

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
Summary Actions				
Crandall, Sarah L., MD MD.MD.60951421 Out of state	Order of Summary Restriction	1/19/24	Alleged performance of elective breast surgery procedures on poor surgical candidates with inadequate planning.	Restricted from performing any type of breast surgery.
Olsson, Roger B., MD MD.MD.00015303 Snohomish County	Order of Summary Suspension	11/5/23	Alleged failure to comply with a Commission Order.	Indefinite suspension of license.
Parakh, Rugvedita S., MD MD.MD.60917578 King County	Order of Summary Suspension	11/13/23	Suspension of license in Indiana	Indefinite suspension of license.
Formal Actions				
Bauer, William M., MD MD.MD.00035422 Kitsap County	Agreed Order	11/2/23	Substandard clinical documentation; inadequate physical examinations; cutting and pasting of records; failure to diagnose ascites leading to emergency treatment of seriously ill patient.	Clinical competency assessment. May petition to terminate after completing all terms of the order.
Cole, Ryan N., MD MD.MD.00048229 Out of state	Final Order	1/4/24	Acts of dishonesty; making false and misleading statements about COVID-19; and negligent care to four patients.	Restricted from engaging in primary care medicine; practice limited to pathology; may petition to remove restrictions after completing reentry course in family medicine; CME in COVID-19, pulmonary and respiratory diseases, record keeping, and telehealth; ethics course; paper; fine; personal appearances.

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Formal Actions (Continued)				
McQuivey, David P., PA PA.PA.10003472 Out of state	Agreed Order	11/16/23	Failure to meet standard of care in prescribing testosterone for male hypogonadism.	Restricted from prescribing testosterone medications without oversight and approval of supervising physician; obtain Commission-approved supervising physician who is board-certified endocrinologist, urologist, or equivalent; clinical competency assessment; CME in prescribing testosterone, treating hypogonadism, informed consent, and record keeping; paper; compliance audits; personal appearances; fine. May petition to terminate in 4 years.
Rice, James W., MD MD.MD.00015479 King County	Agreed Order	11/16/23	Negligent care of cardiac patient and negligent care prescribing of opioids to a second patient.	Restricted from prescribing, administering, ordering schedule II-IV controlled substances; clinical skills assessment; CME on out-patient cardiac management; paper; compliance audits; personal appearances; fine. May petition to terminate in 3 years.
Riyaz, Farhaad R., MD IMLC.MD.61103258 Out of state	Agreed Order	11/7/23	Suspension of license in Virginia; and subsequent disciplinary action in Massachusetts, Michigan, and Colorado.	Indefinite suspension of license; CME in ethics; personal appearances; fine. May petition to terminate after completion of all terms.
Saadi, James A., MD MD.MD.00022398 Out of state	Final Order	11/7/23	Revocation of license in Missouri.	Indefinite suspension of license; fine.
Saify, Emil A., MD MD.MD.00045364 Out of state	Default Order	12/14/23	Revocation of license in California.	Indefinite suspension of license.
Thompson, Robert G., MD MD.MD.00012796 King County	Final Order	1/22/24	Provided substandard treatment in numerous respects to chronic pain patient; and prescribed buprenorphine to patients without naloxone, prescribed opioids with other sedatives, co-prescribed stimulants and sedatives, co-prescribe stimulants and suboxone.	Indefinite suspension of license. May petition for reinstatement after completing a competency assessment and paying fine.

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Thorn, Thomas A., MD MD.MD.00039020 Ferry County	Default Order	1/24/24	Failing to cooperate with investigation.	Indefinite suspension.
Welling, Eric C., MD MD.MD.61275435 Out of state	Default Order	1/3/24	Suspension of license in Wyoming.	Indefinite suspension.
Wright, Jonathan V., MD MD.MD.00011394 King County	Agreed Order	11/29/23	Inappropriate care of a patient, including negligent management of a hypothyroidism; inappropriate diagnosis of vitamin B12 deficiency; recommending the patient go to a compounding pharmacy to purchase vitamins and supplements; inappropriate pain management therapies; recommending no evidence-based medical therapies; permitting medical assistant to recommend supplement adjustments and treatment recommendations.	CME in thyroid medication management' ethics course; two scholarly papers; personal appearances; and a fine. May petition to terminate in one year.
Informal Actions				
Bitton, Blake K., PA PA.PA.60697705 Franklin County	STID	11/16/23	Alleged inappropriate prescribing of testosterone, hCG, HGH, phentermine, and other medications with inadequate assessment and inadequate record keeping.	Restricted from prescribing testosterone and androgen-related medications; restricted from providing hormone replacement therapy to patients; supervising physician must be approved by Commission; CME in record keeping; ethics course; literature review and paper; clinical monitoring program; supervising physician reports; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in 18 months.
Bothamley, William C., MD MD.MD.00033514 Yakima County	STID	11/16/23	Alleged inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to a health condition.	Voluntary surrender of license.
Browning, Ashley, PA PA.PA.61243211 Island County	STID	1/11/24	Inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to a health condition.	WPHP assessment; personal appearances. May petition to terminate when WPHP determines monitoring no longer necessary.

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Case, Irina N., MD MD.MD.00049468 Kitsap County	STID	1/11/24	Alleged inappropriate discharge of patient from hospital of patient with significant cognitive deficits.	CME in recognition and proper documentation of patient cognitive progression; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in one year.
Ceccacci, Brandon J., PA PA.PA.61124689 Clark County	STID	1/11/24	Alleged inappropriate prescribing of testosterone.	Restriction from prescribing testosterone and similar hormone replacement therapy medications to patients without the oversight and approval of a Commission-approved supervising physician; CME in prescribing testosterone, treating hypogonadism, informed consent, and recordkeeping; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in 4 years.
Edwards, John S., PA PA.PA.61066250 Grant County	STID	1/11/24	Alleged inappropriate question regarding patient's tongue piercing.	Boundaries and ethics course; paper; personal appearances; personal reports; costs; may petition to terminate in one year.
Foland, Jaime A., MD MD.MD.60927468 Pierce County	STID	11/16/23	Alleged prescribing of controlled substances to a family member without keeping records.	CME in proper prescribing; ethics course; record keeping course; review WMC policy; paper; maintain appropriate boundaries; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in 3 years.
Fowler, Stephen D., MD MD.MD.60147300 King County	STID	11/16/23	Alleged prescribing of glyburide to diabetic patient in ER without checking to see why PCP had discontinued prescribing glyburide and discharging patient without lab work indicated for patient with high blood glucose level.	CME in evaluation and management of hyperglycemia in patient with type 2 diabetes; CME in communication; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in one year.
Herndon, Christopher MD MD.MD.60788000 King County	STID	11/29/23	Alleged use of own sperm when providing fertility care to patient.	Voluntary surrender of license.
Marsh, Robert E., MD MD.MD.00039426 Out of state	STID	1/11/24	Alleged negligent laparoscopic hernia repair.	Agreement not to apply for renewal, reactivation of expired license without prior approval of Commission. Prior to requesting approval, must undergo evaluation by WPHP, complete re-entry program, pay costs. May petition to terminate upon completion of terms and with endorsement of WPHP.

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Proano, Pablo MD MD.MD.00020243 King County	STID	11/16/23	Alleged prescribing of controlled substances to two patients without doing drug screens despite signs of abuse and prescribing controlled substances to two family members.	CME in prescribing controlled substances; boundaries and ethics course; maintain appropriate boundaries; paper; register with PMP; develop protocol for substance abuse monitoring; compliance audits; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in 2 years.
Ravasia, Debra J., MD MD.MD.00045314 Out of state	STID	11/16/23	Alleged misrepresentations in bankruptcy proceeding.	Voluntary surrender of license.
Shaffer, Jaclyn E., MD MD.MD.60529772 Out of state	STID	1/11/24	Alleged in appropriate discharge of patient with retained placenta home from emergency department.	CME in management of first, second, and third trimester miscarriages; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in 2 years.
Shoemaker, Jerad R., MD MD.MD.60303749 Clark County	STID	11/16/23	Alleged discriminatory comments made to patients and staff.	CME in implicit bias and communication; review Commission policy on discrimination; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in 2 years.
Tavakoli, Mehran, MD MD.MD.00046113 Clark County	STID	1/11/24	Alleged criminal conviction of a class C felony.	Fitness to practice evaluation; CME in ethics; paper; personal appearances; costs. May petition to terminate in 4 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.