

**Q: Must the Medical Board investigate every complaint it receives?**

**A:** No. If the complaint would, were it proven to be true, be a violation of the Medical Practices Act, the Board is required to investigate (see section 4731.22(F)(1), ORC). The Board is not required to investigate complaints that do not allege a violation of the Medical Practices Act.

The Medical Board can discipline its licensees for violations of the Medical Practices Act.

Grounds for discipline include:

- impairment of ability to practice due to drug or alcohol abuse, or due to physical or mental illness
- failing to meet minimal standards of care in treating patients
- prescribing drugs in an inappropriate manner or without legitimate reason
- inappropriate sexual conduct
- conviction of a misdemeanor in the course of practice or conviction of a felony
- falsifying information; fraud
- performing duties beyond the scope of a license
- failing to meet continuing medical education requirements