

**STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO  
FORMAL ACTION REPORT – February 2008**

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Listed below is a summary of the disciplinary actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in February 2008 and an update of Board matters pending in courts as of the date of this document.

**PRE-HEARING SUSPENSION**

**McALLISTER, Mark Stephen (MD #35-072741) – Roanoke, VA**

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), O.R.C., medical license summarily suspended based on the Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that doctor's ability to practice is impaired due to use and/or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice; that doctor violated terms of condition placed on doctor's medical license by the 11/9/05 consent agreement; and that doctor committed an act that constitutes a felony; and further that doctor's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Suspension effective 2/12/08. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below)

**CITATIONS & PROPOSED DENIALS**

**CORONEOS, Emmanouel (MD #35-060766) – Pittsburgh, PA**

Based on prior action against doctor's license by West Virginia's medical board in reprimanding doctor, the underlying basis being doctor's alleged documentation in a patient's medical record prior to treating the patient; and subsequent actions by the medical boards of Illinois, which refused to renew the doctor's license; Texas and Iowa, which accepted the doctor's voluntary surrender of licensure; and Virginia, which reprimanded the doctor. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 2/14/08.

**FOWLER, Patricia Annette (LMT #33-007707) – Corinth, KY**

Based on massage therapist having been found guilty in Franklin County Municipal Court, Columbus, Ohio, of one count of prostitution, which is a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, and alleged making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in securing or attempting to secure a massage therapy license. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 2/14/08.

**GORBETT, Sara Colleen (MT applicant) – Parma, OH**

Proposal to deny application for massage therapy license based on applicant allegedly having violated the Board's rules pertaining to the use of light based medical devices by performing laser acupuncture therapy on clients, and allegedly having practiced medicine without a license. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 2/14/08.

**JACOBS, Kymberly (MT applicant) – Westerville, OH**

Proposal to deny application for massage therapy license based on applicant having been convicted in Butler County Court, Area 1, Oxford, Ohio, of one count of Attempt to Commit an Offense, to wit: Misuse of Credit Cards, which is a first-degree misdemeanor involving moral

turpitude, and alleged making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in securing or attempting to secure a massage therapy license. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 2/14/08.

**LINDSAY, Scott Brian (DPM #36-002671) – Akron, OH**

Based on doctor's plea of guilty in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, to one felony count of Health Care Fraud, the underlying acts involving Medicare or Medicaid billing. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 2/14/08.

**McALLISTER, Mark Stephen (MD #35-072741) – Roanoke, VA**

Based on doctor's alleged impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to relapse on fentanyl, alleged violation of limitation placed on medical license by 11/9/05 consent agreement, and alleged commission of an act that constitutes a felony, that being theft of drugs and/or deception to obtain a dangerous drug. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 2/14/08. (See also: Pre-hearing Suspension)

**PORTER, Stephen Randall (MD #35-069802) – Paintsville, KY**

Based on doctor's alleged impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to habitual or excessive use or abuse of alcohol, or other substances, the underlying basis being doctor's alcohol related driving convictions in Superior Court, Dearborn County, Indiana and County Court, Butler County, Ohio, and failure to submit required documentation of compliance with the 1/10/03 consent agreement; alleged violation of conditions of limitation placed on medical license by 1/10/03 consent agreement due to failure to submit required reports and drug screens; having been found guilty in Superior Court of Dearborn County, Indiana, of one felony count of Operating While Intoxicated; and having been found guilty in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Indiana, of one felony count of Battery. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 2/14/08.

**FINAL DISCIPLINARY ORDERS**

**LeDUC, Marc Andre (MD #35-063786) – Port Clinton, OH**

Medical license permanently revoked based on doctor having been found guilty in the Court of Common Pleas, Ottawa County, Ohio, of one second-degree felony count of Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor, one third-degree felony count of Attempted Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor, and one fourth-degree felony count of Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor. Order effective 2/14/08.

**PAGEDAR, Ujwala (MD training certificate #57-009224) – Dayton, OH**

Medical license granted, then permanently revoked, with permanent revocation of medical license stayed subject to suspension for at least six months; conditions for reinstatement, and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least two years established. Based on Board's determination that doctor made false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statements in securing an Ohio medical license. Order effective 3/4/08.

**PORTER, Stephen Randall (MD #35-069802) – Paintsville, KY (Previously unreported)**

Order and Entry issued 8/8/07 to vacate the Board's 4/13/05 Order, pursuant to the 4/16/07 Entry of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

**SEMCHYSHYN, Stefan (MD #35-041473) – Kingsport, TN**

Medical license permanently revoked. Based on prior actions by medical boards in other states and on Board's determination that doctor provided false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statements on Ohio license applications. Order effective 3/4/08.

**CONSENT AGREEMENTS**

**BRANDT, Robert L., Jr. (MD #35-046724) – 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 2/13/08; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

**BROWN, Christina Marie (LMT #33-011149) – Salem, OH**

Massage therapy license suspended for an indefinite period of time; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that massage therapist enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on massage therapist's admission of having been diagnosed with psychoactive substance abuse disorder, for which massage therapist has sought treatment through a Board-approved provider, and massage therapist's admission of inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to chemical dependency. Agreement effective 2/13/08.

**KELLEY, Shannon Ruth (LMT #33-012959) – Cincinnati, OH**

Application for restoration of massage therapy license granted upon receipt of all necessary and appropriate documentation, with massage therapist reprimanded, and probationary terms, conditions, and limitations established. Based on massage therapist's admission of having practiced during a more than two year period while massage therapy license was expired. Agreement effective 2/13/08; agreement to remain in effect for at least two years prior to any request for termination.

**KOTNIK, Tracy Ann (MD #35-062187) – Massillon, OH**

Medical license suspended for 30 days, interim monitoring conditions and probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice established. Based on doctor's admission of having violated the AMA code of ethics and failing to conform to minimal standards of care due to inappropriate behavior with a patient. Agreement effective 2/13/08; agreement to remain in effect for at least one year prior to any request for termination. Suspension effective 2/14/08 to 3/14/08.

**LIEDERBACH, Christopher Thomas (MD #35-072213) – Barberton, OH**

Medical license suspended for an indefinite period of time; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission of being unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of a heart condition. Agreement effective 2/13/08.

**NAQVI, Imran Raza (MD training certificate #57-012522) – Cincinnati, OH**

Revocation of training certificate stayed, subject to suspension for at least 90 days; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission of inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to chemical dependency, with cocaine being doctor's drug of choice, for which doctor is seeking treatment at a Board-approved treatment provider; and on doctor's admitted history of substance abuse. Agreement effective 2/13/08.

**PLATT, William James (DO #34-004801) – Athens, OH**

Permanent revocation of medical license stayed, subject to suspension for at least 90 days; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission that as a result of a Board-ordered evaluation doctor was determined to have returned to the use of mood altering drugs, specifically marijuana, and determined to currently not be able to practice medicine according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. Agreement effective 2/13/08.

**RATZ, John Louis (MD #35-039995) – Albany, GA**

Doctor's practice subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations imposed to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission of prior action by Florida's medical board, the underlying basis being doctor's failure to provide full and accurate mental health status information on the Florida licensure application, and on doctor's admission that on-going mental health services are required to comply with doctor's advocacy contract with the Florida Professional's Resource Network. Agreement effective 2/13/08; agreement to remain in effect for at least two years prior to any request for termination.

**SIEVERS, Richard Joseph, II (DO #34-003430) – Dayton, OH**

Medical license suspended for an indefinite period of time; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that all pending criminal matters and the Board's investigation of doctor be completely resolved. Based on doctor's admission of anticipated criminal charges in relation to doctor's medical practices. Agreement effective 2/13/08.

**TIPPIE, Toby James (PA #50-001990) – Lima, OH**

Physician Assistant license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations imposed to monitor practice based on physician assistant 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 2/13/08; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

**ZINNI, Richard Allan (DO #34-003785) – Madison, 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 2/13/08; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

**VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS**

**MATTHEWS, Mark Alan (MD #35-060104) – Akron, OH**

Board Order permanently revoking doctor's medical license as authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation into allegations that doctor committed an act that constitutes a felony and/or has an inability to practice according to acceptable and prevalent standards of care by reasons of mental and/or physical illness. Effective 2/13/08.

**OGNEN, Leo Mihajlo (MD #35-068984) – Toledo, OH**

Board Order permanently revoking doctor's medical license as authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based upon, and as an essential part of, a negotiated plea arrangement related to criminal charges involving Distribution of Controlled Substances pending against doctor in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Effective 2/13/08.

**PERLER-TOMBOLY, Samuel Elmer (MD #35-081110) – Cincinnati, OH**

Board Order permanently revoking doctor's medical license as authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings. Based upon, and as an essential part of, a negotiated plea arrangement related to criminal charges pending against doctor in the Common Pleas Court, Hamilton County, Ohio, the underlying basis being doctor's sexual conduct involving two patients. Effective 2/13/08.

**LICENSURE REINSTATEMENT**

**SUMMERS, Robert Rowan (DO #34-006606) – Defiance, OH**

Doctor's request for reinstatement approved by vote of the Board on 2/14/08, subject to probationary terms and conditions established by 1/4/08 Board Order. Reinstatement effective 2/14/08.

**PROBATION – MONITORING TERMS MODIFIED**

**DeFRANCO, Richard Joseph (MD #35-090499) – Cleveland, OH**

Doctor's proposed practice plans and monitoring physicians approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by Board vote on 2/14/08.

**DOOLEY, Dixie A. (DPM #36-001778) – Centerville, OH**

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months; reduce required drug and rehabilitation meetings to two per week, with a total of ten per month, one of which must be a Caduceus meeting; and reduce required drug screens to two times a month granted by Board vote on 2/14/08.

**GIORDANO, Stephen Robert (DO #34-009089) – Mooresville, NC**

Doctor's request to approve monitoring as provided by North Carolina Physicians Health Program and reduce required appearances to annual appearances granted by Board vote on 2/14/08.

**MYERS, Carla Melinda (DO #34-003506) – Beavercreek, OH**

Doctor's request to eliminate required controlled substance log granted by Board vote on 2/14/08.

**PENNEY, Nathan Thomas (DPM training certificate #59-000166) – Columbus, OH**

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months, reduce required drug screens to two times a month, reduce required psychiatric sessions to every two months, and reduce required mental health sessions to once a month granted by Board vote on 2/14/08.

**PIDHORODECKYJ, Nykolai Vasil (MD #35-079642) – Copley, OH**

Doctor's request to reduce required drug screens to twice a month; reduce required drug and rehabilitation meetings to two a week, with a total of 10 per month; and eliminate required controlled substance log granted by Board vote on 2/14/08.

**SKOBLAR, Richard S. (MD #35-038099) – Akron, OH**

Doctor's request to increase permissible work hours to 60 hours per week granted by Board vote on 2/14/08.

**SWEDA, Susan Gail (MD #35-058466) – Newark, OH**

Monitoring physician approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by Board vote on 2/14/08.

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

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months, reduce required drug screens to twice per month, and reduce required drug and rehabilitation meetings to two per week, with a total of 10 meetings per month, granted by Board vote on 2/14/08.

**COURT ACTION UPDATE**

**ANSAR, Azber Azher (MD #35-078745) – Minneapolis, MN**

Notice of Appeal to the 10<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals from the 12/7/07 Entry and Decision of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, which decision affirmed the Board's 1/10/07 Order, filed on 1/8/08.

**CONIGLIO, Gerald Anthony (MD #35-047981) – Mt. Morris, NY**

By Entry filed on or about 2/20/08, the Ohio Supreme Court declined jurisdiction of doctor's appeal of the 9/29/07 decision of the Court of Appeals.

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

By Entry filed 2/20/08, the Ohio Supreme Court declined jurisdiction of doctor's appeal of the 9/25/07 Opinion of the Court of Appeals.

**JOHNSON, Cynthia Joan (PA #50-001350) – Cleveland, OH**

Notice of Appeal of Board's 12/12/07 Order, which stayed revocation of physician assistant's license subject to suspension, filed by physician assistant with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 1/18/08.

By Order filed 1/25/08, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas granted motion for stay of Board's 12/12/07 Order, subject to conditions for the Board's monitoring of physician assistant's abstention from alcohol and drugs.

**Non-Disciplinary Administrative Actions**

**Approval of Application**

**SCHROEDER, Carsten (MD #35-091200) – Cleveland, OH**

Application for medical licensure granted. Based upon the Board's determination that doctor's training and experience in the U.S. is equivalent to two years of graduate medical education. Order effective 2/14/08. **(Non-disciplinary)**

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**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.**