



# 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, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

## **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:

Christine M. Khandelwal, DO, President  
Devdutta G. Sangvai, MD, MBA, JD, President-Elect  
Anuradha Rao-Patel, MD, Secretary/Treasurer  
Candace A. Bradley, DO  
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Miguel A. Pineiro, PA-C, MHPE  
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)	45,289
Physician Assistant	10,409

Nurse Practitioners*	13,757
Resident Training License	3,633
Licensed Perfusionist	65
Anesthesiologist Assistant	219
Polysomnographic Technologists	108
<b>Total Licensees</b>	<b>73,480</b>

\*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)	3,215
Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs)	606
Volunteer Licenses	211
Limited Emergency Licenses	0
Special Permits/Faculty Limited License	16
<b>TOTAL Physician Licenses</b>	<b>4,048</b>
Resident Training Licenses	1,303
Physician Assistants (PAs)	1,026
PA Volunteer License	22
PA Limited emergency license	1
Licensed Perfusionist	27
Anesthesiologist Assistant	9
<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 51 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 2023, the NCMB opened 3,390 cases. Of those cases, 2,072 complaints

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were from patients/public. The other cases were opened based on out-of-state actions, field investigations, malpractice payment reviews, annual renewals, reports from other health care professionals, and licensing applications.

- (7b) The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against nonlicensees, including injunctive relief.** The NCMB took 204 prejudicial actions\* against licensees in 2023. It also took 45 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 16 licenses and revoked 3 licenses.

- (9) The number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee.** In 2023, 16 licenses were suspended, 5 licenses were surrendered, and 3 licenses were revoked for a total of 24.

- (9a) The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number granted a license.** There were 7,473 applications for license. Of that number, 6,664 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 3 licenses in 2023. None of these involved convictions of misdemeanors or felonies. The first was not safe to practice with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of alcohol, drugs, chemical, etc.; the second was denied base on prior disciplinary actions with the NCMB as well as other regulatory actions from other licensing boards; the last involved regulatory action by other licensing boards and state agencies.

- (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 2023, the total number of applicants who were active duty military or military veterans was 513. The number granted a license was 509 and the number denied was 0.

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- (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 2023, there were 0 applicants who were military spouses.
- (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:
- 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. Effective July 1, 2024
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.

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

Regards,



Thomas W. Mansfield  
Chief Executive Officer