

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE NEWSLETTER

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IMMUNIZE NEVADA COVID VACCINE PLANNING

CDC GUIDELINE LINKS TO VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

Immunize Nevada offers monthly virtual meetings- “Doc Talk: COVID-19 Vaccine” - to assist with COVID vaccine planning. Information below:

Doc Talk: COVID-19 Vaccine meeting with Immunize Nevada and the Nevada State Immunization Program take place virtually the **first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM Pacific** Contact Breanne Van Dyne, Education Manager, Immunize Nevada, for further information. Phone: [775-624-7118](tel:775-624-7118); Web site: <https://www.immunizenevada.org/covid-19-vaccine-planning#> email: breanne@immunizenevada.org

Immunize Nevada is a 501c3 nonprofit that receives educational grants and funding from a number of sources that are committed to improving the health of the community. They do not accept funding to promote, sell, or advocate for a specific company or product.

Follow ImmunizeNV on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#)
Text IMMUNIZENV to 22828 to sign up for the monthly newsletter

Also: You can sign up for a flu vaccine reminder by texting “ProtectNV” to 47177 and help keep Nevada healthy.

Licensee Contact Information

Licensees: Please provide the appropriate contact information (email, US mail or telephone) to the Board when updating mailing, home and practice addresses. This will ensure the Board can reach you when needed.

Note: The ONLY acceptable mailing address provided to the Board will be either a home (residence) address or a regularly checked PO Box. We have found that practice or license verification company addresses do not guarantee mail sent by the Board will be received.

BOARD/STAFF NEWS

Board: Dr. Mausling, Dr. Milne and Dr. Hedger were all approved in 2020 for reappointment to the Board for another four-year term.

Staff: We were sad to say goodbye to Tammy Sine, Board Licensing Specialist/Bookkeeper, who retired in December 2020, after working for the Board over 13 years. She provided the Board with a wealth of information and experience, and wish her the best in her retirement! Congratulations to Nikki Montano, who has been promoted to License Specialist to fill Ms. Sine’s position. The Board welcomes Kortney Kinzer as the new Administrative/License Assistant, as of February 1, 2021. Ms. Kinzer brings to the Board fifteen years of administrative public service.



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Mission: The Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine's mission is to protect and safeguard the public by licensing and disciplining well-educated and competent Doctors of Osteopathy and Physician Assistants.

**CURRENT MEMBER LIST- INTERSTATE
MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (IMLC)**

- **NEVADA**
- ALABAMA
- ARIZONA
- COLORADO
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
- GEORGIA
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- ILLINOIS
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- MAINE
- MARYLAND
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- TENNESSEE
- UTAH
- VERMONT
- WASHINGTON
- WEST VIRGINIA
- WISCONSIN
- WYOMING

For more info on our web site go to:
<http://nsbom.org/LicensingPublic/licensurecompact.jsp>;

To apply for an interstate medical license (DOs only), go to:
<http://www.imlcc.org/>

Closing your practice?

The statute requires practitioners to notify the Board in writing **30 days** before closing your practice. See **NRS 633.291**; **NAC 633.260(1)(2)** for full details.

Notify patients:

Per **NRS 633.511(1)(n)**, it is best practices to give similar adequate notice to patients when closing or changing your practice.

2021 BOARD MEETINGS

- January 12
- February 09
- March 09
- April 13
- May 11
- June 08
- August 10
- September 14
- October 12
- November 09
- December 14

Until further notice, due to the COVID-19 emergency, all meetings will be held telephonically at **5:30 p.m.** Otherwise, meetings are typically held at the board office.

Licensing Applications

June-December 2020

- DO - 97
- PA - 24
- Residents – 142
- Other Special - 0
- Compact (IMLC) 30
- Members & 7 SPL

Total licensees - 2183

Enforcement Stats: July-Dec 2020

- Complaints Reviewed/Investigated
26
- Settlement/Remediation Agreements
1
- Complaints resulting in a Letter of Caution
4
- Complaints Authorized for Closure
51
- Fulfilled (Completed) Agreements
0

Complaint Types*: July-Dec 2020

- Medical Malpractice – 5
- Prescribing – 0
- Standard of Care – 11
- Unprofessional Conduct General – 9
 - Medical Records – 0
 - Death Certificate Signing – 0
 - Terminating a patient - 0
- Non – Reporting – 1
- Other – 0

*Some types of complaints overlap

BOARD LICENSE/RENEWAL FEES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020

INITIAL LICENSE FEE: DO-\$500*; PA-\$300*

MILITARY DISCOUNT: 50%- DO-\$250; PA-\$150 (INCLUDES SPOUSES)

RENEWAL FEE: DO-\$350; PA-\$150

ACTIVE MILITARY RENEWAL FEE: \$0 (NO COST)

*Fingerprint/background fees are an additional \$50.

GOAL: TRY TO RENEW YOUR LICENSE BY NOVEMBER 30 EVERY YEAR TO ENSURE TIMELY VERIFICATION OF YOUR LICENSE RENEWAL WITH YOUR JOB.*Statute requires all DO and PA licensees to renew licenses by December 31 annually.*

CME Requirements Refresher (DO and PA)

Required Annual Credits

DO:

- Ten (10) AOA 1A or AMA credits **which includes two (2) credits in abuse of controlled substances, opioid prescribing or addiction**
- Suicide Prevention: DOs must obtain two (2) credits in suicide prevention within two (2) years of being licensed, and repeat every four (4) years.
- Even years: two (2) credits of one of the following: ethics, pain management, or addiction medicine.
- **Preceptorship credits may be applied to the required 35 annual CME credits.**

PA: Included in the completion of **20 hours** (credits) of annual continuing medical education completion of at least **two (2) hours** (credits) which must relate to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction.

NOTE: The COVID-19 emergency does NOT exempt the annual CME requirements. All credits may be earned via online courses. Several sources are available on the Board website.

CDC Guidelines on Covid-19 Vaccinations

General Vaccine Administration

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>

Training and Education

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/training.html>

Participating in the CDC Vaccination Program

COVID-19 vaccination providers participating in the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program are required to sign a CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement. Providers are responsible for adhering to all requirements outlined in the agreement.

For further information on participating in the CDC Vaccination Program go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/vaccination-provider-support.html>

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS: NOTE: ALL physician assistants **MUST** be supervised IN PERSON for the **first 30 days** of working with every new doctor of osteopath who they have a cooperating agreement with. The statute, NRS 633.469(3) states: *A supervising osteopathic physician shall provide supervision to his or her physician assistant in person at all times during the first 30 days that the supervising osteopathic physician supervises the physician assistant. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a federally qualified health center.* Regulation NAC 633.289(3)(a) states: *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.469, shall provide supervision in person at least once each month to the physician assistant.*

VETERANS SERVICES

Recent legislation (AB 300) provides for the outreach, education and expansion of information to veterans for service-connected disabilities and diseases, along with providing a statewide information and referral information system to the public.

The information below is also available on the title page of the Board's web site under "Veterans Services."

Understanding Presumptive Conditions:

<http://nsbom.org/LicensingPublic/docs/Presumptive%20Conditions%20-%20Veterans%20Services.pdf>

Types of Presumptive Conditions and Resources:

<http://nsbom.org/LicensingPublic/docs/Types%20of%20Presumptive%20Conditions.pdf>

Reporting Disciplinary/Malpractice Actions

Please Note: NRS 633.527 states all licensees are **required** to report **all actions within 45 days** of the action in which they are named. This includes disciplinary, malpractice, fulfillment and removal. The National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) reports to the Board all disciplinary, malpractice and positive settlement fulfillments and disciplinary action removals. Malpractice settlements involving minors (under 18 years old), must be approved by the courts. However, note the NPDB may receive settlement notification by an insurance carrier prior to court approval, starting the reporting timeline in our statute. Please communicate with your insurance company to comply with the reporting timeline.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIBING REQUIREMENTS AB 474 AND REVISION (AB 239)

- **AB 239 Revises AB 474 (2019):**
http://nsbom.org/LicensingPublic/docs/AB239_EN.pdf
- **AB 474 Webinar Recording for 12/18/17:**
[http://www.nsbom.org/LicensingPublic/docs/WEBINARAB474\(121817\).mp4](http://www.nsbom.org/LicensingPublic/docs/WEBINARAB474(121817).mp4)
- **Link to AB 474 law on BOM website at:** <http://nsbom.org>
- **Nevada State Medical Association:** www.nvdoctors.org
- **Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health web page, info on AB 474 and Requirement for Reporting an Overdose:**
http://dph.nv.gov/Resources/opioids/Prescription_Drug_Abuse_Prevention/

OCCUPATIONAL RESOURCES

Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association (NOMA)

2255 Springdale Court, Reno, NV 89523

(702) 434-7112

www.nevadaosteopathic.org

Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)

www.fsmb.org

NEW! Opioid and Pain Management Resource Web Page

<http://www.fsmb.org/opioids/>

American Osteopathic Association

<https://www.osteopathic.org/Pages/default.aspx>

DO YOU HAVE NEWSLETTER TOPIC SUGGESTIONS?

Please email Sandy Reed at: sreed@bom.nv.gov

PLEASE NOTE: The contents of this newsletter constitute official notice from the Board to its licensees. All licensees are responsible to read and understand the contents of this newsletter.