



ND News

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine

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You Want Answers—We'll Give You Answers!!

(Oh—Unless We Can't!)



Board staff is here to answer your questions, hear your comments and concerns. Staff primarily works remotely, the best way to reach us is to send an email.

Board staff has noticed a pattern of frequently asked questions—some we can answer and some we can't. As a reminder—the Board regulates the practice of naturopathic medicine to ensure public safety for those seeking naturopathic care in the State of Oregon. The Board can not give legal advice.

Please see the new "[Board Jurisdiction / Scope of Practice of Naturopathic Medicine](#)" link on the Board website.

The purpose of this link to provide NDs, regulators, insurance companies, members of the public etc. with answers to questions within our jurisdiction— scope of practice, delegation of authority, supervision, when licensure is required to engage in certain practice area. And jurisdiction limitations, i.e. questions we can't answer—insurance disputes, billing code questions, facility requirements, employment and independent contractor issues, business matters.

Chair's Message:



With six months left as a member and Chair, I am reflecting on what it has meant to me to be the public member of OBNM. I believe board governance is only as effective as its board members. I have been exceedingly fortunate to spend the last five and a half years with qualified and dynamic members. To ensure the sustainability and efficiency of the Board, I encourage all licensees to reach out to their personal and professional networks to help the Board recruit a public member. Public Board members are responsible for providing guidance and making key decisions and in turn are instrumental in protecting the public health and safety of all Oregonians. Additionally, I can attest that service as a public member will result in personal fulfillment and enhanced sense of purpose.



OBNM SEEKING PUBLIC BOARD MEMBER—APPLICATIONS DUE 6/28

Please help us spread the word and share with all of your networks—the Board is currently seeking applicants to fill the upcoming vacancy for a public member to serve on the Board.

- **Board Member Time Commitment:** Board members serve three year terms and may serve two terms, for a total of six years. Public members can expect a time commitment of up to 10 hours a month, in addition to attendance at each Board meeting. Board service would start in January 2024.
- **Board Member Responsibilities:**
 - Attend bi-monthly Board meetings customarily held at the Portland State Office Building, the second Monday of each even month, from approximately 930am-3pm, ([compensation for material review and meeting time along with travel reimbursement](#)).
 - Review confidential complaints and complaint investigations, including confidential and protected health information regarding members of the public to determine whether a licensee has violated an Oregon statute or rule in the course of their practice, and impose discipline.
- **Learn More About Board Service and How to Apply :** [Please visit the Governor's Executive Appointments Page](#)

REMOVAL OF X-WAIVER REQUIREMENT

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (also known as Omnibus bill), removed the federal requirement for practitioners to have an x waiver to prescribe medications, like buprenorphine, for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD).

The Act requires a one-time, eight-hour training for all Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)-registered practitioners on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.

Beginning on June 27, 2023, practitioners will be required to check a box on their online DEA registration form—regardless of whether a registrant is completing their initial registration application or renewing their registration—affirming that they have completed the new training requirement.

For more information regarding training requirements please see the [DOJ Training Letter](#)

[OAR 850-060-0223 \(d\)](#) Removed the prescribing exclusion for Buprenorphine in any formulation for diagnosis for opioid use disorder.



IS YOUR CONTACT INFO UP TO DATE?

Per **ORS 685.110(16)** Licensees are required to maintain updated contact information with the Board. Please be sure to update your mailing address, clinic address, email & fax in the [self service portal](#).

DO WE HAVE YOUR DEA DIGITS?

Licensees with a DEA number need to enter their number in the self service portal as part of their contact information.



CALLING ON LICENSEES TO SERVE!!

[PDMP Advisory Commission Subcommittee](#)

The PDMP Advisory Commission was created through statute to review PDMP information of Oregon Prescribers and determine who should receive additional education and training.

The subcommittee meets 2-4 times a year as necessary to review and update the criteria used to determine which providers should be contacted and encouraged to reassess their prescribing practice.

If you would like to learn more or participate in the subcommittee—please contact [Drew Simpson](#)—Program Coordinator, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:



The 2023 Legislation kept me and Board staff incredibly busy over the past few months. Unfortunately, due to the overwhelming number of bills introduced to the House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee, the two OBNM bills submitted did not move forward. The Board will spend the next few months reviewing the administrative rules to determine whether we can still achieve some of the objectives set forth in our legislative concepts through the rule making process. I encourage all licensees to participate in the process by monitoring the website for upcoming [Notices of Proposed Rulemaking](#), and submitting public comment to the Board. Reminder, Board meetings are open to the public and you may attend in person or remotely.

Additionally, the Oregon Health Authority [recently lifted the COVID-19 response measures](#) due to the end of the federal declaration of emergency. Please read the [OHA News Bulletin](#) for more information on how those changes affect you as a medical provider and what means for your practice.

All prescribers in the State of Oregon are required to register with PDMP



Here's How:

oregon.pmpaware.net/login

[2023 BI-MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS](#)

Board meetings are held the second Monday of even months:

JUNE 12 AUGUST 14

OCTOBER 9 DECEMBER 11