



North Carolina Medical Board

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The Honorable Elaine Marshall, Secretary of State (via email to pubs@sosnc.gov)
The Honorable Jeff Jackson, Attorney General (via email to mlovell@ncdoj.gov)
The Jt. Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee (via email to virginia.barlow@ncleg.gov)

Dear All:

The NC Medical Board (NCMB) is filing this report in compliance with North Carolina General Statutes § 93B-2. Below is data from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Annual reports required; contents; open to inspection

(a) An annual report containing all of the information:

(1) The address of the board, and the names of its members and officers.

The NCMB offices are located at 3127 Smoketree Court, Raleigh, NC 27604. The names of current Board members and officers include:

Devdutta G. Sangvai, MD, JD, MBA, President
Anuradha Rao-Patel, MD, President-Elect
Robert Rich, Jr., MD, Secretary/Treasurer
Earic R. Bonner, MD, MBA
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Mark A. Newell, MD, MMM
Miguel A. Pineiro, PA-C, MHPE
Anthony R. Plunkett, MD

(1a) The total number of licensees supervised by the board.

License/Certification Type	Count
Physician (MD/DO)	46,900
Physician Assistant	11,146
Nurse Practitioners*	15,124

Resident Training License	3,697
Licensed Perfusionist	218
Anesthesiologist Assistant	86
Polysomnographic Technologists	629
Total Licensees	77,800

***Nurse Practitioners are jointly regulated by the NC Board of Nursing and the NCMB.**

- (2) **The number of persons who applied to the board for examination.** Not Applicable (N/A).
- (3) **The number who were refused examination.** N/A.
- (4) **The number who took the examination.** N/A.
- (5) **The number to whom initial licenses were issued.**

License/Certification Type	Count
Medical Doctors (MDs)	3,210
Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs)	584
Volunteer Licenses	202
Limited Emergency Licenses	156
Special Permits/Faculty Limited License	16
Military Relocation Licenses	15
TOTAL Physician Licenses	4,183
Resident Training Licenses	1,321
Physician Assistants (PAs)	1,122
PA Volunteer License	40
PA Limited Emergency License	40
PA Military Relocation License	3
Licensed Perfusionist	25
Anesthesiologist Assistant	22
Total Licensees	6,735

The NCMB maintains a registry of polysomnographic technicians (“sleep techs”) but does not license them. In 2024, the NCMB registered 71 sleep techs in North Carolina.

- (5a) **The number who failed the examination:** N/A.
- (6) **The number who applied for license by reciprocity or comity.** N/A.
- (7) **The number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity.** N/A.

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(7a) The number of official complaints received involving licensed or unlicensed activities. In 2024, the NCMB opened 3,671 cases. Of those cases, 2,315 complaints were from patients/public. The other cases were opened based on out-of-state actions, field investigations, malpractice cases, information reported on annual renewal, licensing applications, and as part of the DHHS/Safe Opioid Prescribing Initiative.

(7b) The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against nonlicensees, including injunctive relief. The NCMB took 215 adverse actions* in 2024. It also took 15 non-adverse actions.* Please note that some individuals may have had more than one action taken within a year.

**Adverse actions includes: revocation, suspension, reprimands, surrender or denial of a license, conditions, limitation or restriction of license or practice, public letters of concern and/or fines.*

**Non-adverse actions include consent orders lifted, reentry agreements or special purpose licenses.*

(8) The number of licenses suspended or revoked. The NCMB suspended 25 licenses and revoked 9 licenses in 2024.

(9) The number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee. In 2024, 25 licenses were suspended, 8 licenses were surrendered, 4 licenses were made inactive, 9 licenses were revoked, and 1 license was annulled for a total of 22.

(9a) The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number granted a license. There were 8,010 applications for a license in 2024. Of that number, 7,100 were granted in 2024.

Note: Some license applications granted in 2024 may have been received in 2023; some license applications received in 2024 may not have been granted until 2025.

(9b) The number of applicants with a conviction record and, of that number, the number granted a license, denied a license for any reason, and denied a license because of a conviction.

The NCMB conducts a criminal background check on every applicant. Per an agreement with the State Bureau of Investigation, access to any criminal information is limited and cannot be stored for purposes of data collection. Therefore, the NCMB is unable to ascertain the number of applicants with a conviction record and of that number, the number granted a license.

However, the Board denied only 4 licenses in 2024. Only one references a felony conviction. The applicant, who applied to have his license reinstated, was denied for multiple prior board actions including, but not limited to, inability to practice safely due to substance abuse, unprofessional conduct, and a 2017 felony drug trafficking conviction.

The other three applications did not reference any criminal convictions. Two applicants applied for reinstatement, and both had prior NCMB disciplinary actions: the first applicant failed to disclose information regarding complaints to the NCMB; the second was denied for multiple adverse actions against a medical license in this

state and in others. Another applicant failed to disclose information regarding an out of state regulatory board action as well as an adverse action taken by a health care institution.

- (9c) **The number of applicants who are active duty military or military veterans, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial.** In 2024, the total number of applicants who were active duty military or military veterans was 487. The number granted a license was 490 and the number denied was 2. The first denial was based on failure to disclose information regarding an out of state regulatory board action as well as an adverse action taken by a health care institution. The applicant did request reconsideration for the denial letter and was issued a license with a fine and a public letter of concern requiring additional continuing medical education. The second denial was an application for reinstatement that was denied for multiple prior board actions including, but not limited to, inability to practice safely due to substance abuse, unprofessional conduct, and a 2017 felony drug trafficking conviction.

Note: Some license applications granted in 2024 may have been received in 2023; some license applications received in 2024 may not have been approved until 2025.

- (9d) **The number of applicants who are military spouses, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial.** In 2024, the Board received 105 applications from military spouses and granted 111 licenses.

Note: Some license applications granted in 2024 may have been received in 2023; some license applications received in 2024 may not have been approved until 2025.

- (10) **The substance of any anticipated request by the occupational licensing board to the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the occupational licensing board.** In an effort to expedite licensing, House Bill 480 creates a new pathway for licensure by endorsement for eligible physicians, physician assistants and anesthesiologist assistants. Eligible applicants are issued a temporary license and may begin working before all application documents are received and verified. Senate Bill 396 also includes licensure by endorsement as well as proposal to increase board application and renewal fees.

- (11) **The substance of any anticipated change in rules adopted by the occupational licensing board or the substance of any adoption of new rules by the occupational licensing board.** The Board proposed or adopted rules pertaining to:
- Rules pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 90-12.02, which allows military service members and spouses to obtain an expedited license under certain circumstances for both physicians and physician assistants. 21 NCAC 32B .1361; 21 NCAC 32S .0226. *Effective June 1, 2025.*
 - Add substance and clarification to the requirement in N.C.G.S. § 90-14(l), which requires the Board to notify a licensee if an investigation will take longer than six months. 21 NCAC 32N .0107. *Effective June 1, 2025.*

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- c. To amend rules to clarify that physicians may delegate to physician assistants and nurse practitioners the authority to issue do not resuscitate orders and pronounce death. 21 NCAC 32S .0213; 21 NCAC 32M .0110.
- d. To allow current NC resident training license holders in good standing to convert training license into a full license. 21 NCAC 32B .1403.
- e. Removal of reference requirements on applications.
- f. Establishing fees of applicants applying through interstate medical licensure compact are the same as fees of traditional NC applicants; additional requirements upon licensure and renewal that comply with state law.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas W. Mansfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Thomas W. Mansfield
Chief Executive Officer