



PA Renewals Due Before March 31, 2014

All license renewals will be done online. If you have an email address on file with the Board Office, we will send an e-blast e-mail to all licensees due for renewal. When completing your 2014 license renewal just follow the following steps:

- 1) From www.wvbdosteo.org click on "PA Renewals" in left hand column;
 - 2) Log in with either your last name, license number or last 4 digits of SSN;
 - 3) Enter "Submit and Continue"
 - 4) Continue to fill in all fields requesting information and enter "Submit and Continue;"
 - 5) When answering the personal information questions, if you have a "yes" answer it will bring up a screen for you to type in your response;
 - 6) Answer the State mandated child support questions;
 - 7) The CME report allows you to link directly with the NCCPA to obtain your CME hours;
 - 8) There is also a place to waive the CME requirements if you are in the military or if you attest to never prescribing a controlled substance;
 - 9) Lastly you check a certification box which attests to the accuracy of your information;
 - 10) The next screen is the payment screen for you to enter your credit card information.
- You will be given only one opportunity to print your receipt at the conclusion of the payment.

Inside this Issue:

PA Renewals Due.....	pg 1
Osteopathic Physician	
License Renewals.....	pg 1
Legislative Rule	
Changes.....	pg 2
License Renewal Info.....	pg 3
Email Requirement.....	pg 4

2014 Osteopathic Physician License Renewals

Those physicians whose license will be renewed in 2014 may begin submitting their license renewals online May 1, 2014. REMEMBER, no paper applications will be mailed. If we have an email address that you have provided, we will send a blast email to those physicians up for renewal in 2014.

Also, REMEMBER, your license will not be renewed unless you have completed the State Mandated 3 hour CME on Pain Prescribing

and Drug Diversion. Only those programs approved by the Board and listed on their website will be accepted. Please check the Board Website, www.wvbdosteo.org for newly approved courses.

Don't forget to renew your Controlled Substance License (CSL). That license must be renewed annually and can be completed at any time online.

Current Board Members

Ernest Miller, Jr., D.O.	<i>President</i>
Robert Whitler	<i>Vice President</i>
Arthur Rubin, D.O.	<i>Secretary</i>
Joseph Schreiber, D.O.	<i>Physician Member</i>
Michael Muscari, D.O.	<i>Physician Member</i>
Heather Jones, PA-C	<i>PA Member</i>

Legislative Rule Changes 2014

While the WV Board of Osteopathic Medicine did not intend to request changes to their Legislative Rules in 2014, there are changes to the WV Code that will affect Physician Assistants licensed in West Virginia. Both the WV Board of Medicine and the WV Board of Osteopathic Medicine license physician assistants. Which Board the PA will be licensed with is determined by who is named the primary supervising physician. If it is an Osteopathic Physician, the PA will be licensed by the Osteopathic Board. If the primary supervising physician is an Allopathic Physician, the PA will be licensed by the Board of Medicine.

In order to make the licensing of PA's in West Virginia easier and less complicated, the two medical licensing boards have recommended the creation of a new section of the Code, Article 3E. This authorizes both Boards to license and discipline Physician Assistants based on who is named the Primary Supervisor. It will allow for both MD's and DO's to serve as alternate supervising physicians, with the full responsibility

of the Physician Assistant assigned only to the primary supervising physician.

This has been a collaborative effort by both medical licensing boards to insure there is no delay or obstacle placed upon Physician Assistants becoming licensed by either Board. It will streamline the administrative application process for PA's practicing in West Virginia and, at the same time, clarify the due process rights and disciplinary sanctions that each licensing board is authorized to administer.

Once the WV Legislature has approved the Code change and the Governor has signed the bill, Emergency Rules will be developed and sent to the Legislature for approval. Please check our website, www.wvbdosteo.org for all legislative updates. The Physician Assistant rule will be identified under Series 2.

If you have questions or would like more information about the Code changes, please contact our office, (304) 558-6095.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Complaint Committee is a sub-committee of the WV Board of Osteopathic Medicine and consists of appointed members from the Board. They meet monthly and review the complaint cases that have been issued through the Board Office. Following a thorough investigation of each complaint, the Complaint Committee makes recommendations to the full Board for action. In 2013, there were 47 complaints filed with the Board. There were 10 reportable, disciplinary actions taken by the Board in 2013.

Disciplinary Actions in 2014

Allen George Saoud, D.O.

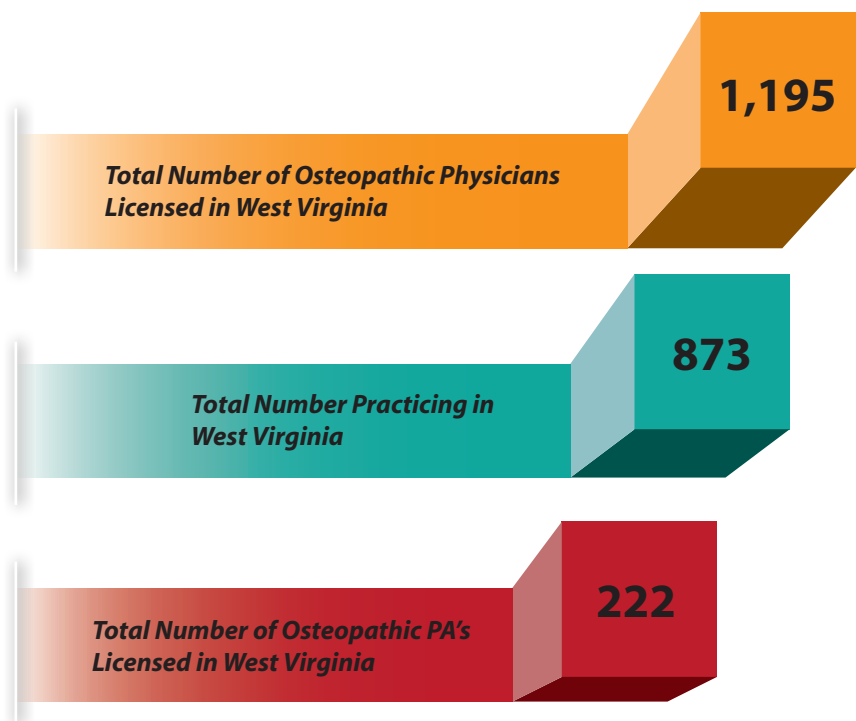
License Permanently Revoked for 22 Felony Convictions

Mary Elizabeth Coll, D.O.

License Suspended Until Further Notice

CURRENT WV OSTEOPATHIC STATISTICS

As of the printing of this newsletter the following statistics reflect the licensing of osteopaths in the state of West Virginia:



**ALL DO AND PA LICENSEE'S
MUST COMPLETE BOARD-APPROVED
CME ON PAIN PRESCRIBING BEFORE
NEXT LICENSE RENEWAL**

All practitioners holding a current WV Osteopathic License are required to complete 3 hours of Board-Approved CME on Pain Prescribing and Drug Diversion Training before their next renewal period. Check the Board's website, www.wvbdosteo.org for all Board-Approved CME offerings. If it is not listed on the Board's website, it has NOT been approved by the Board.

Any practitioner licensed after July 1, 2013, must complete the 3 hour CME on Pain Prescribing and Drug Diversion within the first year of licensure. That includes all Osteopathic Physicians and Physician Assistants whose license issue date is **July 1, 2013** or later.

Regularly check the Board's website, www.wvbdosteo.org for information on upcoming CME events that have been approved by the Board in meeting the 3 hour requirement. No other CME programs will be accepted other than those listed on our website.

**UPON COMPLETION OF YOUR REQUIRED 3 HOUR
CME, SUBMIT THE FORM BELOW FOR CREDIT WITH THE BOARD OFFICE.**

**BEST PRACTICE PRESCRIBING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES
AND DRUG DIVERSION TRAINING
VERIFICATION FORM**

*Please complete the following information and return to the
West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine to receive credit.
405 Capitol Street, Suite 402
Charleston, WV 25301*

NAME: _____ SUFFIX: _____
D.O. or PA-C

ADDRESS: _____
Street or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

LICENSE NUMBER: _____

Declaration: I have completed the board-approved drug diversion and best practice
prescribing course on _____
Date
sponsored by _____
CME Sponsor
for the current license renewal period.

Licensee's Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

CURRENT BOARD-APPROVED CME PROGRAMS

On-Line CME: www.wvbdosteo.org

**SEE WVBDOSTEO.ORG FOR ALL UPCOMING
LIVE CME PROGRAMS APPROVED FOR 3 HOUR PAIN
PRESCRIBING/DRUG DIVERSION CME**



**West Virginia Board of
Osteopathic Medicine**
405 Capitol Street, Suite 402
Charleston, WV 25301

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS FROM MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

During Dr. Arthur Rubin's presentation on the state pain prescribing regulations, several questions were raised. The Board felt it may be helpful to print those questions and answers for all to read.

1. You are the physician of record for an established patient for whom you have been prescribing opioids. You have accessed the Pharmacy Data Base and placed copies of your patient's Rx's in the chart as required along with everything else you are supposed to do. The patient has decided for whatever reason to transfer their care to another physician and has signed a release of records to send the chart to Dr. X. Should the pharmacy data base report that is in the patient's chart be sent with the rest of the records?

YES, anything medically related is the property of the patient and should be made available to him/her per signed release.

2. Mr. Jones calls a physician's office to come as a new patient. He has not signed any releases or completed any screening documents your office may have regarding insurances, etc. Is a physician allowed to run a report on Mr. Jones from the Pharmacy Data Base as a screening mechanism for accepting him as a patient if he is not yet established?

NO, this would violate §60A-9-7(f) which states such unauthorized access...of the information in the database is a felony punishable by imprisonment in a state correctional facility for not less than one year nor more than five years or fined not less than \$3,000 nor more than \$10,000, or both imprisoned or fined.

3. You are a physician who is advertising for a front desk receptionist. Mary has applied for the job. She is not an established patient in your practice. She has sent her CV but has not signed any releases or references yet. Are you allowed to access a report on Mary from the Pharmacy Data Base as a screening tool for whether you will interview and subsequently hire Mary?

NO, this would violate §60A-9-7(f) which states such unauthorized access...of the information in the database is a felony punishable by imprisonment in a state correctional facility for not less than one year nor more than five years or fined not less than \$3,000 nor more than \$10,000, or both imprisoned or fined.

Email Addresses

In an attempt to cut the cost of postage, to speed up and to insure better delivery of important notices from the Board and the State to our licensees, the WV Board of Osteopathic Medicine is using E-MAIL as our primary means of communication. An e-mail address is now REQUIRED on all license applications. If you have not yet submitted an email address to the Board Office, you can easily send it to us via the "Contact Us" button on our homepage, www.wvbdosteo.org. Or just send us an email and notify us to use it to contact you. wvbdosteo@wv.gov. REMEMBER: The email address you give us is how we will contact you directly!!

