

# WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHY

## NEWSLETTER

### MAY 2011

#### SATISFACTION SURVEY BY THE WV BOARD OF OSTEOPATHY

The Board is asking each DO and PA licensee to complete an on-line satisfaction survey. It should only take a few minutes and will provide valuable information to the Board and its Staff as to how we are doing and how we can implement change to better serve our constituents. The survey can be found at our website, so while you are completing your license renewal application, please take the time to answer the survey.

[www.wvbdosteo.org](http://www.wvbdosteo.org)  
**Board Satisfaction Survey**  
**Complete and Submit**

All survey results will be electronically filed and summarized. Findings will be reported in the next Newsletter.

#### New Legislative Rules Passed During 2011 Legislative Session

**H.B. 2639:**

Authorized the WV Board of Osteopathy to promulgate the following legislative rules:  
**24 CSR 2**

The rule repeals and replaces the existing rule of the WV Board of Osteopathy regarding the licensing and practice of osteopathic physician assistants. The revisions were reviewed and accepted in concert with the WV Association of Physician Assistants. Some of the major changes include:

- 1) Elimination of the limitation on the number of physicians who may supervise a PA;
- 2) Updated the CME requirements to be consistent with NCCPA – 100 hours/2 years;
- 3) Modified the requirement for clinical pharmacology credit hours for prescriptive writing privileges;
- 4) Eliminated the requirement for prescription pads to include the list of drugs the PA is authorized to prescribe. A copy of each approved PA formulary will be forwarded to the Board of Pharmacy.

**24 CSR 5**

Previously, fees to apply for a license to practice as an osteopathic physician assistant had been set by the West Virginia Code. In 2010, the Legislature authorized the WV Board of Osteopathy to set fees for osteopathic PA's by Rule. The new section 3 [§24-5-3] of the Rule, establishes the fees on the same schedule as the WV Board of Medicine. This represents an increase to \$200 for an initial license, \$100 for a license renewal and \$50 to file a change of employment/duties with the Board.

Section 4 [§24-5-4] contains a new provision for the cost of providing CD and DVD copies of records under the Freedom of Information Act.

#### **Holidays – Board Office Closed**

May 30, 2011: Memorial Day  
June 20, 2011: West Virginia Day  
July 4, 2011: Independence Day  
Sept 5, 2011: Labor Day  
Oct 10, 2011: Columbus Day  
Nov 11, 2011: Veterans' Day  
Nov 24 & 25: Thanksgiving  
Dec 26, 2011: Christmas

#### **WV Osteopathy Board Members**

President:	Ernest Miller, Jr., D.O.
Vice President:	Robert Whitler
Secretary:	Arthur Rubin, D.O.
Physician Member:	Joseph Schreiber, D.O.
Lay Member:	Elizabeth Blatt, Ph.D.

**WV Osteopathy Board Actions  
Since May 2010**

Anita T. Dawson, DO: License SUSPENDED until further order of the Board 4/6/2010.

Jeffrey Kent Bates, DO: License SUSPENDED until further order of the Board 4/26/2010.

Joseph Richard Freeman, DO: License placed on PROBATION for 5 years 7/15/2010.

Robert John Crake, DO: License placed on PROBATION for 3 years 7/15/2010.

Brian Joseph McDevitt, DO: License REVOKED for a period of 3 years 7/15/2010.

John C. Sharp, DO: License REVOKED 7/15/2010.

Donald E. Sizemore, DO: REPRIMANDED and FINED \$1,000 on 8/17/2010.

Angela Basham-Callaway, DO: License SUMMARILY SUSPENDED until further notice 12/29/2010..

Jack Mark Levine, DO: License SUSPENDED until further order of the Board 2/16/2011.

Steven Arthur Smith, DO: Probation LIFTED effective 3/1/2011.

Jerome D. Homish, DO: Suspension LIFTED. License placed on PROBATION 2/25/2011.



**CHRIS WRONIAK TO RETIRE  
FROM BOARD STAFF**

Christine Wroniak has served as Records Secretary for the WV Board of Osteopathy for 17+ years. She will be retiring as of June 30, 2011. We all owe Chris a great deal of gratitude for her years of service and wish her continued success in the future.

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**MEMORIALS  
2010 - 2011**

Gary Lutz, DO  
8/05/2010

John Tirpak, DO  
9/10/2010

Carlton Apgar, DO  
2/04/2011



"I thought I'd save the doctor some time so I've prepared my own list of prescriptions."

**OPIOID PRESCRIBING REQUIRES CLOSE  
PATIENT MONITORING**

A recent article by Kevin B. O'Reilly, from the AMEDNEWS Staff quoted a study that found primary care physicians avoided urine screening and other methods to prevent abuse of the pain medications even with highest risk patients.

Patient Category	Urine Drug Tested	Made Regular Office Visits	Restricted Early Refills
All Patients	8.0%	49.8%	76.7%
Patients with Drug Use Disorder	29.3%	52.9%	66.7%

(Journal of General Internal Medicine 2/24/2011)

Dr. Lynn Webster, a board member of the American Academy of Pain Medicine, was quoted, "It is quite remarkable that in the face of an epidemic of drug abuse, diversion and an alarming rate of overdose deaths that prescribers are lackadaisical in their prescribing of opioids."

To reduce the risk of overdose, pain specialists advise that doctors monitor closely those patients receiving opioids to ensure that they do not misuse the drugs. But a study shows that some primary care doctors are not aggressive in using monitoring strategies that could help prevent misuse and diversion. These include checking state pharmacy registries, seeing patients regularly and documenting if other therapies are being considered, urine drug screens, patient contracts and restricting early refills on medications.