

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Board" means the State Board of [Medical Examiners] MEDICAL PHYSICIAN QUALITY ASSURANCE.

(c) "Civil action" includes a health care malpractice claim under Title 3, Subtitle 2A of the Courts Article.

[(d) "Commission" means the Commission on Medical Discipline of Maryland.]

[(e)] (D) "Faculty" means the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland.

[(f)] (E) "Hospital" has the meaning stated in § 19-301 of the Health - General Article.

[(g)] (F) "License" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued by the Board to practice medicine.

[(h)] (G) "Licensed physician" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a physician, including a doctor of osteopathy, who is licensed by the Board to practice medicine.

[(i)] (H) "Perform acupuncture" means to stimulate a certain point or points on or near the surface of the human body by the insertion of needles to prevent or modify the perception of pain or to normalize physiological functions, including pain control, for the treatment of ailments or conditions of the body.

[(j)] (I) "Physician" means an individual who practices medicine.

[(k)] (J) (1) "Practice medicine" means to engage, with or without compensation, in medical:

- (i) Diagnosis;
- (ii) Healing;
- (iii) Treatment; or
- (iv) Surgery.

(2) "Practice medicine" includes doing, undertaking, professing to do, and attempting any of the following:

- (i) Diagnosing, healing, treating, preventing, prescribing for, or removing any physical, mental, or emotional ailment or supposed ailment of an individual: