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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Cyrus Buhari, D.O.

With the arrival of winter, I hope that many of you have been able to take time to relax and be with loved ones this year. While the work of our osteopathic physicians and surgeons continues from season to season, it's suitable to look back at milestones and look forward to what is coming for the Osteopathic Medical Board of California in the future.

As we welcome the new season, I want you to know how thrilled I have been to serve the board for the past eight years and as your board president for the past three years.

We start the new year with an extension to our Sunset Review to 2028 and the closing of our 2019–2023 Strategic Plan. There is still much work ahead of us to be done, so the board has met and has come up with new goals to formulate the new 2024–2028 Strategic Plan with your help.

As we tend to our busy schedules and adjust to the post-pandemic way of life, I hope that our families, friends, colleagues, and acquaintances find ways to simplify even difficult transitions. With this in mind, we encourage everyone to check out our new social media accounts, like and follow to stay connected, and visit OMBC's newly revised website.

I am looking forward to what 2024 has in store for the osteopathic community.



MISSION STATEMENT

To protect consumers and promote the highest professional standards in the practice of osteopathic medicine, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California licenses osteopathic physicians and surgeons.



BOARD MEMBER UPDATE: WELCOME, DR. MICHAEL LUSZCZAK!

Dr. Michael Luszczyk is an emergency physician who practiced with The Permanente Medical Group in Roseville and Sacramento until October 2022. During his tenure with Permanente, he was an assistant program director and site coordinator for the U.C. Davis Emergency Medicine Residency at the Kaiser emergency departments in Roseville and Sacramento, and served as staff education coordinator for his emergency medical group of over 140 physicians.

Luszczyk maintains American Board of Medical Specialties certifications in emergency medicine and family practice, and since retiring from Permanente has continued to practice as a volunteer physician with the California CareForce, a nonprofit that promotes the health and well-being of those in need through volunteer supported, no-cost health care clinics throughout California. He also has maintained appointment as clinical faculty at the U.C. Davis School of Medicine and serves as a preceptor for the medical school's student-run clinics.

Prior to joining Permanente, Luszczyk was a medical officer in the United States Army. During his military career, he served as chair of Department of Emergency Medicine at Darnall Army Medical Center in Texas and deployed to Mosul, Iraq, as chief of emergency medicine and triage for the 21st Combat Support Hospital. Luszczyk also was core faculty for residency programs in family medicine at DeWitt Army Community Hospital in Virginia and in emergency medicine at Darnall Army Medical Center.

In the past, Luszczyk has served as a trustee for the California Medical Association and as a director for the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California. His other volunteer activities have included appointment as an oral examiner for the American Board of Emergency Medicine, as vice president for the Placer Veterans Stand Down, and as a director for the California CareForce. He currently is director emeritus for the Placer Nevada County Medical Society and a delegate for the California Medical Association.

When notified of his appointment to OMBC's board, Luszczyk expressed his appreciation for the opportunity and said, "I am grateful and excited to begin this new opportunity to serve."



DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Licensees are encouraged to provide OMBC with an email address if the licensee has one. Email is an efficient channel for sharing information between OMBC and its applicants and licensees. OMBC will be able to communicate the status of applications, renewals, and requests for various OMBC services; provide law and regulation updates; and disseminate important OMBC news directly to each applicant and licensee. OMBC hopes this accelerated delivery and exchange of information will decrease processing times in all

aspects of the OMBC's programs and facilitate licensees keeping apprised of laws and regulations, and OMBC activities. You can submit/update your email address online using an **address change form**. You may also submit your email address in writing to the OMBC office—please include your name and license number.



ATTEND A BOARD MEETING

Attend a board meeting to learn about OMBC’s administrative and disciplinary processes. OMBC encourages everyone to attend a board meeting to enhance the learning of the processes and work the board conducts. Meetings are held four times year in locations throughout California. Visit OMBC’s website for updates and more information at www.ombc.ca.gov.

BECOME A BOARD MEMBER

Board members collectively provide oversight and direction. Board members make important decisions on agency policies and on disciplinary actions against professionals who violate state consumer protection laws. Board members approve regulations and help guide licensing, enforcement, public education, and consumer protection activities. Some board members are licensed professionals themselves, while others are public members. The governor appoints many board members, but the Legislature makes appointments as well. For more information and how to apply, visit California Department of Consumer Affairs’ online **Board Member Resource Center**.

OMBC HAS A NEW LOGO!



OMBC revamped its logo, as seen in this newsletter and on OMBC’s website. In addition to the new image, OMBC’s establishment year was added to the new logo to promote awareness that OMBC has been serving Californians for over a century. Thanks to DCA’s Office of Publications, Design and Editing, which was instrumental in designing the new logo and in executing OMBC’s vision.

WE’VE LAUNCHED OUR NEW WEBSITE!

OMBC completely redesigned its website and went live in November. This new website has a new look, full of improved features to make it easier to find what you want. Frequently visited pages and important information are now easier to locate, and overall navigation is more efficient and intuitive. Check out our new website and stay up to date on the latest OMBC related news and events at www.ombc.ca.gov.



GET TO KNOW OMBC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ERIKA CALDERON



Erika Calderon

Erika Calderon was appointed by the board and was sworn in as the executive director of OMBC effective November 1, 2022.

Calderon has served DCA in various roles within the last 13 years. She began her state career with the Veterinary Medical Board in 2010 as a Staff Services Analyst in the Enforcement Unit. In 2014,

she promoted to Associate Governmental Program Analyst with the Medical Board of California (MBC). There, she led the inappropriate and overprescribing caseload as well as the prescription review program.

In 2018, she attained her first state leadership role as Staff Services Manager I, overseeing the operations of one of MBC's Quality of Care Units. Also, in 2021, she managed MBC's Discipline Coordination Unit. Calderon then transferred to the Physical Therapy Board of California (PTBC) in 2022 as the Enforcement Program manager. She was responsible for planning, organizing, and directing

the Consumer Protection Services Unit in support of PTBC's goals, objectives, and mission.

She brings years of experience from the private sector, and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in human resources from California State University, Sacramento.

Calderon is a highly accomplished leader with extensive experience in service excellence, organizational behavior in the workforce, staff recruitment and retention, education, and regulatory affairs. She has received numerous recognitions throughout her career and has presented on topics such as the complaint review process, investigations, the MBC Prescription Review Program, and the disciplinary process.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, taking long walks along the beach, painting, listening to music while drinking a nice cup of coffee, and reading a good book.



OMBC CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE!



OMBC recently celebrated its 100 years of service in protecting consumers and promoting the highest professional standards in the practice of osteopathic medicine.

OMBC was established in 1922 when Proposition 20, also known as the Osteopathic Initiative Act, was passed. Initially, the board was comprised of five osteopathic physicians appointed by the governor. In 1991, two public members were added to the Board.

In 2002, OMBC volunteered to be included under the umbrella of the California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA).

Congratulations to OMBC for serving Californians for over a century!

DCA HAS A NEW LOGO!

The new DCA logo represents the next chapter of the Department, accompanied by a new **strategic plan**.

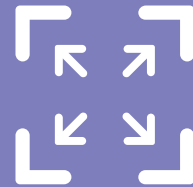
Consumer protection continues to guide the Department's mission and priorities. DCA holds itself to a high standard as a licensing entity, regulator, educator, and service provider.

Find out more online at www.dca.ca.gov/logo.

NEW LOGO



PRIOR LOGO



SUNSET DATE EXTENSION

With the passage of Senate Bill 815 (Roth), OMBC's operational authority was extended to January 1, 2028. SB 815 also makes various technical changes requested by OMBC and the Medical Board of California, including that all postgraduate training licenses (PTL) in an active status on or after January 1, 2020 shall be valid for a period of 36 months, regardless of when the holder has

received their approved postgraduate training, and repeals language requiring graduates to pass the next licensure exam after their first year of postgraduate training.



STAY CONNECTED

In 2020, OMBC launched its Instagram account. Most recently, OMBC launched its Facebook and X accounts to reach more members of the public. Like its Listserv, OMBC is utilizing these social media platforms to disseminate all OMBC-related information, including upcoming board meeting reminders, information about the profession, updates and reminders, information regarding waivers issued by the DCA director, alerts of disciplinary action taken against licensees, proposed regulatory updates, and job announcements. Let's be social! Follow OMBC by scanning the QR code, which will take you to all of our social media accounts.



THE ROLE OF THE OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL BOARD IN CALIFORNIA

By Brian Loveless, D.O.

Many of us recall the events of the late 1960s and early 1970s that shaped the osteopathic profession, especially in this state. In the middle of the century, osteopathic physicians were treated as second-class citizens, even though most of them had full, unrestricted licenses (of course, there were still so-called drugless practitioners around). The general emotions of the profession, including anger, resentment, and jealousy, lead to a response best characterized as “if we could just become equal, then we would be treated the same.”

In the 1940s, a movement started among both M.D.s and D.O.s in the state to merge the professions, coming to a climax in 1961 with both the California Medical Association (CMA) and California Osteopathic Association (COA) voting to merge the two professions. This move was closely followed in 1962 by Proposition 22, passed by the voters of California, which would remove the ability of the Board of Osteopathic Examiners (BOE) to license new D.O.s once the number of licensees dropped below 40.

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) worked across the country to convince current license holders, especially those out of state, to keep their California license while the AOA and Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California (OPSC) could pursue legal action. And, in 1974, the California Supreme Court agreed that Proposition 22 represented an unfair restriction on free trade and ruled it to be unconstitutional. The BOE, now fully empowered to license D.O.s, was renamed the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, and the COA, which AOA had expelled due to their work to merge with CMA, was reintroduced as OPSC.

Today, OMBC and OPSC work together to maintain the ability of osteopathic physicians to practice freely in California. Though much of the old bigotry has disappeared, D.O.s still must confront discrimination occasionally. This might be in the form of decreased pay relative to M.D.s, limited work opportunities, or students and residents not being able to rotate at specific hospitals or within certain health systems. These two groups work together, and with the help of the Legislature or the courts, to protect the rights of all California D.O.s.



The distinctive practice of osteopathic medicine—based on the four tenets described by the faculty at Kirksville in 1954—represents high-value medical care. This includes improving patient outcomes and patient experiences at a lower cost, as well as improving physician wellness through enhanced connection and empathy. As our health care systems place more emphasis on the value of care, we can be confident that the type of medicine we practice (patient-centered, health-focused, utilizing our hands in both diagnosis and treatment) represents the most comprehensive care available. The work of OMBC to verify, license, and monitor physicians in the state allows our patients to be confident in the uniquely osteopathic care being provided to them.

Today, the profession faces many of the same challenges. Unified Graduate Medical Education (GME) and similarities in practice patterns have renewed calls for unification of the two professions. A [study](#) published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* in June 2023 showed that the quality and costs of care between allopathic and osteopathic hospitalists were identical. An [editorial](#) in the same issue, jointly written by an M.D. and a D.O., ended with the following sentence: “As graduate medical programs push to create more diverse training environments, one might hope that the letters after an applicant’s name become just as inconsequential as the differences in the care that they provide.” This sounds like the sentiments of the earlier part of the last century. I hope that the profession, especially in California, will recognize the flaw in that argument, and we will continue to practice distinctive care. OMBC will continue supporting all osteopathic physicians in California.

DISCOVER THE D.O. DIFFERENCE

Osteopathic physicians and surgeons (doctors of osteopathic medicine, or D.O.s) use a unique whole-person approach to help prevent illness and injury.

According to the American Osteopathic Association, osteopathic physicians and surgeons account for approximately 11% of all physicians in the United States. D.O.s bring a unique, patient-centered approach to every specialty across the full spectrum of medicine. They are trained to listen and partner with their patients to help them get healthy and stay well.

D.O.s practice in all medical specialties, including primary care, pediatrics, OB/GYN, emergency medicine, psychiatry, and surgery. Moreover, D.O.s hold some of the most prominent positions in medicine today, including overseeing care for the president of the United States, the NASA medical team, Olympic athletes, and many who serve in the uniformed services.

From their first days of medical school, D.O.s are trained to look beyond your symptoms to understand how lifestyle and environmental factors impact your well-being. They practice medicine according to the latest science and technology, but also consider options to complement pharmaceuticals and surgery.

As part of their education, DOs receive special training in the musculoskeletal system, your body's interconnected system of nerves, muscles, and bones. By combining this knowledge with the latest advances in medical technology, they offer patients the most comprehensive care available today.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE?

The osteopathic philosophy of medicine sees an interrelated unity in all systems of the body, with each working with the other to heal in times of illness.

Osteopathic medicine is practiced by osteopathic physicians and surgeons, or D.O.s, who bring a whole-person approach to care by focusing on looking beyond your symptoms to understand how lifestyle and environmental factors impact your wellbeing.

The profession is one of the fastest growing segments in health care today, with one out of every four medical students enrolled in an osteopathic medical school.

HOW ARE D.O.s EDUCATED AND TRAINED?

D.O.s complete **four years of osteopathic medical school**, with an emphasis on preventive medicine and comprehensive patient care.

They are trained to recognize the interrelated unity among all systems of the body, each working with the other to promote overall health and wellness.

Upon graduating from medical school, D.O.s complete internships, residencies, and fellowships. This training lasts three to eight years and prepares them to become **licensed and board-certified**.

HOW ARE D.O.s LICENSED AND CERTIFIED?

Like all physicians in the U.S., D.O.s are licensed to practice medicine by licensing boards in each state. Requirements vary by state.

Typically, **licensure** requires successful completion of a medical licensing exam administered by the state licensing board or acceptance of a certificate issued by the **National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners** upon completion of a rigorous series of exams.

The **Federation of State Medical Boards** provides a directory of state licensing boards that can be contacted for information regarding physician licensure. D.O.s earn **board certification** when they achieve expertise in a medical specialty or subspecialty by meeting the requirements of a specialty certifying board. Physicians in the U.S. can become board certified through the American Osteopathic Association or the American Board of Medical Specialties. The board certification process involves a combination of written, practical, and simulator-based tests.

MEET THE LICENSING PROGRAM



OMBC processes applications in the order they are received, excluding those applications that meet the mandated expedite requirements. Please allow staff 30 days to complete the initial review of the submitted application before contacting OMBC for an update.

You may visit the Board’s website at www.ombc.ca.gov/applicants for instructions on how to complete your application, apply online, and obtain all supporting documentation needed.

To expedite the review of your application, OMBC highly encourages you to take advantage of the services that the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) provides through their Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS). You can visit their page at www.fsmb.org/fcvs.

Here is a summary of initial license applications from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

POST GRADUATE TRAINING LICENSES APPROVED	PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON LICENSES APPROVED
842	1,692

MEET THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROGRAM



OMBC processes licenses renewal in the order they are received. Please allow OMBC **15 working days** from the day your renewal form and fee are received. Please also make sure to include your required continuing medical education documents and send your renewal in early.

Here is a summary of license renewals from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

As friendly reminder, please do not wait until the time of renewal to update your address of record (mailing address). Pursuant to California Code of Regulations title 16, section 1399.511, licensees are required to report in writing to OMBC any and all changes of their mailing address within **30 days** from the date the change occurred. Failure to update the mailing address may result in the licensing system to mail correspondence to an inaccurate mailing address and cause a delay in renewal.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON LICENSES RENEWED

5,793

MEET THE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM



OMBC has the primary responsibility of licensing and regulating physicians and surgeons and post-graduate trainees. OMBC’s responsibilities come from the Osteopathic Act and the Medical Practice Act, which are composed of California statutes that give OMBC, among other functions, the authority to investigate complaints and take disciplinary action against physicians and surgeons and post-graduate trainees. These investigation and disciplinary functions are handled by OMBC’s Enforcement Program.

Here is a summary of the amount of consumer complaints and conviction/arrest notifications OMBC received from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS	CONVICTION/ARREST NOTIFICATIONS
632	37

The Board’s Enforcement Program staff work with health care consumers and health care professionals in identifying those physicians and surgeons and post-graduate trainees who have engaged in any activity which may be unsafe, and which may put the public at risk. OMBC investigates matters where it can obtain the evidence necessary to meet its burden of proof that a violation of the Osteopathic or Medical Practice Act occurred by clear and convincing evidence to a reasonable degree of certainty.

The Enforcement Program’s responsibilities can be divided into four primary categories:

- Consumer Protection Unit.
- Investigation.
- Disciplinary Action.
- Probation Monitoring.



FEE CHANGE: PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON APPLICATION

On January 1, 2023, OMBC implemented Senate Bill 1443, which eliminated the Board's practice of initial licensure issuance based on the following factors:

- A system generated/prorated licensing fee, *and*
- When the applicant's birth month fell into the renewal cycle.

As a result of this change effective March 16, 2023, OMBC will also transition from a two-step payment process for the issuance of a physician and surgeon certificate to a one-step process.

All applications for an unrestricted physician and surgeon certificate **postmarked after March 15**, should be accompanied with a check/money order made payable to the Osteopathic Medical Board of California for \$625 (\$200 application processing fee plus \$425 initial licensing fee). Upon approval of the application, a biennial license will be issued. All applications **submitted prior** to the cutoff will remain valid. However, they will still be subject to the submission of a secondary payment before a license number may be issued by OMBC.

NEW LEGISLATION MAKES IMMEDIATE CHANGES TO CERTAIN LICENSURE DEADLINES

OMBC is pleased to share that, on September 13, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 143, which makes the following changes that are now in effect:

- Extends the expiration date of Postgraduate Training Licenses (PTL) that expire after June 1, 2023 and before December 31, 2023, to March 31, 2024. **These PTL**

holders do not need to take any action. OMBC will automatically change their expiration dates.

- Provides residents who completed the Board-approved postgraduate training out-of-state required for licensure and are enrolled in a California ACGME-accredited program **more time** to obtain a physician's and surgeon's (P&S) license, under Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2065(g).

Under the new law, these applicants have a total of **180 days** from the date they begin their training program to obtain a P&S (under the prior law, they had 90 days from their enrollment date).

- States that residents must obtain a PTL within 180 days from beginning a California board-approved postgraduate training program rather than from the date of enrollment, as required under BPC section 2064.5(a).

Questions related to OMBC applicants and licensees should be directed to OMBC.Applications@dca.ca.gov or Dina.Ruprecht@dca.ca.gov. Questions regarding these law changes may be directed to licensing.questions@mbc.ca.gov.

CURES VERSION UPDATE

Beginning August 1, 2024, all California dispensers of controlled substances will be required to report dispensations to the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) using version 4.2B of the American Society of Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP) format. On and after this date, data submitted using the current CURES ASAP version 4.1 format will no longer be accepted.

Prompt action by licensees who dispense controlled substances is recommended. Technical implementation of this update to data submission software may take considerable time. Contact your data submission software provider and confirm they are preparing for this upcoming ASAP version change.

For more information about the ASAP format change and suggested action steps for data submitters, please see the Department of Justice informational bulletin entitled "**New File Format for Reporting to CURES**" on the **Office of the Attorney General's CURES website**.

For information about CURES, visit DCA's **CURES information page**.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN M.D. AND A D.O.?



When you say that you are going to see a doctor, you may be referring to two types of medical professionals: M.D.s and D.O.s. Each title refers to the type of degree and licensing the doctor has. Both M.D.s and D.O.s have similar training and duties, but they differ in a few key areas.

WHAT IS AN M.D.?

M.D. stands for doctor of medicine. M.D.s are **allopathic doctors**. That means they treat and diagnose conditions using conventional medical tools like X-rays, prescription drugs, and surgery. Allopathic medicine is also called “conventional” or “mainstream” medicine. M.D.s can choose to be broad practitioners and work as family medicine or as primary care doctors. They can also specialize in several different areas requiring further education, including:

- Surgery.
- Geriatric medicine.
- Specific body parts or organs.
- Psychiatry.
- Pediatrics.

WHAT IS A D.O.?

D.O. stands for **doctor of osteopathic medicine**. They use the same conventional medical techniques as M.D.s, but with a few other methods. D.O.s tend to focus more on holistic health and prevention. In holistic health, all parts of a person—**including their mind, body, and emotions**—are considered during the treatment. They also use a

system of physical manipulations and adjustments to diagnose and treat people.

Over half of D.O.s choose to work in primary care, but they can also choose to specialize in another area, just like M.D.s.

D.O.s have all the same responsibilities and rights as M.D.s, including the abilities to perform surgery with proper training, and to prescribe medicine.

HOW ARE M.D.S AND D.O.S SIMILAR?

M.D.s and D.O.s follow similar educational routes. They must first earn a four-year undergraduate degree, and most will take premedicine courses during this time. After getting an undergraduate degree, they will attend either medical school or a college of osteopathic medicine.

After finishing four years of medical education, M.D.s and D.O.s must complete an internship and a **residency**. A residency is on-the-job training under the supervision of more experienced doctors. Some M.D.s and D.O.s will also go on to do fellowships to learn more about a specialty.

M.D.s and D.O.s often train side by side in residencies and internships, despite going to different types of schools. Both M.D.s and D.O.s must also take a licensing exam in order to practice medicine professionally. The type of licensing exam taken depends on the state that the M.D. or D.O. resides in.

HOW ARE M.D.S AND D.O.S DIFFERENT?

D.O.s have extra education (usually about 200 hours) to learn **osteopathic manipulative medicine** (OMM). It is also called osteopathic manipulative technique (OMT). D.O.s learn about how the bones, nerves, and muscles work together and influence people’s health. OMT focuses on methods used to relieve back pain, neck pain, strained muscles, and other conditions.

OUTREACH 2022–2023

OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF CALIFORNIA

Fun in the Sun 2023: Rekindling the Joy of Practicing Medicine

In February 2023, Executive Director Erika Calderon and Licensing Program Manager Machiko Chong had the pleasure of attending the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California Fun in the Sun 2023: Rekindling the Joy of Practicing Medicine convention in Coronado. Our amazing staff answered licensee, student, applicant, and consumer questions at the event.



Licensing Program Manager Machiko Chong and Executive Director Erika Calderon.



OMBC Board President Cyrus Buhari, D.O., and Tom Fox, director of outreach and strategic partnership at Western University of Health Sciences/College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific.

THE FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS HOSTS ANNUAL MEETING

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) held its annual meeting May 4–6 in Minneapolis, MN. FSMB is a national, nonprofit organization that represents the 70-state medical and osteopathic boards in the United States and its territories. Its mission is to serve as the voice for state medical boards, supporting them through education, assessment, research, and advocacy while providing services and initiatives that promote patient safety, quality health care, and regulatory best practices. FSMB is a recognized authority throughout the United States and internationally on issues related to medical licensure and discipline.



OMBC Licensing Program Manager Machiko Chong, Physician Assistant Board Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Jasmine Dhillon, OMBC Executive Director Erika Calderon, and Physician Assistant Board Executive Officer Rozana Khan in attendance at the 2023 FSMB annual meeting.

OUTREACH 2022–2023 (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 13)

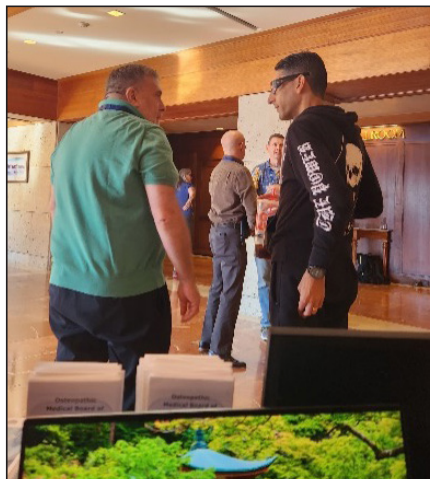
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC FAMILY PHYSICIANS OF CALIFORNIA (ACOFPCA)-47 ANNUAL CONVENTION AND SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR

In August 2023, Director Erika Calderon and Licensing Program Manager Machiko Chong had the pleasure of attending the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians of California (ACOFPCA)-47 Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar in Anaheim. Our staff answered licensee, student, applicant, and consumer questions.



OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS OF CALIFORNIA: CME BY THE BAY 2023—THE DISTINCTIVE PRACTICE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Most recently, in October 2023, Executive Director Erika Calderon and Licensing Program Manager Machiko Chong had the pleasure of attending the Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of California: CME by the Bay 2023—The Distinctive Practice of Osteopathic Medicine in Monterey. OMBC staff answered licensee, student, applicant, and consumer questions.





ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS—CITATIONS

A Citation and Fine is an administrative action by which OMBC may address relatively minor violations of the Osteopathic and Medical Practice Act that would not necessarily warrant discipline in order to protect the public. Citation and Fine Orders **are not** disciplinary actions, but are matters of public record. Citations remain on a licensee’s file for 10 years and are then purged. By law, payment of a fine is considered satisfactory resolution of all violations contained in the citation.

NAME	LICENSE NO.	ACTION	EFFECTIVE DATE
ALLEN, EUGENE	6802	Citation Issued	January 12, 2023
ALMONTE, ANNA	9160	Citation Issued	March 15, 2023
BADE, BRITTANY NICOLE	18691	Citation Issued	June 28, 2023
HAKKAK, FATIMA	10650	Citation Issued	May 18, 2023
KAMALPOUR, FARI GARZAM	11842	Citation Issued	December 21, 2022
KAUFMAN, DAVID JACOB	8799	Citation Issued	June 2, 2023
LAIMER, HANNAH	16590	Citation Issued	May 18, 2023
NAITO, STACEY KIKUMI	8154	Citation Issued	June 2, 2023
SHIKIYA, CECIL ARTURO	12387	Citation Issued	December 21, 2023
SPEKTOR, MAXIM	14822	Citation Issued	May 18, 2023
SUCGANG, PAUL SANTOS	9629	Citation Issued	May 18, 2023
TRAN, HUY THAI	8795	Citation Issued	September 7, 2023
WHITAKER, DAVID HOWARD	8427	Citation Issued	September 12, 2023

DISCIPLINE

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS—DISCIPLINE

OMBC regulates the profession of osteopathic physician and surgeons and post-graduate trainees through the enforcement of the Osteopathic and Medical Practice Acts. The following summary indicates administrative actions taken against licensees for violations of the Act. Although every effort is made to ensure the following details are correct, before you make any decision based on this information, obtain a copy of the action in its entirety, including terms and conditions. You can download the copy through the California Department of Consumer Affairs License Search tool at <https://search.dca.ca.gov>.

LICENSEE/APPLICANT	LICENSE NUMBER	CITY	STATE	ACTION TYPE	EFFECTIVE DATE
ABDALLAH, EMAN Y	14213	BEVERLY HILLS	CA	Probation	07/03/2023
ARMANDI, SOROOSH	9741	SAN PEDRO	CA	Revocation	06/29/2023
AVILA, JAY A	8829	RANCHO CUCAMONGA	CA	Interim Suspension Order—Limited/Restrictions	02/09/2023
BARCZAK, JEFFREY THOMAS	12066	CORONA	CA	Probation w/ Suspension	08/10/2022
CALHOUN, SHANNON PATRICK	10632	OMAHA	NE	Surrender	06/01/2023
CRITSER, GARY MULFORD	5798	FRESNO	CA	Revocation	11/10/2022
CROZIER, GORDON	15931	LAKE MARY	FL	Surrender	03/16/2023
CURTIS, KEITH DALE	6885	RIVERSIDE	CA	Surrender	02/14/2023
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HENIGAN, MARK HAMILTON	6351	SACRAMENTO	CA	Revoked, Stayed, Probation	09/16/2022
HILL, JEFFREY VON	12845	FOLSOM	CA	Revocation	11/25/2022
LALLY, JAMES MICHAEL	6259	MONTCLAIR	CA	Probation	07/31/2023
LANE, DANIEL WILLIAM	10534	CHINO	CA	Public Letter of Reprimand	09/19/2023
LESTER, JEFF DOUGLAS	5421	SOQUEL	CA	Revoked, Stayed, Probation	05/05/2023
MOY, JING FON	11803	LOS GATOS	CA	Probation	07/10/2023
NEUMANN, TATIANA ALEXANDROVNA	10723	LA JOLLA	CA	Revoked, Stayed, Probation	10/28/2022
NGUYEN, TAM HOANG	9636	SAN JOSE	CA	Probation	09/11/2023
NISHIMOTO, WARREN SADAMU	6267	SALINAS	CA	Probation	07/10/2023
PHAM, DZUNG ANH	6269	TUSTIN	CA	Revocation	10/02/2023
PHAM, DZUNG ANH	6269	TUSTIN	CA	Automatic Suspension Order	06/09/2023
REYNOLDS, APRIL MANCUSO	14006	FREMONT	CA	Public Reprimand	09/26/2023
REYNOLDS, KERISIMASI LEE	13974	FREMONT	CA	Public Reprimand	09/26/2023
SABRY, HALA HAZEM	10644	UPLAND	CA	Public Letter of Reprimand	09/14/2023
SUCGANG, PAUL SANTOS	9629	SAN GABRIEL	CA	Probation	06/26/2023
WESTERN, STEVEN D.	7125	PALM SPRINGS	CA	Revoked, Stayed, Probation	10/10/2022
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