

**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN
QUALITY ASSURANCE**

Chairperson: Israel H. Weiner, M.D., 1992

Appointed by Governor: Lawrence Alan Jones, M.D., 1989; David R. Largey, M.D., 1989; Sheila K. Riggs, 1989; Mack Bonner, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., 1990; John Lynn, M.D., 1990; John Franklin Strahan, M.D., 1990; Frank A. Gunther, Jr., 1991; Claude David Hill, M.D., 1991; Reynaldo L. Lee-Llacer, M.D., 1991; James Andrew Sumner, M.D., 1991; Rose Mary Hatem Bonsack, M.D., 1992; Peter E. Dans, M.D., 1992; Bernard S. Kleiman, M.D., 1992.

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In Maryland, the practice of medicine was first regulated in 1888 (Chapter 429, Acts of 1888). The State Board of Health then licensed all physicians. In 1892, two Boards of Medical Examiners carried on this function. One represented the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty and the other the State Homeopathic Society (Chapter 296, Acts of 1892). The General Assembly in 1957 abolished the Homeopathic Board and provided for the State Board of Medical Examiners to regulate the practice of medicine. In 1988, the Board was replaced by the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance (Chapter 109, Acts of 1988). Certain functions of the Commission on Medical Discipline in Maryland were assigned to the Board in 1988.

The Board tests and licenses physicians to practice medicine in the State. For certain causes, the Board may revoke the license of any physician. Candidates for licenses must be graduates of medical schools approved by the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges or of foreign medical schools that offer an equivalent education. All graduates of foreign medical schools who apply must pass the examination given by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates. The Board determines qualifications for practice by the FLEX examination (Federal Licensing Examination), endorsement of licenses obtained in a reciprocating state, or endorsement of a certificate of the National Board of Medical Examiners. FLEX examinations are held in June and December of each year.

The Board also regulates the unlicensed practice of medicine by physicians' assistants, psychiatrists' assistants, cardiac rescue technicians, aviation trauma technicians, medical practitioners, acupuncturists, medical radiation technologists, and nuclear medical technologists in approved medical training programs.

Since 1967 the Board has licensed certain osteopaths on the basis of endorsement, depending upon qualifications (Code Health Occupations Article, sec. 14-310).

Composed of fifteen members, the Board is appointed by the Governor. The Board includes ten licensed physicians in active practice recommended by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland (State Medical Society). One member is a practicing licensed physician appointed at the Governor's discretion. One member, nominated by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, represents the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Two consumer members are appointed with Senate advice and consent. One consumer member, appointed from a list submitted by the Maryland Hospital Association, must be knowledgeable in risk management or quality assurance. The initial term for a consumer member is three years. Other members serve four-year terms. The Governor designates a physician member as chairperson. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 1993 (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 14-101 through 14-802).

ACUPUNCTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairperson: Robert M. Duggan

Appointed by Governor: Ralph M. Coan, M.D.; Dianne M. Connelly, Ph.D.; Warren M. Ross, M.D.; Grace Wong, M.D. *Terms expire 1988.*

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Established in 1982, the Acupuncture Advisory Council advises the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance on the adoption of rules and regulations governing the licensing of acupuncturists and the performance of acupuncture in the State (Chapter 644, Acts of 1982).

The Council consists of five members appointed by the Governor. Of these, two are licensed physicians and three are acupuncturists who are not licensed physicians (Code Health Occupations Article, sec. 14-605).

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Philip J. Ferris, M.D.

Appointed by State Board of Physician Quality Assurance: Katherine Kaminski; George E. Patterson, Jr.; William G. Reisz; Robert Solomon; J. B. Zachary, M.D.; David J. Zajano, M.D. *Terms expire 1988.*

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The Physician Assistant Advisory Committee was created within the State Board of Medical Examiners in 1986 (Chapter 759, Acts of 1986). The Committee became part of the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance in 1988 (Chapter 109,