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This edition of the Examiner summarizes the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners' licensure and disciplinary actions during the last quarter of 2011, as well as noting significant rules or policies of the board.

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Licenses

The Board licenses 3,323 physicians, 270 physician assistants and 5 fluoroscopy technicians. Each license application that meets basic eligibility requirements is acted upon by the board. Of those applications meeting the basic eligibility requirements in the last quarter of 2011, the board took the following actions:

Medical licenses issued:

Permanent licenses:	104
Provisional temporary licenses:	105
<i>Locum tenens</i> licenses:	21
Special licenses:	1
Resident licenses:	1
Total:	232

Physician Assistant licenses issued:

Permanent licenses:	10
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Disciplinary Orders

The following disciplinary orders were issued following the November, 2011, board meeting:

Briggs, Brian E., MD (NDL No. 2418)

Minot, ND

License suspended indefinitely pending evaluation of medical skills and knowledge.

Physician improperly prescribed controlled substances and failed to maintain adequate documentation in medical records. November 18, 2011.

Peterson, Kirsten D., MD (NDL No. 5959)

Grand Forks, ND

License restored without practice limitations but with condition physician participates in Physician Health Program.

Physician satisfied terms and conditions previously imposed by the Board. November 18, 2011.

Two Bears, Shantell M., MD (NDL No. 7807)

Miles City, MT

Physician fined \$1000.00 and assessed costs of investigation/prosecution.

Physician failed to provide Board's investigative panel with information legally requested during an investigation. November 18, 2011.

Kennedy, Roger F., MD (NDL No. 3131)

Hazen, ND

Physician fined \$2500.00 and assessed costs of investigation/prosecution.

Physician failed to comply with CME requirements. January 5, 2012.

Norberg, Jon D., MD (NDL No. 9161)

Fargo, ND

License indefinitely suspended.

Physician committed gross negligence in the administration of propofol, unprofessional conduct, and administered a dangerous drug to spouse. January 5, 2012.

Wildman, Giselle H., DO (NDL No. 10874)

Blue Springs, MO

License revoked.

Physician subject of discipline by another state licensing board which related to mental or physical disability to practice medicine in a competent manner. January 5, 2012.

Continuing Medical Education

The Board of Medical Examiners requires each licensed physician to complete no fewer than 60 hours of board-approved category 1 CME every three years. There are limited exceptions for physicians who are in residency programs, are retired or are practicing in North Dakota with a temporary, *locum tenens* license.

Each year, about one-third of the physicians renewing their medical licenses are asked to certify that they have completed the necessary 60 hours of CME over the past three years. The board then audits a percentage of those responses and requires documentation to support the physician's certification of CME completion.

In the overwhelming majority of audited responses, it is documented that the physician has completed the required 60 hours of CME—often showing completion of many hours more than the minimum requirement set by the board.

But, invariably, in each audit there are some physicians who have certified their compliance with the CME requirement but who either have not actually complied, or do not have the documentation to support compliance. The Board has consistently and publicly disciplined physicians for certifying compliance with the state's CME requirements when, in fact, they have not completed the necessary hours for compliance.

To help ensure compliance with the state's CME requirements, a few simple steps may be taken:

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1. Before you click the button on your online renewal form certifying compliance with the 60 hour CME requirement, check your CME records to make sure you actually have complied.

Annual online license renewals on the board's website- www.ndbomex.com -are typically available for use eight to ten weeks prior to the license expiration date. This should allow adequate time to complete the necessary CME hours if a record-check shows a shortage of hours.

2. Make sure the CME hours you submit are certified by the CME provider in a format the provider provides or accepts. Typically, this will be a certificate of credit issued by the provider following completion of the CME.

The board does not have the resources to verify, independently, whether a CME hour meets appropriate requirements. Therefore, it accepts the AMA PRA category 1 credits certified by continuing education providers who are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or organizations recognized by the ACCME. You must make sure you are fulfilling the requirements of these

providers and are receiving a certificate of completion.

The AMA recognizes all types of CME, including self study and journal articles, but has some specific testing and certifying requirements that must be followed before it will recognize the credits.

Recent disciplinary opinions of the board make it clear that before the board will accept CME credits, they must be properly certified by the CME provider.

The board also accepts category 1 credits recognized by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA); the American Academy of Family Physicians; and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's section 1 credits. All have similar certification requirements which must be met.

3. If you have any questions about compliance, contact the board staff before you certify you have complied with the CME requirements. Our contact information is listed at the end of this newsletter and on our website- www.ndbomex.com. Usually, questions about CME compliance are easily and quickly resolved.

Mission Statement

The Board's mission is to protect the public's health, safety and welfare by regulating the practice of medicine, thereby ensuring quality health care for the citizens of this state.

Future Board Meetings

All board meetings are open to the public. The meetings are held at the board offices at 418 East Broadway, Suite 12, Bismarck, ND. Commencing at 8:00 o'clock, a.m., the meetings will be held:

March 23, 2012

July 27, 2012

November 16, 2012

Contacting the Board

For all forms, including license application forms and complaint forms, and for all laws governing license eligibility and the operation of the Board of Medical Examiners, please visit our website: www.ndbomex.com.

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