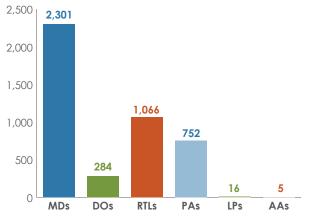
# **Year in Review:** A look back at data from 2017

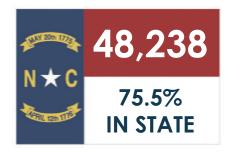
Data reflect information for the calendar year beginning Jan. 1, 2017 and ending Dec. 31, 2017

ABBREVIATIONS: MD: Allopathic Physician, DO: Osteopathic Physician, RTL: Resident Training License, PA: Physician Assistants, CPP: Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner, LP: Licensed Perfusionist, AA: Anesthesiology Assistant

# **TOTAL LICENSES ISSUED IN 2017** 2.301

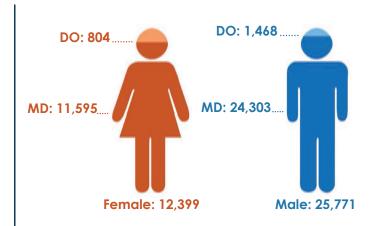


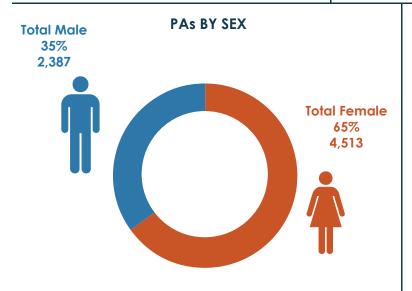
#### TOTAL LICENSEE POPULATION



MD: 35,898 | PA: 6,900 | RTL: 2,972 DO: 2,272 | LP: 155 | AA: 41

### PHYSICIANS BY SEX





## **TOP CASES OPENED** BY PRIMARY ALLEGATION

Quality of care: 615

Communication issues: 423

> Out of state action: 362

Prescribina issues: 180

Medical records/ alleged HIPAA violation: 118

### **ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY IN 2017**



2.372 cases opened



2,391 cases closed



95

average # days to close a case

## **ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES BY TYPE**



320

private letters



156

public actions, adverse



25 public actions, non-adverse

## **TOP CAUSES OF PUBLIC ACTION in 2017**



59 Quality of care



56 Issues with prescribing



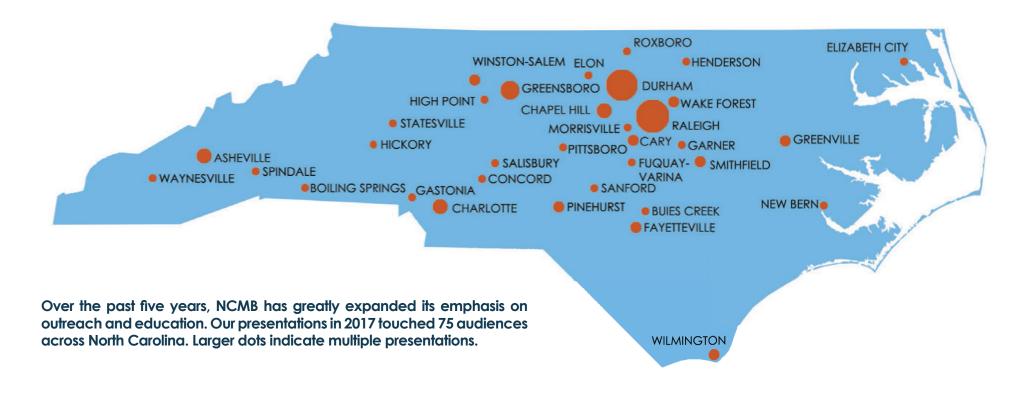
34 Alcohol/ substance use



25 Action by out of state medical authority



13 Sexual misconduct/ boundary



#### PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH

NCMB presented to 50 professional audiences - nearly one per week - during 2017.

The Board's professional outreach program aims to get accurate information about NCMB's policies and expectations for conduct to licensed medical professionals and stakeholders in medicine.

Audiences include medical schools, PA programs, residency programs, private medical practices, hospitals and health systems, and other professional meetings and conferences. Request a speaker for your practice or meeting by emailing <code>jean.brinkley@ncmedboard.org</code>.

#### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

NCMB presented to 17 public audiences in 2017.

In recent years, NCMB has expanded its outreach and education efforts to include more public audiences. This program seeks to raise public awareness of the Board's mission and responsibilities, as well as resources and services available to the public.

Public audiences include civic and community groups, including senior centers, patient support groups, clubs, business networking groups and local government meetings, which provide NCMB the opportunity to engage with staff who interact with patients and members of the public.

## **OPIOID PRESCRIBING CME**

NCMB co-sponsored eight opioid prescribing CME panel sessions in 2017.

In 2017, NCMB launched a collaborative initiative with Wake AHEC to provide opioid prescribing CME to controlled substances prescribers. This project resulted in a statewide training series, providing two hours of CME credit per session.

In combination with a one-hour opioid prescribing webinar also produced through this project, attending a panel session provided sufficient training hours to satisfy NCMB's CME requirement for controlled substances prescribers.