



MONTANA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BOARD STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2014:

License Type	Applications Received	Licenses Issued*
Acupuncturist	1	1
ECP (All Levels)	117	92
Nutritionist	4	7
Physician	105	83
Physician Assistant	19	20
Podiatrist	0	0
Resident Physician	4	4
Telemedicine Practitioner	1	3

*Not necessarily from applications received during same time period.

ACTIONS FROM THE BOARD'S NOVEMBER 21, 2014 MEETING:

- The Board proposed additional amendments to its upcoming administrative rules package that would:
 - *Add a section to the ECP rule on Scope of Practice that would allow licensed ECPs from other states to enter Montana under certain circumstances.
 - *Further clarify the rule on Acupuncturist continuing education to show clearly that 30 hours must be earned in each 2-year licensing period.
 A formal Notice of Proposal will be posted on the Board's website.
- The Board created working groups to gather and share information in two policy areas: potential regulation of the practice of telemedicine and the Board's proposal to make ECP licensees eligible to participate in the Montana Health Corps.
- The Board approved an amendment to the ECP Statewide Protocols on Chest Pain and approved an exemption to the Statewide Protocols regarding Hydroflouric Acid Exposure.
- The Board elected new officers for 2015: President--Dr. Bruce Hayward; Vice-President--Dr. Nathan Thomas; Secretary--Dr. James Feist.
- The Board appointed Dr. Eric Lowe to the Medical Direction Committee.
- The Board asked that the Department of Public Health and Human Services be contacted regarding adding tattoo removal to existing DPHHS statutes and/or rules governing tattooing.
- The Board made the following decisions on license applications:
 - *Granted: 2 Physicians
 - *The Board approved a 4-month temporary license to a Physician applicant, to be issued once the applicant completes a re-entry program.

The Board's next meeting will be Friday, January 16, 2015 at 301 S. Park Ave. in Helena. Information and agendas for Board meetings are at: www.medicalboard.mt.gov

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