

NSBOM NEWSLETTER

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Who reads the statutes?

The Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, in this current fiscal year, has received approximately one hundred applicants for licensure. Of those one hundred, we have licensed approximately seventy percent of the applicants while the other approximate thirty percent remain pending. The NSBOM "Active Licensee List" that is purchased from the office for a fee of seventy-five dollars currently boasts about 900 osteopathic physicians licensed in Nevada. What is the point to these statistics? Ideally, all of these licensees are informed enough

to know that as a licensee, Nevada Revised Statute 633 Osteopathic Medicine is a handbook of sorts, a guide, for their practice of medicine as it relates to the public and to the Board. In relating to the statutes as such, it's good to be familiar with Nevada Administrative Code 633 as well. Why? Some of the most common violations of law can easily take place due to ignorance. As a licensee, were you aware that any malpractice action or claim filed against you must be reported to the Board not later than forty-five days from the service of a summons?

Failure to do so may result in a fine of up to five thousand dollars. The same fine is assessed for an osteopathic physician's failure to report the closure of a malpractice claim not later than forty-five days from the date of closure. Closure of a malpractice claim includes any settlement, judgment, award, or other disposition of any action or claim. Please refer to NRS 633.527 in its entirety for certain information that an osteopathic physician is required to report. It is a D.O.'s responsibility to be familiar with the statutes in order to avoid any penalties.

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Meet the NSBOM Office

Phone calls a fielding, applications a processing, legislative meetings a visiting...these are the workers of the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic

Medicine's office;

Barbara Longo,

Deputy Executive Director

Ms. Longo has been with the Board since September 2008. Prior to her relocation to Las Vegas, she lived in San Diego where, for the past ten years, she worked as Director of Operations for an orthopedic implant distribution company.

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NAC 633.260 Each person who holds a license to practice osteopathic medicine in this State shall file with the Board his proper and current mailing address and report immediately to the Board any change of address, giving both his old and his new address. If your address changes, please complete an address change form found on our website at www.bom.nv.gov and mail or fax it in to us.

And Then There Was 2010

Next renewal season brings some changes to the renewal process for our licensees. License renewals will be going up to \$500.00 per year effective this renewal. The online renewal form is updated to have more questions to respond to regarding any report of a malpractice claim or closure. If you choose to renew manually for 2010, these questions will be asked in a separate downloadable form. If we are mailing you your application and you have malpractice information to report, please be sure to request the malpractice form also be mailed to you. Similar to the 2009 conscious sedation survey form that was submitted as applicable, a renewal

application for 2010 that has reported a malpractice claim or closure will not be processed unless or until the additional malpractice form has been completed and attached. The ONE time only reminder for the 2010 renewal will be mailed out mid-September. Along with the reminder, 33% of all applicants will be randomly selected for the audit and must submit proof of CME to our office via mail, fax or e-mail. The CME requirement remains at 35 credits with 10 of the credits being AOA or ACCME approved for osteopathic physicians. Physicians' assistants must provide proof of 20 CME credits.

Ms. Longo has approximately 25 years experience in the medical arena working with D.O.s and M.D.s across the nation. As the Deputy Executive Director, Ms. Longo is the interface between the Board and the public, as well as our liaison regarding legislative and Attorney General matters of the Board.

Tammy Sine, Licensing Specialist

Mrs. Sine joined the staff in November of 2007. She doubles as the office bookkeeper, taking care of accounts payable and receivable. Mrs. Sine has over 25 years of experience in medical billing, coding, and transcription, as well as an accounting background. Her licensing duties include processing every application that is submitted to the Board office and maintaining each applicant's file for presentation to the Board members for consideration once complete. She maintains all current licensee files as well, bringing considerable organization and structure

to the upkeep of our licensing information online and in office.

Tacy Woodhams, Enforcement Specialist

Ms. Woodhams also joined the staff in November of 2007. Ms. Woodhams provides assistance to the executive office and to the investigative Board members in the area of complaints, claims, investigations, and disciplinary actions. Ms. Woodhams will be away from the office beginning mid-June for training in the Army National Guard, and will be returning to the office in December.

Lori Belden, Enforcement Specialist

Ms. Belden is a certified paralegal who joined us in October of last year in anticipation of Ms. Woodhams military leave of absence, but she has also joined us for the long run providing permanent needed administrative assistance to the Board office in the capacity of the enforcement duties.

GOOD LUCK

Tacy Woodhams will be on military leave for approximately six months. She has joined the Army National Guard. All of us here at NSBOM wish her all the best!

Do you supervise a PA-C or an APN?

- All physician assistants and their supervising physicians **MUST** sign a supervising agreement form and mail it into the Board office.
- It is **IMPERATIVE** that a collaborating agreement form be completed and sent into us for all APNs.
- Physicians will be required to sign a letter stating they are compliant with NRS 633.469 regarding requirements of supervision.
- A supervising physician may not supervise more than a total of three physician assistants and advanced practitioners of nursing.

IMPORTANT: Please refer to AdoptedR192-07 for newly adopted regulations regarding physicians' assistants-- located on our website under "Laws and Regulations"

HAVE YOU HEARD?

NRS 633.469 Supervising osteopathic physicians: Requirements of supervision. [Effective January 1, 2008.]

1. A supervising osteopathic physician shall provide supervision to his physician assistant continuously whenever the physician assistant is performing his professional duties.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a supervising osteopathic physician may provide supervision to his physician assistant in person or by telecommunication. When providing supervision by telecommunication, a supervising osteopathic physician may be at a different site than the physician assistant.

3. A supervising osteopathic physician shall provide supervision to his physician assistant in person at all times during the first 30 days that the supervising osteopathic physician supervises the physician assistant. After the first 30 days, the supervising osteopathic physician shall not regularly maintain the physician assistant at a different site than the supervising osteopathic physician. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a federally qualified health center.

4. Before beginning to supervise a physician assistant, a supervising osteopathic physician must communicate to the physician assistant:

- (a) The scope of practice of the physician assistant;
- (b) The access to the supervising osteopathic physician that the physician assistant will have; and
- (c) Any processes for evaluation that the supervising osteopathic physician will use to evaluate the physician assistant.

5. A supervising osteopathic physician shall not delegate to his physician assistant, and his physician assistant shall not accept, a task that is beyond the physician assistant's capability to complete safely.

6. As used in this section, "federally qualified health center" has the meaning ascribed to it in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(1)(2)(B).

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