

Year in Review

A look back at data from 2008

In this issue, the *Forum* introduces a new annual feature, the “Year in Review”. This collection of tables and charts provides a snapshot of certain aspects of the Board’s work during 2008, particularly licensing, complaints and disciplinary activities. You’ll find general demographic information about the Board’s physician licensees, facts about the volume of complaints and malpractice payment reports received and details on how some of those cases were resolved. The total number of complaints and malpractice reports does not correspond exactly with the total number of case resolutions because not every case is resolved the same year it is reported. Finally, we have included a summary of public actions (including all public disciplinary actions) taken in 2008. All data is as of December 31, 2008.

An expanded version of the “Year in Review” will soon be available on the Board’s redesigned Web site, which is launching publicly in late May. The content published below, as well as additional charts and tables not included in this report, will be available to licensees and to the public in the new Web site’s “Data Center” section. •

PUBLIC BOARD ACTIONS | 2008

Comparative Data for 2007 in *italics*

Prejudicial Actions*

License Denied:

14 Actions (11 Physicians, 2 PAS, 1 CCP)
[2007: 6 Actions (4 Physicians)]

Annulments:

1 Action (1 Physician)
[2007: NONE]

Revocations:

7 Actions (7 physicians)
[2007: 9 Actions (7 physicians, 1 PA, 1 NPs)]

Suspensions:

44 Actions (29 physicians, 14 PAS, 1 NP)
[2007: 55 Actions (41 Physicians, 10 PAS, 2NPs)]

Summary Suspensions:

3 Actions (3 Physicians)
[2007: 4 Actions (2 physicians, 2 PAS)]

Miscellaneous Actions:

5 Actions (4 Physicians)
[2007: 2 Actions (2 Physicians)]

Denials of Reconsiderations/Modification:

NONE
[2007: NONE]

Surrenders:

19 Actions (14 Physicians, 5 PAS)
[2007: 34 Actions (28 Physicians, 6 PAS)]

Public Letters of Concern:

41 Actions (34 Physicians, 4 PAS, 3 NPs)
[2007: 46 Actions (43 Physicians, 2 PAS, 1 NP)]

TOTAL NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS BY COUNTY | 2008

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Alamance	222	Clay	7	Harnett	62	Nash	171	Stokes	19
Alexander	14	Cleveland	171	Haywood	99	New Hanover	666	Surry	113
Alleghany	12	Columbus	58	Henderson	232	Northampton	4	Swain	24
Anson	14	Craven	206	Hertford	39	Onslow	185	Transylvania	63
Ashe	26	Cumberland	644	Hoke	14	Orange	1402	Tyrrell	1
Avery	19	Currituck	8	Hyde	1	Pamlico	7	Union	149
Beaufort	68	Dare	53	Iredell	296	Pasquotank	90	Vance	54
Bertie	10	Davidson	136	Jackson	90	Pender	26	Wake	2108
Bladen	20	Davie	30	Johnston	125	Perquimans	3	Warren	6
Brunswick	110	Duplin	24	Jones	22	Person	33	Washington	17
Buncombe	956	Durham	1936	Lee	84	Pitt	713	Watauga	125
Burke	181	Edgecombe	46	Lenoir	102	Polk	31	Wayne	195
Cabarrus	398	Forsyth	1649	Lincoln	62	Randolph	135	Wilkes	72
Caldwell	77	Franklin	25	Macon	68	Richmond	59	Wilson	103
Camden	1	Gaston	363	Madison	17	Robeson	125	Yadkin	21
Carteret	100	Gates	1	Martin	16	Rockingham	99	Yancey	19
Caswell	11	Graham	6	McDowell	30	Rowan	239	In State	21,008
Catawba	371	Granville	85	Mecklenburg	2491	Rutherford	84	Out State	9,370
Chatham	84	Greene	7	Mitchell	32	Sampson	52	Grand Total	30,378
Cherokee	38	Guilford	1165	Montgomery	27	Scotland	60		
Chowan	30	Halifax	77	Moore	291	Stanly	76		

PHYSICIAN LICENSES ISSUED | 2008 10 MOST POPULAR SPECIALTIES | 2008

Among new MD/DO licensees* Among all MD/DO licensees*

Temporary/Date Licenses Issued:
 (4 Via a Consent Order): 8 Actions (5 Physicians, 2 PAs)
 [2007: 11 Physicians (11 Physicians, 3 PAs)]

Temporary/Dated Licenses expire:
 NONE
 [2007: None]

Consent Orders:
 106 Actions [6 Mod., 9 Non Disciplinary]
 (84 Physicians, 17 PAs and 1 NP)
 [2007: 122 Actions [6 mod, 7 N-D]
 (97 Physicians, 18 PAs, 4 NPs)]

TOTALS: 247 prejudicial actions in 2008
 184 persons (152 Physicians; 27 PAs; 4 NPs; 1 CCP)
 292 prejudicial actions in 2007
 208 persons (174 Physicians; 27 PAs; 7 NPs)

Non-Prejudicial Actions

Dismissals:
 5 Actions (5 Physicians)
 [2007: 4 Actions (4 Physicians)]

Temporary/Dated Licenses Extended:
 21 Actions (10 Physicians, 4 PA)
 [2007: 19 Actions (16 Physicians)]

Temporary Licenses to Full and Unrestricted:
 9 Actions (9 Physicians)
 [2007: 10 Actions (6 Physicians, 4 PAs)]

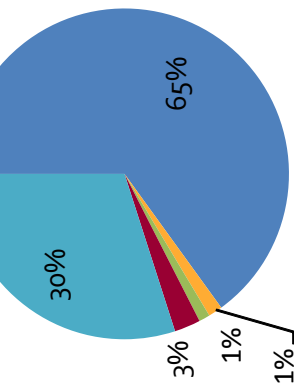
Consent Orders Lifted:
 23 Actions (18 Physicians, 3 PAs, 2 NPs)
 [2007: 24 Actions (18 Physicians, 6 PAs)]

Reentry Agreements:
 15 Actions (9 Physicians, 5 PAs, 1 CCP)
 [2007: 25 Actions (15 Physicians, 10 PAs)]

TOTALS: 73 non-prejudicial actions in 2008
 60 persons (45 Physicians; 12 PAs; 2 NP; 1 CCP)
 82 non-prejudicial actions in 2007
 67 persons (51 Physicians; 16 PAs; 0 NP)]

*Prejudicial Action: A "prejudicial action" is disciplinary in nature and reflects a violation of the Medical Practice Act by the practitioner.

**Non-Prejudicial Action: A "non-prejudicial action" reflects either the Board's determination of satisfactory performance by the practitioner following a previous disciplinary action or the dropping of charges.

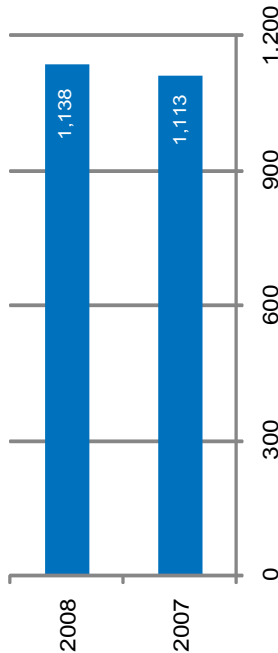


- Full license - 1877
- Limited license - 40
- Reactivations - 31
- Reinstatements - 74
- Resident Training License - 864

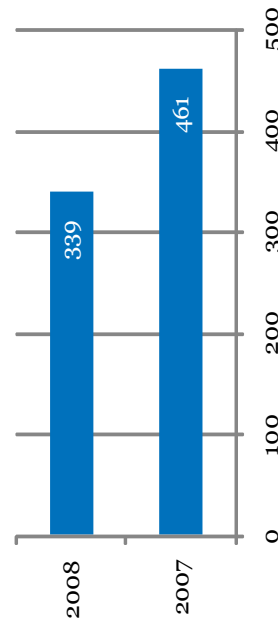
Primary Specialty	Total	Primary Specialty	Total
Internal Medicine	428	Internal Medicine	4,108
Pediatrics	160	Family Practice	2,825
Family Practice	124	Pediatrics	2,042
Emergency Medicine	119	Emergency Medicine	1,588
Anesthesiology	97	Psychiatry	1,569
Obstetrics and Gynecology	96	Anesthesiology	1,563
Diagnostic Radiology	95	Obstetrics and Gynecology	1,363
Radiology	88	Diagnostic Radiology	1,132
Family Medicine	86	General Surgery	995
General Surgery	74	Radiology	986
Grand Total	1367	Grand Total	18171

*Licensees are not required to report a specialty

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED | 2007-2008



MALPRACTICE PAYMENT REPORTED | 2007-2008



CASES RESOLVED WITH NON-PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTION | 2008

Case Resolution	Total
Accept as Information (No formal action taken)	644
Private Letter of Concern	354
Interim Letter of Concern/Follow-up Private Letter of Concern	33
Informal Interview	32
Issue a Notice of Charges and Allegations	30
Miscellaneous (i.e. order CME, Communications training, etc)	21
Cease and Desist Letter	18

Cases resolved with public disciplinary action are reported in the table to the left (Summary of the 2008 Board Action Report). A more detailed report can be found at www.nemedboard.org.

LICENSEES BY GENDER | 2008

