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## From the Executive Director

Welcome to the Agency's newsletter. We anticipate publishing quarterly to bring only the most important news and information that osteopathic physicians need to practice in Arizona. You will find the latest details in state legislation related to your practice (the Agency neither lobbies nor legislates, it does respond to requests for information from the Legislature), and updated information related to your osteopathic license and how the board regulates the practice of medicine in Arizona.

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## Recent Bills in the Arizona State Legislature

The 57th legislative session (First Regular Session) began in January. Here are a *few* of the bills the Agency is tracking through the legislative session. **Full details on all bills can be found at [azleg.gov](http://azleg.gov).**

**HB2025 medical assistants; scope of practice** - would allow unlicensed medical assistants to place and remove urinary catheters after appropriate training and under general supervision of a licensed physician, physician assistant or registered nurse.

**SB1235 health profession regulatory boards; membership** - specifically decreases, from five to three, the number of licensed DOs on the Board. Increases, from two to four, the number of public members on the Board.

**HB 2314 continuation; board of osteopathic examiners** - The Board would be continued for six years, until July 1, 2031.

**SB 1072 medical boards; complaints; time limit** - Would require the Board to take final action on a complaint unrelated to protecting the public health and safety within one year of receiving the complaint.

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## Featured articles

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### Remember to query the PMP!

The Arizona Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP), housed in the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy, collects data on all controlled substance prescriptions in Arizona (schedules II-V).

Use of the PMP is compulsory and failure to query the PMP prior to prescribing or failing to recognize anomalies in patient use of Schedule II through V controlled substances may result in discipline from the Board.

The information provided by the PMP assists healthcare providers in making better-informed care decisions when treating patients. The PMP also helps prevent the diversion and misuse of controlled substances at the provider, pharmacy, and patient levels. For more information about the PMP, click [here](#).

### Regulation - What's the Board Seeing?

The Board's mission is to protect the public by setting educational and training standards for licensure, and by reviewing complaints made against osteopathic physicians, interns and residents to ensure that their conduct meets the standards of the profession, as defined in law. *The Board strives to educate and rehabilitate, and not to be punitive.* Most recently the Board has noticed a rise in the following issues:

- appropriate record keeping,
- improper prescribing,
- criminal conduct,
- sexual misconduct,
- inappropriate direction or supervision,
- substance abuse,
- failing to disclose to the Board.

### Outside Medical Consultants Needed!

The Board is obligated to investigate any allegation that falls within its jurisdiction and those falling within the Osteopathic Practice Act.

Consultants have an important role in the Board's investigative process.

The Board relies upon its Consultants to provide unbiased, expert opinions. Although not bound by a Consultant's review, all reviews are given consideration as part of the entire case file.

Consultants are paid per case review. After receiving a physician's response to a Consultant's report involving alleged deviations to the standard of care, you may be asked to provide a supplemental report.

We **urgently** need Consultants in the following practice areas:

- Interventional Radiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Pediatric Psychiatry
- General Psychiatry
- OB/GYN and AIDs treatment
- Shoulder specialists
- General and Plastic Surgery
- Pain Management
- Pediatrics
- Sleep Medicine

**For more information and to apply, please send an email of interest to: [omc@azdo.gov](mailto:omc@azdo.gov) or call us at 480.657.7703**

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