



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (NSBME) is a Title 54 licensing board, consisting of nine members appointed by the Governor. Six members are physicians licensed in this State, and the remaining three members are public members. The NSBME was created on March 15, 1899 and is the oldest licensing board in the State. The NSBME is governed by the Nevada Medical Practice Act, which is codified in NRS and NAC Chapters 630. The Board has two Investigative Committees. Each Committee is comprised of two physician Board members and one public Board member. The NSBME also has a Physician Assistant Advisory Committee created by NAC 630.415, a Practitioners of Respiratory Care Advisory Committee created by NAC 630.560, and a Perfusionists Advisory Committee created by NAC 630.790. The NSBME's main office in Reno houses thirty-five employees, and it also has an office with six employees in Las Vegas.

Mission Statement: The NSBME protects the public and serves the State of Nevada by ensuring that only well-qualified, competent physicians, physician assistants, practitioners of respiratory care and perfusionists receive licenses to practice in Nevada. The Board responds with expediency to complaints against our licensees by conducting fair, complete investigations that result in appropriate action. In all Board activities, the Board shall place the interests of the public before the interests of the medical profession and encourage public input and involvement to help educate the public as we improve the quality of medical practice in Nevada.

LICENSING INFORMATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSEES (INCLUDING ACTIVE AND INACTIVE)		NUMBER OF LICENSES ISSUED IN 2020		NUMBER OF NEW LICENSES ISSUED IN 2021	
Medical Doctors	10,767	Medical Doctors	1,175	Medical Doctors	1,159
Physician Assistant	1,348	Physician Assistant	162	Physician Assistant	163
Practitioners of Respiratory Care	1,759	Practitioners of Respiratory Care	133	Practitioners of Respiratory Care	159
Perfusionists	71	Perfusionists	7	Perfusionists	14
Residency Training Licenses	491	Residency Training Licenses	171	Residency Training Licenses	180
TOTAL LICENSEES	14,436	TOTAL NEW LICENSEES	1,648	TOTAL NEW LICENSEES	1,675

DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR 2021

NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS OPENED		NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS CLOSED		MOST FREQUENT COMPLAINTS	
TOTAL OPENED	1,015	Closed*	725	Standard of Care; Prescribing; Demeanor; Records: Delay in Providing; Records: Not Timely, Legible, Accurate or Complete.	
		Disciplinary Action	46		
		TOTAL CLOSED	771		
		*Includes complaints closed with NRS 630.299 letters, fitness examinations conducted pursuant to NRS 630.318 that did not result in discipline, or complaints closed to diversion programs for substance abuse pursuant to NRS 622.330.			

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NEW LICENSING SOFTWARE	OUTREACH AND EDUCATION	INCREASED STAFFING
The NSBME has recently transitioned to new licensing software that allows applicants to apply for licensure online and creates a portal for licensees to use to update information and renew online.	The NSBME provides outreach to various stakeholders statewide each year regarding Board operations. Website regarding prescription drug abuse created and maintained: www.knowyourpainmeds.org .	Since the beginning of 2020, the Board has hired seven new full-time staff members to support the Board's operations. The Board is currently hiring one position which will bring the total new full-time staff member count to eight.