



## Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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Dear Mr. Malkiewich:

Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 622.100, enclosed are press releases of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners with respect to action taken regarding licensees and applicants for licensure before the Board for the calendar quarter July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007. These press releases are available on the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners Website: [www.medboard.nv.gov](http://www.medboard.nv.gov). The press releases summarize the actions taken.

Should you have any questions with respect to these matters, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Drennan A. Clark".

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***Press Release August 23, 2007***

### ***NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS SUMMARILY SUSPENDS LICENSE OF A PHYSICIAN AT EMERGENCY MEETING***

At an emergency Board meeting on August 22, 2007, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners summarily suspended the medical license of Las Vegas physician, Sidney Thomas Van Assche, M.D.

A complaint was filed against Dr. Van Assche, charging him with one violation of NRS 630.3065, for willful failure to obey an order of an Investigative Committee of the Board, one violation of NRS 630.301(4), for committing malpractice by practicing medicine while under the influence of a controlled substance or substances, and one violation of NRS 630.306(1), for inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety because of the use of drugs, narcotics or any other substance.

The Board found that the continued practice of medicine by Dr. Van Assche in Nevada during the pendency of time necessary for a hearing on this complaint would endanger the health, safety and welfare of his patients.

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# *Press Release – September 18, 2007*

### **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST FIVE PHYSICIANS**

*At its quarterly meeting on September 14, 2007, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners took disciplinary action against the following licensed medical doctors:*

#### **James L. Allen, M.D.**

Upon a review of the records and transcript of the hearing held on July 17, 2007, the Board found James L. Allen, M.D. guilty of the allegations contained in the complaint against him. Dr. Allen had pled guilty to, and had been convicted of, knowingly possessing child pornography that had been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce, an offense which constitutes moral turpitude, a violation of NRS 630.301(11)(g). The Board revoked Dr. Allen's license to practice medicine in Nevada and ordered that he be prohibited from reapplying for licensure for three years, pursuant to NAC 630.050(4). Dr. Allen was also ordered to reimburse the Board's costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case against him.

#### **Kurt Andre Buzard, M.D.**

The Board accepted and approved a stipulation for settlement of its complaint against Kurt Andre Buzard, M.D. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Buzard will abide by all statutory requirements pertaining to inactive license status, which does not permit the practice of medicine, including, but not limited to, the writing of prescriptions in Nevada. Dr. Buzard will reimburse the Board's costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case against him, payable within 60 days of the date of the Board's acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement. The Board will dismiss the formal complaint against Dr. Buzard without prejudice. Should Dr. Buzard apply for an active status license in the future, the formal complaint may be reopened at the discretion of the Investigative Committee.

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**David Glenn Evans, M.D.**

The Board found David Glenn Evans guilty of the allegations contained in the amended complaint against him; i.e., conviction of a felony related to the practice of medicine or the ability to practice medicine, in that he is a convicted sex offender, a violation of NRS 630.301(1), and conviction of two counts of felony sexual assault against minors under the age of 14, a violation of NRS 630.301(11). The Board revoked Dr. Evans' license to practice medicine in Nevada.

**Dennis Glenn Hooper, M.D.**

The Board accepted and approved a stipulation for settlement of its complaint against Dennis Glenn Hooper, M.D. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Board entered an order finding that Dr. Hooper's California license to practice had been revoked (with a stay), a violation of NRS 630.301(3), and that he failed to report, within 30 days, the revocation (and stay) of his California license to practice medicine, a violation of NRS 630.306(11). The Board ordered that Dr. Hooper's license to practice medicine in Nevada be revoked, with the revocation stayed, until January 10, 2011, provided he remain in full compliance with the terms and conditions of probation placed upon him by the Board.

**Frank Shallenberger, M.D.**

The Board accepted and approved a stipulation for settlement of its complaint against Frank Shallenberger, M.D. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Board entered an order finding that Dr. Shallenberger's allopathic care and associated medical record keeping of the patient that was the subject of the original complaint filed against him were inconsistent with the appropriate standard of care that should have been applied based upon the circumstances, and were therefore tantamount to a violation of NRS 630.301(4). The Board ordered that Dr. Shallenberger receive a public reprimand, that he be fined \$5,000; that he complete 16 hours of continuing medical education on the subject of cancer screening and diagnosis, to be pre-approved by the Board's Investigative Committee, to be completed within 1 year of the Board's acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement, and to be in addition to any other continuing medical education required as a condition of licensure; and that he reimburse the Board's costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case against him, payable within 60 days of the date of the Board's acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement.

Disciplinary action against these physicians is reported to all other states in which they may be licensed and to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States.

***At its quarterly meeting on September 14, 2007, the Board ratified licensure of 243 physicians, 14 physician assistants and 42 practitioners of respiratory care, and requested personal appearances of 10 applicants for licensure – 9 physicians and 1 physician assistant.***

Of the nine physician applicants who were requested to personally appear, the Board granted licenses to eight; six with no conditions or restrictions, one subject to passing a peer review, and one was granted a limited license for medical residency training subject to conditions. Consideration of the application of the remaining physician applicant was tabled pending receipt of additional information from the applicant. The physician assistant was granted a license subject to conditions.

From January 1 to September 17, 2007, the Board licensed 445 new physicians administratively, that is, applicants who met all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for licensure. This includes 22 physicians who were issued special purpose licenses, 98 who were issued limited licenses as medical residents, and 5 who were issued restricted licenses (but does not include the applicants who appeared before the Board at the September meeting).