

DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-114 requires the Tennessee Department of Health to issue a monthly media release listing all disciplinary actions taken by the health-related boards during the prior month. Below is a list of actions taken in **July of 2024**. *Detailed information about disciplinary actions is available on our website at <https://apps.health.tn.gov/Licensure/default.aspx>. Enter the name of the person. When the license information comes up, click either "disciplinary action" or "adverse licensure action" in the right column. Abuse Registry information is available on our website at <https://apps.health.tn.gov/AbuseRegistry/default.aspx>. Facility information is available on our website at <https://apps.health.tn.gov/facilityListings/>*

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Licensee:	Barika Marise Butler-Quarles, MD, Lic. No. 62697, Grosse Pointe MI
Violation:	Unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct; Conviction of a felony, conviction of any offense under state or federal laws relative to drugs or the practice of medicine, conviction of any offense involving moral turpitude or conviction of any offense for which the person is required to register as a sexual offender or violent sexual offender pursuant to title 40, chapter 39, part 2.
Action:	Voluntary surrender license: costs not to exceed \$500.00
Licensee:	Richard S. Chang, MD, Lic. No. 42192, Franklin
Violation:	On September 20, 2023, the Maryland State Board of Physicians ("Maryland Board") issued a Consent Order ("Maryland Board") disciplining Respondent's Maryland medical license based upon Respondent's failure to adequately safeguard protected health information while practicing pre-authorization radiology. The acts for which Respondent was disciplined in Maryland would be grounds for disciplinary action in Tennessee. Disciplinary action against a person licensed to practice medicine by another state or territory of the United States for any acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for discipline of a person licensed in this state. A certified copy of the initial or final order or other equivalent document memorializing the disciplinary action from the disciplining state or territory shall constitute prima facie evidence of violation of this section and be sufficient grounds upon which to deny, restrict or condition licensure or renewal and/or discipline a person licensed in this state.
Action:	Action: Respondent's license was placed on probation to run concurrent with the probation of his Maryland license. Respondent was required to pay costs and submit written documentation reflecting termination of collaborating relationship. Disciplinary Action Taken by Another Federal, State or Local Licensing Authority
Licensee:	Milind Gadgil, MD, Lic. No. 65984, Denver
Violation:	Unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct; Disciplinary action against a person licensed to practice medicine by another state or territory of the United States for any acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for discipline of a person licensed in this state. A certified copy of the initial or final order or other equivalent document memorializing the disciplinary action from the disciplining

state or territory shall constitute prima facie evidence of violation of this section and be sufficient grounds upon which to deny, restrict or condition licensure or renewal and/or discipline a person licensed in this state; If disciplinary action is taken against a physician by a member board not in the state of principal license, any other member board may deem the action conclusive as to matter of law and fact decided, and: impose the same or lesser sanction(s) against the physician so long as such sanctions are consistent with the Medical Practice Act of that state; or pursue separate disciplinary action against the physician under its respective Medical Practice Act, regardless of the action taken in other member states.

Action: Suspend license; costs not to exceed \$5,000.00

Licensee: Christine Kasser, MD, Lic. No. 19142, Memphis

Violation: Respondent inappropriately prescribed controlled substances, including buprenorphine products, narcotics, and benzodiazepines, to patients in a manner that fell below the standard of care. Respondent also failed to comply with the terms of two (2) prior disciplinary orders of the Board which required her to pay civil penalties and costs.

Action: License surrendered, same as revocation, effective December 31, 2024. Respondent agrees not to apply for reinstatement of her license. During the interim period, Respondent shall make efforts to find accommodations for her existing patients and must provide monthly reports to the Department on her progress. Respondent shall also pay \$500 per month during the interim period toward the outstanding civil penalties and costs of her previous disciplinary orders. If Respondent fails to provide monthly updates or monthly payments as scheduled, her license will be automatically suspended until the surrender becomes effective. Respondent is also assessed the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter up to a maximum of \$1,000.

Licensee: Imran Mirza, MD, Lic. No. 35471, Memphis

Violation: Violation of statutes: Unprofessional conduct; dispensing, prescribing or otherwise distributing any controlled substance for durations not advisable for a diagnosed condition.

Violation of rules: prescribed, ordered, administered, or dispensed controlled substances without observing Board guidelines; prescribing or dispensing without completing/appropriately documenting the following: performed an appropriate history and physical examination, made a diagnosis based upon the examinations and all diagnostic and laboratory tests consistent with good medical care, and formulated a therapeutic plan, and discussed it, along with the basis for it and the risks and benefits of various treatment options.

Action: Respondent's medical license is Reprimanded; Respondent cannot prescribe opioids for six (6) months beginning August 30, 2024; Completion of course entitled Prescribing Controlled Drugs; Respondent is required to complete coursework on Medical Documentation prior to reinstating opioid prescribing privileges; and Respondent is ordered to pay one (1) type "A" civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000, and the costs of the case not to exceed \$25,000.

Licensee: Sushri Mishra, MD, Lic. No. 36632, Nashville

Violation: Respondent failed to pay the costs and civil penalties pursuant to the May 2023 Consent Order. Violation or attempted violation, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter

- or, any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto or any criminal statute of the state of Tennessee.
- Action: Respondent's license was reprimanded. Respondent was required to pay costs and a \$100 civil penalty.
- Licensee: Cara Dyan Murillo, AMDX, Lic. No. 9241, Gleason
- Violation: From November 2022 until December 2023, Respondent worked as a medical x-ray operator for fourteen (14) months with an expired certificate. The certificates and accreditations issued pursuant to this section must be renewed and may be retired and reactivated pursuant to board established procedures. A person holding a certificate issued pursuant to this section may be disciplined for the same causes and under the same procedures as contained in § 63-6-214 for the medical board; Violation or attempted violation, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter or, any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto or any criminal statute of the state of Tennessee; All certificate holders must renew their certificates to be able to legally continue in practice
- Action: Respondent's license was reprimanded, and she was required to pay costs and a \$700 civil penalty.
- Licensee: Michael Najjar, MD, Lic. No. 27354, Chattanooga
- Violation: Respondent failed to maintain medical records pursuant to Tennessee statute and the terms of the previous disciplinary order issued against his pain management clinic license.
- Action: License placed on a minimum of two (2) years of probation. During the period of probation, Respondent must complete coursework in medical documentation. Respondent is also assessed the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter up to a maximum of \$10,000.
- Licensee: Thomas Namey, MD. Lic. No. 19193, Knoxville
- Violation: Unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct; Violation or attempted violation, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter or, any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto or any criminal statute of this state.
- Action: License suspended; 7 Type C Civil penalties for a total of \$350; costs not to exceed \$3,000.00
- Licensee: April Dawn Simpson, MDXL. Lic. No. 11294, Stanton
- Violation: From September 2022 until April 2024, Respondent worked as a medical x-ray operator for twenty (20) months with an expired certificate. The certificates and accreditations issued pursuant to this section must be renewed and may be retired and reactivated pursuant to board established procedures. A person holding a certificate issued pursuant to this section may be disciplined for the same causes and under the same procedures as contained in § 63-6-214 for the medical board; Violation or attempted violation, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter or, any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto or any criminal statute of the state of Tennessee; All certificate holders must renew their certificates to be able to legally continue in practice
- Action: Respondent's license was reprimanded, and she was required to pay costs and a \$1000 civil penalty

Licensee: Donald Evans Vollmer II, MD, Lic. No. 31287, College Grove
Violation: Unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct; Operation [of a medical spa] without current registration constitutes unprofessional conduct on the part of the medical director or any supervising physician providing services, including supervision services, at such unregistered medical spa and is grounds for disciplinary action by the licensing board of such physician.
Action: License reprimanded; 76 Type C Civil penalties for a total of \$3800; costs not to exceed \$2,000.00