

**STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO
FORMAL ACTION REPORT – November 2006**

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Listed below is a summary of the formal actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in November 2006 and an update of Board matters pending in courts as of the date of this document.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSION

GREER, Steven Franklin (MD Training Certificate #57-007242) – Cleveland, OH

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), O.R.C., medical license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that (1) doctor's ability to practice is impaired due to use and/or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances; (2) doctor violated conditions of limitation imposed on doctor's license by 1/12/05 Board Order and 3/8/06 consent agreement; and (3) doctor's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Suspension effective 11/8/06; Notice mailed 11/9/06. (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials, below*)

MEYER, Jeffrey Vaughn (MD #35-088466) – Columbus, OH

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), O.R.C., medical license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that (1) doctor's ability to practice is impaired due to use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances; (2) doctor violated conditions of limitation imposed on doctor's license by 8/9/06 consent agreement; and (3) doctor's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Suspension effective 11/8/06; Notice mailed 11/9/06. (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials, below*)

CITATIONS & PROPOSED DENIALS

GREER, Steven Franklin (MD Training Certificate #57-007242) – Cleveland, OH

Based on doctor's alleged impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to relapse on cocaine and alcohol; violation of conditions of limitation imposed on doctor's license by 1/12/05 Board Order and 3/8/06 consent agreement; and making false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statements in documents submitted to the Board. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 11/9/06. (*See also: Pre-hearing Suspension, above*)

MENON, Venu Gopal (MD #35-054426) – Troy, OH

Based on doctor's alleged violation of conditions of limitation placed on doctor's license by the Board's 5/14/03 Order by failing to submit required reports and notifications, including a notification of action by Arizona's Board that reprimanded doctor for actions taken by the Ohio and Oklahoma boards. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/9/06.

MEYER, Jeffrey Vaughn (MD #35-088466) – Columbus, OH

Based on doctor's alleged impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances and violation of conditions of limitation imposed on doctor's license by 8/9/06 consent agreement. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/9/06. (See also: *Pre-hearing Suspension, above*)

STRAYER, Michael Gregory (LMT applicant) – South Euclid, OH

Based on applicant's having been found guilty in or about 2003 of one felony count of possession of drugs. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/9/06.

FINAL DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

BRIDGES, Mercer Truett, Jr. (MD #35-080900) – Atlanta, GA

Medical license revoked based on prior actions by Georgia's board, which had placed doctor on probation related to doctor's chemical dependency and, in 2005, had accepted doctor's voluntary surrender of Georgia medical license. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order effective 11/8/06. Order mailed 11/9/06.

HARRIS, Lawrence Jeffrey (DPM #36-002422) – Shaker Hts, OH

Podiatric medical license permanently revoked based on doctor's having been found guilty in US District Court of one felony count of Conspiracy to Defraud the U.S., nine felony counts of Health Care Fraud, and two felony counts of False Statements. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order effective 11/8/06. Order mailed 11/22/06.

LEE, Kimberly Ann (LMT #33-006677) – Cleveland, OH

Massage license permanently revoked based on massage therapist having been found guilty of one felony count of aiding and abetting bank robbery. Order effective 11/9/06. Order mailed 11/9/06.

MOMAH, Charles M. (MD #35-064306) – Massena, NY

Medical license permanently revoked based on doctor's having been found guilty in Washington of one felony count of Rape in the second degree, one felony count of Rape in the third degree, and two felony counts of Indecent Liberties. Order effective 11/9/06. Order mailed 11/9/06.

PRASAD, Kolli Mohan (MD #35-041939) – Boardman, OH

Permanent revocation of medical license stayed, with license suspended for 30 days; probationary terms, conditions and limitations established for at least two years. Based on doctor's violation of conditions of limitation imposed on doctor's license by 2/11/98 Board Order due to doctor's failure to timely submit required reports. Order effective 12/11/06. Order mailed 12/11/06.

ROSENBERG, Mark Robert (MD #35-065727) – Elisville, MO

Permanent revocation of medical license stayed, with license suspended for at least one year; conditions for reinstatement and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least five years established. Based on doctor's having been found guilty of two federal misdemeanor counts of receiving stolen property related to improper billing and on doctor's former business having been found guilty of one federal felony count of receiving stolen property. Order effective 12/1/06. Order mailed 12/1/06.

YUN, Mary Mei-Ling (MD #35-072128) – Carlsbad, CA

Medical license revoked based on doctor's violation of conditions of limitations imposed on doctor's license by 10/13/04 Board Order. Order effective 11/9/06. Order mailed 11/9/06.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

HARRISON, Joy G. (MD #35-073650) – Oyster Bay, NY

Doctor reprimanded and required to comply with terms, conditions, and limitations for up to two years, based on doctor's admission that Massachusetts board imposed a reprimand and other discipline on doctor's Massachusetts license based on doctor's prescribing controlled substances without performing a physical examination, without making entries into the medical record, and without indicating that no refills were permitted, and doctor's admission that North Carolina and New York boards imposed disciplinary action based on Massachusetts action. Agreement effective 11/9/06.

MOSS, Fred Robert (MD #35-059484) – Cincinnati, OH

Medical license subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations imposed to monitor practice based on prior action by Indiana's board, which issued doctor a probationary license, and on doctor's admission of diagnosis of alcohol dependence, in remission since at least 2002, and cannabis abuse, in remission since at least 2000. Agreement effective 11/9/06; agreement to remain in effect for at least two years prior to any request for termination.

SHORT, Jody Lee Nelson (DO Training Certificate #58-001948) – Dayton, OH

Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations imposed to monitor practice based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care so long as certain treatment and monitoring conditions are in place. Agreement effective 11/9/06; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS

AVNER, Ellis David (MD #35-068850) – Cleveland, OH

By Order effective on 11/8/06, Board permanently revoked doctor's medical license as authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings and doctor's admission of having written prescriptions for controlled substances for a co-worker without maintaining accurate medical records reflecting the examination and treatment and the utilization of controlled substances in treatment. Doctor's permanent surrender of medical license effective 11/9/06.

HUNNICUTT, Christopher Thomas (MD Training Certificate #57-008656) – Cincinnati, OH

By Order effective on 11/8/06, Board permanently revoked doctor's medical training certificate as authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings and doctor's admission that he is impaired in the ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Doctor's permanent surrender of training certificate effective 11/9/06.

LIPSCOMB, James W. (MD #35-042471) – Columbus, OH

By Order effective 11/8/06, Board permanently revoked doctor's medical license as authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation and/or disciplinary proceedings, based on doctor's admission of no longer being able to practice medicine and surgery according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to hearing loss. Doctor's permanent surrender of medical license effective 11/9/06.

MARAZON, Daniel Jon (DO #34-002544) – Athens, OH

By Order effective on 11/8/06, Board permanently revoked doctor's medical license as authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on allegations related to doctor's management and prescribing of controlled substances to multiple patients. Doctor's permanent surrender of medical license effective 11/9/06.

SHOUP, Donald Eugene (DO #34-001352) – Wellsville, MO

Doctor's permanent surrender of medical license accepted by Board vote on 11/8/06 in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings related to prior action against doctor's Missouri license by Missouri's board. Surrender of medical license effective 11/9/06.

PROBATION COMPLETED

EI-BADEWI, Mounir Basheer (MD #35-071112) – Canton, OH

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 10/10/01 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 11/8/06. Release from probation effective 11/8/06.

PROBATION – MONITORING TERMS MODIFIED

ALLEN, Mark L. (MD #35-063078) – Warrensville Hts., OH

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months and to reduce required drug screens to two a month approved by Board vote on 11/9/06.

BERKMAN, Robert Allen (MD #35-044695) – Columbus, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to one per year approved by Board vote on 11/9/06.

BRIGHTWELL, Robert Russell (DO #34-003008) – Columbus, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months approved by Board vote on 11/9/06.

GANZHORN, Dann William (MD #35-048491) – Cleveland, OH

Monitoring physician approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by Board vote on 11/9/06.

HABERBERGER, Tammy Marie (DO Training Certificate #58-002298) – Massillon, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to six months approved by Board vote on 11/9/06.

MERKIN, Bruce Jeffrey (MD #35-086596) – Cleveland, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to six months, reduce required drug screens to two per month, and discontinue required controlled substance log approved by Board vote on 11/9/06.

MURTAGH, William Owen, Jr. (MD #35-047907) – Naples, FL

Monitoring physician approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by Board vote on 11/9/06.

SIMONS, Mitchell Edward (MD #35-050545) – Cincinnati, OH

Request to commence practice in Ohio and practice chaperones approved by Board vote on 11/9/06.

STEWART, Scott Thomas (PA #50-000926) – Columbus, OH

Physician assistant's request to reduce required appearances to six months approved by Board vote on 11/9/06.

SUBLER, David Edward (MD #35-065191) – Newark, OH

Doctor's request to discontinue required chart review approved by Board vote on 11/9/06.

ZIMMERMAN, James F. (DPM #36-002579) – Barberton, OH

Monitoring physician approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by Board vote on 11/9/06.

COURT ACTION UPDATE

COLEMAN, Robert Stanley, Jr. (MD #35-075738) – Chardon, OH

By Decision and Entry filed on or about 11/7/06, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed the Board's 1/11/06 Order suspending doctor's medical license.

HOLZHAUSER, Ruth Ann (MD #35-045292) – Columbus, OH

Notice of Appeal of the 10/3/06 Judgment Entry of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, which affirmed the Board's 2/8/06 Order permanently revoking doctor's medical license, filed with the 10th District Court of Appeals on 10/13/06. The stay of the Board's 2/8/06 Order permanently revoking doctor's medical license remains in effect.

By Decision and Judgment Entry filed on 10/3/06, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed the Board's 2/8/06 Order permanently revoking doctor's medical license.

LEUVOY, Randall Don (DO #34-004367) – Lancaster, OH

By Journal Entry filed 10/10/06, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas denied doctor's motion to stay the Board's 9/13/06 Order revoking doctor's medical license.

RIDGEWAY, Joseph Aloysius IV (MD #35-062021) – Columbus, OH

By Decision and Entry filed on 11/1/06, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas granted Board's motion to dismiss doctor's 10/19/05 Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and Injunctive Relief and 11/16/05 appeal of the Board's 11/9/05 Summary Suspension Order.

Notice of appeal of the 11/1/06 Decision and Entry of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, which dismissed doctor's 10/19/05 Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and Injunctive Relief and 11/16/05 appeal of the Board's 11/9/05 Summary Suspension Order, filed with the 10th District Court of Appeals on 11/28/06.

SIMONS, Mitchell Edward (MD #35-050545) – Cincinnati, OH

By Journal Entry filed 10/19/06, the 10th District Court of Appeals denied doctor's motion for stay of the Board's 7/12/06 Order, which permanently restricts and limits doctor's medical license.

NON-DISCIPLINARY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

FINAL BOARD ORDER

JOHNSON, Norman Richard (MD Applicant) – Peoria, IL

Medical license approved subject to doctor passing the SPEX or board recertification examination within six months of 8/1/06 due to the fact that doctor has not engaged in the active practice of medicine for more than two years. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order effective 11/8/06. Order mailed 11/9/06. **(Non-disciplinary)**

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION

AZIZ, Sherif Anwar (MD Applicant) – Cleveland, OH

Applicant's request to withdraw application for medical license accepted by Board in lieu of further formal proceedings based upon allegations that doctor had not passed all three steps of the USMLE exam within a seven-year period. Effective 11/9/06. **(Non-disciplinary)**

DENIAL OF APPLICATION

KALEPU, Sudheera (MD Applicant) – Cleveland, OH

Application for medical license denied based on fact that applicant did not pass all three steps of the USMLE exam within a seven-year period. Order effective 11/8/06. Order mailed 12/1/06. **(Non-disciplinary)**

MENON, Praveen (MD Applicant) – Watertown, MA

Application for medical license denied based on fact that applicant did not pass all three steps of the USMLE exam within a seven-year period. Order effective 11/8/06. Order mailed 11/9/06.
(Non-disciplinary)

Please note that revocation and suspension Orders are not always effective immediately. If you have questions about effective dates or conditions governing a licensee’s practice before a Board Order takes effect, please contact the office.

Ohio law permits appeal of a Board Order to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Due to this possibility and the potential for a stay that might delay the imposition of a Board action, you may wish to contact us periodically to verify a given practitioner’s licensure status.

Most current citation letters, Board Orders, consent agreements and voluntary surrenders or retirements are available on the Medical Board’s website at <http://med.ohio.gov/> under “*Licensee Profile and Status.*” If you have questions or need additional details about specific cases, please contact Annette Jones at (614) 728-3686.