



North Carolina Medical Board

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The Honorable Elaine Marshall, Secretary of State (via email to pubs@sosnc.gov)
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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. All statistical data included in this report is from the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

(a) Annual reports required; contents; open to inspection

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

The NCMB's physical address is 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609. Its mailing address is P.O. Box 20007, Raleigh, NC 27619.

The following persons were members of the Medical Board from November 2018 to October 2019.

Barbara E. Walker, DO, President
Bryant A. Murphy, MD, MBA, President-Elect
Venkata R. Jonnalagadda, MD, Secretary/Treasurer
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Varnell McDonald-Fletcher, PA-C
Shawn P. Parker, JD, Public Member
Jerri L. Patterson, NP
John W. Rusher, MD, JD
Ralph A. Walker, JD, Public Member

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

License/Certification Type	Count
Physician (MD/DO)	39,032
Physician Assistant	7,387
Nurse Practitioners*	7,394

53Resident Training License	3,092
Licensed Perfusionist	178
Anesthesiologist Assistant	42
Polysomnographic Technologists	496
Total Licensees	57,621

***NPs are regulated jointly 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). Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 90-10.1, the NCMB accepts licensing examinations administered by: the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) or its successor; the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) or its successor; or the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) or its successor. The NCMB may also administer or accept other State Board licensing examinations or other examinations the Board deems equivalent to the examinations described in subdivisions (1) through (3) of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-10.1, pursuant to rules adopted by the Board.
- (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)	2,519
Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs)	405
Volunteer Licenses	169
Limited Emergency Licenses	68
Special Permits/Faculty Limited License	7
TOTAL Physician Licenses	3,168
Resident Training Licenses	1,158
Physician Assistants (PAs)	860
Licensed Perfusionist	32
Anesthesiologist Assistant	6
Total Licensees	5,224

The NCMB maintains a registry of polysomnographic technicians (“sleep techs”), but does not license them. In 2018, the NCMB registered 53 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 2018, the NCMB opened 2,680 cases. Of those cases, 1,502 complaints were from patients/public in 2018. The other cases were opened based on out-of-state actions, field investigations, malpractice payment reviews, licensing applications, Safe Opioid Prescribing Initiative, and Medical Examiner reports.
- (7b) **The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against nonlicensees, including injunctive relief:** The NCMB took 207 prejudicial actions* against licensees or Nurse Practitioners in 2018. Please note that some individuals had more than one action for the year.
- *prejudicial action includes: revocation, suspension, reprimands, surrender or denial of a license, probation, condition, limitation or restriction of license or practice, public letters of concern and/or fines.*
- (8) **The number of licenses suspended or revoked:** The NCMB suspended 25 licenses and revoked 3 licenses. There was also 1 summary suspension.
- (9) **The number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee:** In 2018, 25 licenses were suspended, 6 licenses were surrendered, 3 licenses were revoked, 7 licensees entered into non-practice agreements, 1 license was made inactive in lieu of other action, and 1 license was summarily suspended.
- (9a) **The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number granted a license.** The Board issued 5,277 licenses. The Board denied 3 licenses.
- (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.** In 2017, the Board voted to remove the question regarding charges, arrests and convictions from its licensing applications. The Board would rely on collecting misdemeanor and felony information from background checks. There are restrictions on the use of the data from background checks and the Board is unable to ascertain the number of applicants with a conviction record and of that number the number granted a license. However, the Board only denied 3 licenses in 2018 and none of them were denied on the basis of a conviction.
- (10) **The substance of any anticipated requested by the occupational licensing board to the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the occupational licensing board.** N/A.
- (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:
- Prescriptive authority of physician assistants and requirement to follow all federal and state laws. See 21 NCAC 32S .0212.

- b. Controlled substances CME requirements. See 21 NCAC 32R .0103.
- c. The meaning of consultation for prescribing controlled targeted substances by physician assistants and nurse practitioners under the STOP Act. See 21 NCAC 32S .0204; 32M .0118.
- d. Reporting criteria from the NCCSRS. See 21 NCAC 32M .0117 and 21 NCAC 32Y .0101.
- e. Recognizing ABOMS certifications and a waiver of three-attempt exam rule. See 21 NCAC 32B .1303; .1350.
- f. Use of certified designation on anesthesiology assistant identification badges. See 21 NCAC 32W .0112.
- g. Practice and limited licensure during disasters and emergencies. See 21 NCAC 32B .1706; 32S .0219; 32V .0111; 32W .0116.
- h. Hearing procedures regarding motions. See 21 NCAC 32N .0110.
- i. Summary suspensions procedures. See 21 NCAC 32N .0114.
- j. Increase in annual renewal fees for physician assistants. See 21 NCAC 32S .0204; .0220, .0202.
- k. Clarify who is entitled to medical school faculty license. See 21 NCAC 32B .1502.
- l. Allow expedited license if no complaints, investigations or malpractice within 10 years and other expedited license clarifications. See 21 NCAC 32B .1502.

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

Regards,

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Chief Executive Officer