



# North Carolina Medical Board

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The Honorable Elaine Marshall, Secretary of State (via email to [pubs@sosnc.gov](mailto:pubs@sosnc.gov))  
The Honorable Joshua Stein, Attorney General (via email to [mlovell@ncdoj.gov](mailto:mlovell@ncdoj.gov))  
The Jt. Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee (via email to [virginia.barlow@ncleg.gov](mailto: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, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

## **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:

Michaux R. Kilpatrick, MD, PhD, President  
Christine M. Khandelwal, DO, President-Elect  
Devdutta G. Sangvai, MD, MBA, Secretary/Treasurer  
John W. Rusher, MD, JD, Past President  
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Sharona Johnson, PhD, FNP-BC  
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Melinda Hill-Price, MD, JD  
Anuradha Rao-Patel, MD  
Robert Rich, Jr., MD  
David P. Sousa, JD, MBA, Public Member

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

License/Certification Type	Count
Physician (MD/DO)	43,548
Physician Assistant	9,837

Nurse Practitioners*	12,445
Resident Training License	3,561
Licensed Perfusionist	204
Anesthesiologist Assistant	52
Polysomnographic Technologists	1,294
<b>Total Licensees</b>	<b>70,941</b>

\*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).
- (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)	2,909
Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs)	501
Volunteer Licenses	211
Limited Emergency Licenses	47
Special Permits/Faculty Limited License	17
TOTAL Physician Licenses	3,685
Resident Training Licenses	1,261
Physician Assistants (PAs)	1,020
Licensed Perfusionist	34
Anesthesiologist Assistant	7
<b>Total Licensees</b>	<b>6,037</b>

The NCMB maintains a registry of polysomnographic technicians (“sleep techs”) but does not license them. In 2022, the NCMB registered 55 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.
- (7a) **The number of official complaints received involving licensed or unlicensed activities.** In 2022, the NCMB opened 3,213 cases. Of those cases, 2,017 complaints were from patients/public. The other cases were opened based on out-of-state actions, field investigations, malpractice payment reviews, licensing applications, and annual renewals.

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- (7b) **The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against nonlicensees, including injunctive relief.** The NCMB took 175 prejudicial actions\* against licensees in 2022. It also took 13 non-adverse actions.\* Please note that some individuals may have had more than one action taken within a year.

*\*Prejudicial action 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.*

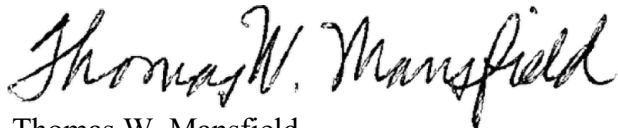
*\*Non-adverse actions include consent orders lifted, reentry agreements or special purpose licenses.*

- (8) **The number of licenses suspended or revoked.** The NCMB suspended 22 licenses and revoked 8 licenses.
- (9) **The number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee.** In 2022, 1 license was annulled, 22 licenses were suspended, 4 licenses were surrendered, and 8 licenses were revoked for a total of 35.
- (9a) **The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number granted a license.** There were 6,468 applications for license. Of that number, 6,197 were granted.
- (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 denied only 1 license from applicants who applied in 2022. The denial was not based on a conviction but due to having a license restricted or acted against by other licensing authorities and for making false statements or representations in connection with an application.
- (9c) **The number of applicants with military training, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial.** In 2022, the total number of applicants with military training was 5. The number granted a license was 5 and the number denied was 0.
- (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 2022, there were 6 applicants who are military spouses. The number granted a license was 6 and the number denied was 0.
- (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.** None.

- (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:
- a. Establish rule for petitioning the Medical Board for rule making. 21 NCAC 32A .0115. Effective December 1, 2022.
  - b. Continuing education requirements of NPs. 21 NCAC 32M .0107. Effective June 1, 2023.
  - c. Repeal COVID-19 drug preservation rules because it is no longer needed. 21 NCAC 32B .1708; 32M .0119. Effective June 1, 2023.
  - d. Physician supervision of Nurse Midwives. 21 NCAC 32B .1002
  - e. Changes to continuing education requirements for physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners to clarify federally required MATE training satisfies controlled substances prescribing CME requirement. 21 NCAC 32R .0101; 32S .0216; 32M .0107

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

Regards,



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Chief Executive Officer