

Getting to know your NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

Protecting the Public, Strengthening the Profession

What is the
Medical Board?

What does the
Medical Board do?

Established April 15, 1859, the NC Medical Board regulates the practice of medicine and surgery for the benefit and protection of the people of North Carolina. It is one of the oldest medical regulatory boards in the country.

Fast Facts about the NC Medical Board

- The Board issues licenses to physicians, physician assistants and certain other medical professionals. It also investigates allegations of incompetence and other misconduct and, where appropriate, takes remedial or disciplinary action.
- The Board currently licenses nearly 60,000 physicians and physician assistants.
- The Board consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor, including eight physician members, one physician assistant, one nurse practitioner and three members representing the general public.
- The Medical Board is a public agency that serves the people of North Carolina. The Board's entire operating budget comes from fees paid by its licensees.
- The full Board meets every other month during the odd numbered months (January, March, May, July, September and November). Disciplinary hearings are held during the even-numbered months, as needed.
- Board meetings are scheduled over two or three days, typically in the third week of the month.
- Board meetings and disciplinary hearings are open to the public, though certain committee meetings and other types of proceedings are conducted in closed session.
- Consumers may look up physicians, physician assistants and other medical professionals at www.ncmedboard.org. The "Look Up a Doctor or PA" tool allows patients to find information about education, training, licensure history and disciplinary record, if any.
- Consumers who have had problems with a licensee may file a complaint with the Board. The Board reviews complaints about individual practitioners, not about hospitals, clinics or other health care institutions.
- Information about the Board and its work, and other consumer resources can be found on the Board's website. Simply visit www.ncmedboard.org



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