



February 1, 2020 – April 30, 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 February 1, 2020 and April 30, 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. All legal actions can be found with definitions on the WMC [website](#).

Practitioner Credential and County	Order Type	Date	Cause of Action	Commission Action
Interim and Formal Actions				
Nguyen, Dung X. MD000024150 Pierce	Agreed Order	02/27/20	Improper storage of medication and unsterile conditions.	Voluntary surrender.
Shuey, Jackie PA10004350 Pierce/King	Agreed Order	04/17/20	Failure to diagnose cerebral trauma, failure to consult with physician despite persistent unresolved symptoms, and failure to properly supervise nursing staff.	Requirement to practice with another clinician present, boundaries coursework, maintain professional certification, written research paper, supervisor reports, personal appearances, \$3,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than four years.
Washington, William MD00046967 King	Final Order	01/19/20	Failure to adequately examine, diagnose, or treat a patient with a post-op infection.	Requirement for direct oversight by a proctor and restriction from practicing emergency medicine subject to modification, clinical skills assessment and follow all recommendations, medical records coursework, and \$5,000 fine.
Informal Actions				
Banks, Casondra PA60340752 Skagit	Informal Disposition	11/14/19	Alleged substandard recordkeeping and prescription.	Medical records coursework, treatment of scalp infections coursework, written research paper, personal appearances, \$1,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than one year.
Dagan, Benigno MD00036169 Pierce	Informal Disposition	04/17/20	Alleged negligent management of corticosteroid therapy and alleged failure to consult with rheumatology specialist.	Rheumatology coursework, written research paper, practice reviews, personal appearances, \$2,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than three years.

Del Secco, Catherine PA10004561 King	Informal Disposition	02/27/20	Alleged provision of medical care without maintaining adequate records.	Boundaries coursework, written research paper, personal appearances, \$1,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than one year.
Freezer, Jonathon MD60871372 Clallam	Informal Disposition	02/27/20	Respondent allegedly provided a non-patient with a letter stating a medical diagnosis that was based on their personal relationship.	Ethics coursework, written research paper, personal appearances, \$1,600 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than after at least one appearance and completing other requirements.
Garnett, Michael MD00016667 Klickitat	Informal Disposition	04/17/20	Alleged failure to properly monitor a patient's lithium levels.	Written protocol, personal appearances, \$1,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than after at least one appearance and completing other requirements.
Kincaid, Joseph MD00029893 Spokane	Informal Disposition	02/27/20	Entry into a diversion program for alleged possession of marijuana in Idaho.	Compliance with the Idaho diversion program, compliance with a health monitoring program in WA, personal appearances, conditional clinical skills assessment, \$2,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than completion of diversion program and endorsement by health monitoring program.
Lavalle, Gregory MD60021446 Spokane	Informal Disposition	04/09/20	Alleged mismanagement of a patient's post-operative bleeding.	Postoperative monitoring and management coursework, written research paper, personal appearances, \$1,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than two years.
Meltzer, Richard MD00031769 Thurston	Informal Disposition	04/09/20	Alleged delay in diagnosing a known surgical complication.	Written research paper, personal appearances, \$1,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than after at least one appearance and completing other requirements.
Raekes, Julie MD00036517 Benton	Informal Disposition	02/27/20	Alleged mismanagement of a complex patient with an alcohol use disorder.	Medication management of sleep disorders coursework, written research paper, peer group presentation, personal appearances, \$1,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than one year.
Taylor, Douglas MD60088153 Thurston	Informal Disposition	02/27/20	Alleged failure to properly identify patient prior to starting procedure and to document a change of treatment plan.	Medical recordkeeping coursework, ethics coursework, written research paper, written protocol, peer group presentation, personal appearances, \$1,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than one year.

Turner, Kevin MD00026889 Snohomish	Informal Disposition	02/27/20	Alleged failure to comply with a WMC order.	Voluntary surrender at retirement.
Turner, Josef MD60201428 Cowlitz	Informal Disposition	02/27/20	Alleged failure to properly assess a condition resulting in delayed treatment.	Clinical coursework, written research paper, personal appearances, \$1,000 cost recovery, and termination no sooner than one year.
Whitaker, Malcolm MD00047269 Pierce	Informal Disposition	04/29/20	Alleged self-prescribing of a controlled substance.	Prescribing coursework, personal appearances, \$2,000 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.