20	Alleged boundary violations.	Boundaries coursework, written research paper, multi-disciplinary evaluation and comply with all recommendations, personal appearances, \$1,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than two years.
Silverman, Burton MD00032130 Out of State	Informal Disposition	05/14/20	Oregon Board of Medicine order in July 2019 stating that Respondent retired his license while under investigation.	Voluntary surrender.

Swyer, Mark MD00019726 Snohomish	Informal Disposition	05/20/20	Alleged fraudulent prescribing and failure to maintain appropriate medical records.	Voluntary surrender.
Washington, Sherman MD60404594 Out of State	Informal Disposition	07/16/20	Alleged improper telemedicine prescribing without any contact with patients, moral turpitude, and failure to cooperate with the Commission's investigation.	Review telemedicine guidelines, ethics coursework, written research paper, personal appearances, \$1,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than one year.

**Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order:** A settlement resolving a Statement of Charges, and containing an agreement by the licensee to comply with certain terms and conditions to protect the public.

**Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order:** An order issued after a formal hearing before the Commission imposing certain terms and conditions to protect the public.

**Stipulation to Informal Disposition (STID):** A settlement resolving a Statement of Allegations., and containing an agreement by the licensee to comply with certain terms and conditions to address the Commission's concerns.

**Ex Parte Order of Summary Action:** An order summarily restricting or suspending a licensee's practice of medicine. The licensee has an opportunity to defend against the allegations supporting the summary action.