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The Oklahoma Medical Board Celebrates **100 YEARS!**



The OMB joined the presenting sponsor, *PLICO, at EXPLORE Healthcare Summit 2023 to celebrate our 100 years of serving Oklahoma citizens, medical doctors, physician assistants and many other licensed healthcare workers in Oklahoma. Over 300 physicians, advanced practice providers, hospital administrators, and practice managers joined us at EXPLORE, a conference designed to address the challenges faced by health professionals in the ever-evolving healthcare industry. Several activities were included to recognize our Centennial Celebration. Attendees learned fun facts about the OMB in the daily trivia contest. Our accomplishment was highlighted at the annual EXPLORE party, Games People Play, sponsored by the Oklahoma State Medical Association with a slide show and party giveaways. Our Board Members and guests were recognized at a special lunch complete with fireworks! Humayun "Hank" Chaudhry, DO, President and Chief Executive Office of the Federation of State Medical Boards joined us to present the excellent keynote message, Licensure Portability and Telemedicine: Navigation the Road Ahead.

We are proud to have partnered with *Professional Liability Insurance Company, the Oklahoma State Medical Association, and the Oklahoma Academy of Family Physicians to present EXPLORE Healthcare Summit 2023--an unparalleled opportunity to offer physicians and healthcare professionals the opportunity to engage with their colleagues, learn the most updated information and experience nationally recognized experts with the ultimate goal to improve patient care in both quality and experience. Join us in 2024 for the

EXPLORE Healthcare Summit, August 22-23, 2024 in Norman, OK.

Unfortunately, as with so many things, some special times come to an end; however, what better time to end than by ushering in the new year.

On behalf of the board members and office staff, we all wish you a wonderful 2024 filled with all the opportunities you need to be successful.

Lyle Kelsey
Director
Oklahoma Medical Board

About Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

To promote the Health, Safety, and Well-being of the citizens (patients) of Oklahoma by requiring a high level of qualifications, standards, and continuing education for licenses regulated by the Oklahoma Medical Board. To protect the ongoing Health Safety and Well-being of the citizens (patients) of Oklahoma by investigating complaints, conducting public hearings, and effectuating and monitoring disciplinary actions against any of the licensed professionals while providing the licensee with proper due process and all rights afforded under the law. To provide any member of society, upon request, a copy of the specific public records and information on any licensed professionals.

Meeting Dates 2024

MEDICAL BOARD

(9AM THURSDAY/FRIDAY)

January 18th – 19th
February 22nd (Special Rules Mtg)
March 7th – 8th
May 16th – 17th
June 27th – 28th
July 25th – 26th
September 19th – 20th
November 21st – 22nd

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

(9AM WEDNESDAY)

January 10th
July 31st

DIETITIANS

(2PM WEDNESDAY)

January 10th
July 31st
October 16th

MUSIC THERAPY

(1:30PM MONDAY)

February 12th
August 5th
October 28th

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

(9AM TUESDAY)

January 30th
April 16th
July 30th
October 8th

ORTHOTISTS/ PROSTHETISTS

(11AM TUESDAY)

February 13th
August 20th

PEDORTHISTS

(10:00AM MONDAY)

March 25th
October 14th

PERFUSION BOARD

(4PM TUESDAY)

February 13th
August 20th
December 3rd

PHYSICAL THERAPY

(9AM TUESDAY)

January 23rd
April 9th
August 6th
October 22nd
December 3rd

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

(3PM TUESDAY)

January 30th
April 16th
July 30th
October 22nd

PODIATRY BOARD

(9:30AM SATURDAY)

March 23rd

RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS

(3:00PM MONDAY)

March 25th

REGISTERED ELECTROLOGIST

(10:00AM MONDAY)

February 12th
October 28th

RESPIRATORY CARE

(11:30AM TUESDAY)

February 6th
April 23rd
August 13th
November 12th

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SPECIALISTS

(3PM TUESDAY)

February 6th
April 23rd
August 13th
November 12th

ALCOHOL/DRUG COUNSELORS

(9AM MONDAY)

January 22nd
March 18th
May 20th
July 15th
September 16th
November 4th

SOCIAL WORKERS BOARD

(10AM FRIDAY)

January 26th
March 29th
May 31st
July 17th (Wednesday)
September 27th
November 8th

Holidays 2024

Monday, January 1.....New Year's Day
Monday, January 15ML King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 19.....President's Day
Monday, May 27..... Memorial Day
Thursday, July 4..... Independence Day
Monday, September 2.....Labor Day

Monday, November 11 Veterans Day
Thursday, November 28Thanksgiving
Friday, November 29.....Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 24..... Christmas
Wednesday, December 25..... Christmas

Meeting Calendar 2024

January

1st **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
10th AT (9AM)
10th LD (2PM)
15th **MLK JR DAY**
18-19th MEDICAL BOARD (9AM)
22nd BLADC (9AM)
23rd PT (9AM)
26th SOCIAL WORKERS BOARD (10AM)
30th OT (9AM)
30th PA (3PM)

February

6th RC (11:30AM)
6th TRS (3PM)
12th RE (10AM)
12th MT (1:30PM)
13th O&P (11AM)
13th PERFUSION BOARD (4PM)
19th **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
22nd MEDICAL BOARD/ SPECIAL RULES MTG (9AM)

March

7-8th MEDICAL BOARD (9AM)
18th BLADC (9AM)
23rd PODIATRY BOARD (9:30AM)
25th PEDORTHISTS (10AM)
25th RA (3PM)
29th SOCIAL WORKERS BOARD (10AM)

April

9th PT (9AM)
16th OT (9AM)
16th PA (3PM)
23rd RC (11:30AM)
23rd TRS (3PM)

May

16-17th MEDICAL BOARD (9AM)
20th BLADC (9AM)
27th **MEMORIAL DAY**
31st SOCIAL WORKERS BOARD (10AM)

June

27-28th MEDICAL BOARD (9AM)

July

4th **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
15th BLADC (9AM)
17th SOCIAL WORKERS BOARD (10AM)
25-26th MEDICAL BOARD (9AM)
30th OT (9AM)
30th PA (3PM)
31st AT (9AM)
31st LD (2PM)

August

5th MT (1:30PM)
6th PT (9AM)
13th RC (11:30AM)
13th TRS (3PM)
20th O&P (11AM)
20th PERFUSION BOARD (4PM)

September

2nd **LABOR DAY**
16th BLADC (9AM)
19-20th MEDICAL BOARD (9AM)
27th SOCIAL WORKERS BOARD (10AM)

October

8th OT (9AM)
14th PEDORTHISTS (10AM)
16th LD (2PM)
22nd PT (9AM)
22nd PA (3PM)
28th RE (10AM)
28th MT (1:30PM)

November

4th BLADC (9AM)
8th SOCIAL WORKERS BOARD (10AM)
11th **VETERANS DAY**
12th RC (11:30AM)
12th TRS (3PM)
21-22nd MEDICAL BOARD (9AM)
28-29th **THANKSGIVING**

December

3rd PT (9AM)
3rd PERFUSION BOARD (4PM)
24-25th **CHRISTMAS**

2023 Oklahoma Legislative Session

Sandra B. Harrison

The following are bills that passed in the 2023 Oklahoma Legislative Session and went into effect. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra B. Harrison at Sandra.Harrison@okmedicalboard.org.

SB 249 allows an exception for checking the Prescription Monitoring program for the writing of Controlled Dangerous substances for hospice patients living in nursing homes for purposes of palliative care of patients. *Effective May 28, 2023.*

SB 254 requires insurers to charge no more for out-of-network care than they would for in-network care in cases where the insured is unable to obtain covered services in a timely manner. *Effective November 1, 2023.*

SB 292 requires testing for syphilis on women at various stages of pregnancy, as well as if there is a stillbirth or spontaneous miscarriage, such required testing to be covered by certain health benefit plans. *Effective November 1, 2023.*

SB 442 requires health benefit plans to make available a directory of providers within their network plans. *Effective November 1, 2023.*

SB 563 includes that anesthesia is to continue to be reimbursed equal to or greater than the established Fee Schedule, with value-based payment arrangements possible for services furnished to Medicaid member. *Effective May 5, 2023.*

SB 613 prohibits any healthcare provider from knowingly providing gender transition procedures to any child and finds any person violating this prohibition to be guilty of a felony. The measure establishes that the parent or legal guardian of

a child provided one or more gender transition procedures may bring a civil action against the health care provider who provided the treatment, and the child who received the procedure may bring an action upon reaching the age of 18, and before reaching the age of 45. *Effective May 1, 2023. Note: Enforcement of SB 613 has been stayed by the Oklahoma Supreme Court as of November 16, 2023 and the Plaintiffs have appealed to the Federal 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.*

HB 2154 authorizes a felony enhancement for assault or assault and battery on any health care worker when a person commits the crime against any health care worker while they are at work in a hospital facility or clinical setting. This law was expanded to include independent contractors. *Effective November 1, 2023.*



HB 2175 creates the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Fund, which replaces the Mental Health Loan Repayment Revolving Fund. The State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) is required to use the fund to increase the number of psychiatric residencies; expand licensure cohorts to increase the number of master's level clinicians; and develop training, recruitment, and supervision capacity. The measure requires ODMHSAS to work with health care loan repayment programs operated by other states, tribal, and federal agencies, with the goal of maximizing and coordinating resources to fill gaps in loan repayment availability for critically needed mental health professions. *Effective November 1, 2023.*

HB 2422 authorizes Oklahoma to become a member state of the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact. *Effective November 1, 2023.*

HB 2747 establishes the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Infrastructure Act and creates the Office of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Resource Coordination within the State Department of Health (OSDH). OSDH will compile and publish an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia State Plan and update the plan every four years. The measure further requires that OSDH maintain at least one dementia-specific trained and certified community health worker, health educator, or other relevant employee in each health district to serve Oklahoma residents. *Vetoed by Governor, Dormant.*

SB 32X appropriates funding to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) for several purposes, including \$30 million to provide grant funding to providers for the one-time connection to the state-designated entity for health information exchange. *Effective July 1, 2023.*

SB 710 allows a school nurse, or other authorized school personnel, to administer emergency opioid antagonist in an emergency regardless of whether there is a prescription or standing order in place. *Effective May 5, 2023.*

SB 711 directs the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to provide emergency opioid antagonists and develop an opioid overdose education program for inmates diagnosed with opioid use disorders or confined for an opioid-related offense through the Department of Corrections and county jails subject to federal funding. *Effective November 1, 2023.*

SB 712 directs the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to provide emergency opioid antagonists to hospitals subject to federal funding. Barring certain exceptions, hospitals must provide a person presenting opioid overdose or adverse event symptoms with two doses of an opioid antagonist and information relating to its use. *Effective November 1, 2023*



Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision Partners with CE Broker to Revolutionize Continuing Education Tracking

Cloud-Based Platform Enhances Professional Medical License Management in Oklahoma

[Oklahoma City, DATE, NEWSWIRE]-- Executive Director Lyle Kelsey of the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (the Board) unveiled a new partnership with CE Broker, introducing a cloud-based platform for overseeing continuing education among credential holders in Oklahoma. Oklahoma now joins states like Texas, Louisiana, and New Mexico who offer CE Broker services to individuals obligated to meet continuing education criteria to uphold their professional licenses.

"I am impressed that CE Broker has lived up to everything they promised in helping the licensees and medical board staff to have more accountability and less time spent in CME/CEU details," said Kelsey.

The service is provided without charge to the state and license holders, with an option for users to upgrade to fee-based subscription plans for even more convenient and personalized features. Currently, a large portion of CE Broker users choose the complimentary service, which includes customer support offered by CE Broker personnel well-versed in Oklahoma professionals' continuing education requirements.

"CE Broker is a new program to Oklahoma but comes with high marks in other state licensing authorities. Any new program takes a while for the licensee to sign on to the free service but we have seen a strong response within the first 6 months," Kelsey added. "Some licensees are looking into upgrading to other CE Broker CME/CEU services which speaks well of the trust in the program."

Demonstrating a commitment to ongoing enhancement and innovative practices, ensuring that qualified individuals can efficiently obtain and renew their licenses, the Board is eager to explore and leverage technologies that simplify the license application and renewal processes.

The service is already active and accessible to individuals licensed by the Board, with enrollment instructions provided on the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision website. However, the Board is collaborating with CE Broker on further communication to ensure credential holders are well informed about the helpful tools available to them.

Addressing the Mental Health Crisis Among Oklahoma's Medical Professionals

The mental well-being of doctors in Oklahoma and across the nation is increasingly under the spotlight due to rising stress, depression, and even suicidal tendencies. This concern isn't just about the doctors themselves but also significantly impacts patient care.

On the frontlines, physicians are dealing with overwhelming challenges. A common scenario involves medical professionals facing intense stress, substance or alcohol misuse, and personal life crises. Oklahoma's doctors, like their counterparts nationwide, are often hesitant to seek mental health support due to fears of stigma and professional repercussions. This anxiety is compounded by the fact that, until recently, disclosure of mental health treatment could impact their medical licensure.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these issues, leading to what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describes as "crisis levels" of health worker burnout. This includes a marked increase in mental health decline and worsening working conditions. Specifically, doctors are experiencing some of the most significant mental health challenges, with a surge in burnout symptoms and depression.

The reluctance of doctors to seek mental health care is rooted in the stigma attached to it within the medical profession. Yet, the need for support is evident. The high-pressure environment of

medicine, combined with long working hours, administrative burdens, and workplace harassment, contributes significantly to their mental distress.

To address this, it's crucial to smooth the path to mental health care for doctors and tackle the root causes of their stress. This includes changing the culture around mental health in the medical profession, improving workplace conditions, and reducing administrative burdens. Peer support programs, workplace reforms to acknowledge and manage medical errors, and efforts to streamline inefficient processes can significantly help.

For Oklahoma's medical professionals, taking care of one's mental health is as important as caring for patients. Engaging in peer support, seeking professional help without fear of stigma, and advocating for better workplace conditions are vital steps. Healthcare institutions must also play their part by fostering a supportive environment and reducing the causes of work-related stress.

Caring for the mental health of doctors is essential for the well-being of both the medical professionals and the patients they serve. Oklahoma's healthcare system, like others nationwide, needs to prioritize these issues to ensure the health and effectiveness of its medical workforce.






For more detailed insights on this topic, you can read the original article [here](#).

OSMA, TCMS & OCMS Free Physician Counseling Program



The Oklahoma Medical Board is committed to supporting the mental health and well-being of our state's physicians. We congratulate OSMA, TCMS, and OCMS for offering the Free Physician Counseling Program, a resource designed with the unique needs of medical professionals in mind.

This program features:

-  Complimentary Counseling Sessions
-  Confidentiality Assurance
-  Statewide Accessibility
-  Flexible Scheduling
-  Urgent Appointments

For more information and to explore how the Physician Free Counseling Program can assist MD & DO Physicians, please click [here](#).



Staff Development

Congratulations Lisa Cullen • November 7, 2023

Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing, has been accepted into the 2023/2024 CMBLS training program. She is only one of five applicants selected for the training program out of 70 state medical licensure boards in the United States. We are excited for Lisa to be part of this unique learning opportunity.



Administrators in Medicine (AIM), a not-for-profit organization, is the national organization for state medical and osteopathic board executives. Founded in 1984, the mission of AIM is to assist and support administrators for medical licensing and regulatory authorities to achieve administrative excellence and ultimately advance public safety. Services offered include educational, research and online services for its members.

AIM developed the Certified Medical Board Licensing Specialist (“CMBLS”) training program, which offers education, training, and group discussion in key areas related to licensure of medical professionals. The CMBLS graduate will know how to use the services and support of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and AIM, identify their own continued learning needs in key areas and identify opportunities to participate in AIM and FSMB.

Congratulations Sandra Harrison • NEW Deputy Director

Sandra Benischek Harrison, JD, MPA, became the Deputy Director of the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision on November 1, 2023. Prior to joining the Board, Sandra was the Vice President of Legal and Regulatory Affairs at the Oklahoma Hospital Association. She served there for 10 years in various roles, primarily as legal counsel and in advocacy. From 2017 to 2023, Harrison also served as Chairman of the Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma, a nonprofit entity educating and advocating for removal of barriers to telemedicine in Oklahoma. Sandra served as one of five board members of the nonprofit Center for Telehealth and Elaw from 2018 to 2022 and is currently serving the organization on an Advisory Board. Her recent seminar presentations include topics such as Oklahoma Legislative Session Health Care Wrap Up, Oklahoma Opioid Law and Policy, Telehealth in Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Journey of Medicaid Managed Care.



Earlier in her career, Sandra served for 5 years at the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, with her final roles as Chief Administrative Officer and Interim Chief Operating Officer. Harrison also served both sides of the Oklahoma Legislature as Fiscal Analyst for the Oklahoma State Senate and as Staff Attorney for the Oklahoma House of Representatives. She has also practiced as a private-sector attorney in civil matters and is licensed to practice in both Oklahoma and New Mexico. Harrison earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of New Mexico, a master's in public administration, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma.

Join Provider Bridge to Support Emergency Response

The incidence of emergencies and disasters has increased steadily in the U.S. since the 1980's. In 2023, the United States experienced 25 disasters, including a deadly wildfire in Maui and Hurricane Idalia in Florida. By registering for Provider Bridge, you will join thousands of qualified medical providers who are ready to provide care and contribute to the effective emergency management of these disasters.

Provider Bridge Supports States' Emergency Preparedness and Response

Provider Bridge is a free-to-use technology platform that maintains a comprehensive registry of health professionals that can be accessed expeditiously to prepare for and respond to local, regional, or national emergencies.

Joining the Provider Bridge platform allows you to create and own a time-stamped, digital report ("passport") that includes your name, provider type, professional school and graduation date, NPI, state license number(s), specialty or area of practice, and DEA registration(s), as well as any disciplinary history. Each license is verified via data sharing with the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), and the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS).

Provider Bridge also allows entities, including state medical and nursing boards, hospitals, health care institutions, public health offices, and emergency management entities to search for verified medical professionals who are willing to assist in an emergency or deploy to a disaster site. Additionally, entities can verify the credentials of state-based registrants as well as those professionals in other states.

Currently, Provider Bridge includes physicians, PAs, and nurses and is positioned to expand to include other medical professionals, such as mental health providers (psychologists, counselors, social workers), respiratory therapists, EMS providers, and others.

Register Now!

Provider Bridge supports expeditious emergency response most effectively by having a large number of medical professionals registered in the platform. Registration takes only a few minutes and can be completed at the following link: providerbridge.org.

What to Expect After Registering for Provider Bridge

Once you have registered for Provider Bridge, there are no additional steps you need to take. You can generate a certified pdf of your passport to present at an emergency site. Health care entities can add registrants to their provider list, pull Provider Bridge passports, and contact providers (unless a licensee chooses to opt out of allowing entities to find their profile). In the event of a national or state emergency, an entity can reach out to providers to determine if they are available and willing to provide health care services.

For more information, please contact:

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Bill Covering Exam, Medication Costs for Survivors of Sexual Assault Now in Effect

OKLAHOMA CITY – Legislation increasing the amount that can be disbursed from the Sexual Assault Examination Fund for certain fees and medical costs following a sexual assault took effect Wednesday.

House Bill 2236 better assists survivors of sexual assault with the costs related to medical care. It increases the amount that can be reimbursed for sexual assault examination fees from \$450 to \$800 and increases the monetary cap for medications related to sexual assault from \$50 to \$100 per case.

“The previous reimbursement cap is simply no longer sufficient to adequately cover today’s cost of the examination and medication,” said Rep. Jeff Boatman, R-Tulsa, who authored the bill. “I hope this increased cap allows our Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners the peace of mind to focus fully on their patient and gather the critical evidence needed for prosecution of the perpetrator, rather than worrying about fitting costs into the statutorily allowed limits. I’m thankful for the unanimous support of this important bill, as well as the assistance we received from the District Attorneys Council, who were instrumental in making this legislation possible.”

HB2236 was authored in the Senate by Minority Leader Sen. Kay Floyd, D-Oklaoma City. The bill also establishes the position of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Statewide Coordinator under the District Attorneys Council (DAC),

which Boatman said is critical to ensuring SANE care is available to victims across our state while optimizing the use of resource to manage costs.

“The need for SANE nurses statewide is essential for providing quality care and assistance for sexual assault survivors,” said Floyd. “By establishing a coordinator position, logistical issues such as training, recruitment and resources for SANE nurses can be prioritized and scaled to provide greater coverage and accessibility to survivors throughout our state.”

The measure, which passed both chambers unanimously, took effect on Nov. 1.





YEAR 5 Medical Cannabis Update *This is not an endorsement*

— Federal

- 38 states with medical cannabis programs
- 23 states, two territories and the District of Columbia with adult-use programs
- Biden Administration releases statement on Marijuana Reform
 - Read the statement using this [link](#).
- Biden Administration signed into law HR 8454: Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol Research Act (2022).
 - Read bill overview using this [link](#).
- DEA expands research licensing. Current list of approved growers is [here](#).
- FDA issued [this statement](#) regarding a “New Way Forward” for cannabidiol regulatory framework.
- Committee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing -- Hemp in the Modern World: The Yearslong Wait for FDA Action in July. You can watch the hearing [here](#).
- OMMA does not oversee hemp products or intoxicating hemp products in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture is responsible for regulating hemp; however, OMMA participates in the national conversation from a regulatory perspective through the Cannabis Regulators Association ([CANNRA](#)).
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) officials recommended moving marijuana from a Schedule I substance to a Schedule III substance on the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) read more [here](#).
- The American Nurses Association officially recognizes cannabis nursing as a specialty nursing practice. Learn more about the American Cannabis Nurses Association [here](#).

— State

2023 Regular Legislative Session:

- All past and current bills are available on the omma.ok.gov/legislation website page
- [SB 813](#) by Sen. Garvin: Authorizes the Medical Marijuana Authority to operate a quality assurance lab, streamlines implementation of HB 2179 (2022) and HB3971 (2022), and adjusts other operational powers of OMMA.

2023 Special Session Legislation

- [SB 18X](#) by Sen. Thompson: Creates the Medical Marijuana Tax Fund to receive all monies from sales tax proceeds collected on medical marijuana and the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority Fund to receive all monies from fines and fees; to be used at the discretion of the Legislature.
- [HB 1004X](#) by Rep. Wallace: General appropriation bill: appropriates \$37M to OMMA for FY2024.
- Legislation Incorporated into Emergency Rules

HB 4056 :	Lab Standardization
HB 2179 and SB 813 :	Tiered Licensing
HB 3971 and SB 813 :	Secret Shopper
HB 1704 :	Employee Credentialing
HB 3929 :	Process Validation
SB 913 :	Grower Bond

- [Licensing and Tax Data](#) is updated monthly
- Partnerships
- Cannabis Public Policy Consulting:
- Supply and Demand Study is available [here](#)
- NCS Analytics: OMMA Dashboard is available [here](#)



YEAR 5 **Medical Cannabis Update** **This is not an endorsement**

— Physician Information

- Forms, Registry List, and FAQs for recommending physicians are available [here](#)

— Other Resources

Organizations

- Society of Cannabis Clinicians
- Doctors for Cannabis Regulation
- International Alliance for Cannabinoid Medicines
- International Cannabinoid Research Society
- Association of Cannabinoid Specialists (Int'l)

Research and Development

- American Journal of Endocannabinoid Medicine
- Ethan Russo, MD
 - CReDO Science
 - <https://ethanrusso.org/category/library/>

CannMed Innovation and Investment Summit

- [The Doctors-Approved Cannabis Handbook](#) by Benjamin Caplan, MD
- Reports
 - [State of States Report 2022](#)
 - National Academies of Science, Medicine, and Engineering [Report](#) (free online)
 - [Cannabis Health Index](#)
 - Penn State Cannabinoid Drug Interaction Review: <https://cann-dir.psu.edu/>
 - Cannabis Hyperemesis Syndrome: <https://what-is-chs.com/>

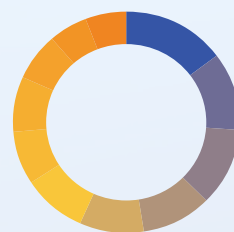
**Contact Education and Outreach Manager,
Nyomi.Barrick-Wommack@omma.ok.gov for questions.**

How Physicians are Using AI

Claire Wallace / Wednesday, November 1, 2023

While the jury is still out on the use of artificial intelligence in medicine, that has not stopped some physicians from taking advantage of its uses for tasks including recordkeeping, patient communications and clinical research, according to [Medscape's](#) 2023 "Physicians and AI Report," published Oct. 30.

While about 42% of physicians are enthusiastic about AI's [uses](#) in the healthcare workplace, the majority feel neutral, or even apprehensive, about its uses. Despite hesitations within the field, AI is already in use at some practices.



Here are the top 11 ways physicians are using artificial intelligence right now:

- Researching conditions: 13%
- Electronic health records: 10%
- Office administrative tasks: 10%
- Patient scheduling: 9%
- Staff scheduling: 8%
- Summarizing a patient's EHR before the visit: 8%
- Patient communications: 7%
- Diagnosing conditions: 7%
- Using exam room conversations to generate clinical notes: 6%
- Predicting a patient's prognosis: 5%
- Treating patients: 5%



Disciplinary List

NOTE: Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction – VSJ is a document of settlement and is available on the website: www.okmedicalboard.org

ALEXANDER, JOE BOB MD [10682](#) ABILENE, TX 11/16/2023..... Surrendered License

ALHAJ, GEORGE SAMER MD [22845](#) OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 4/3/2023..... Complaint Citation

AL-KHOURI, HAISAM MD [18417](#) OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 1/19/2023..... Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction

ANTONATOS, MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ MD [37913](#) CHICAGO, IL 9/26/2023..... Complaint Citation

BELK, JOHN THOMAS MD [30768](#) WAGONER, OK 1/18/2024..... Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction

BHARGAVA, AJAY MD [15053](#) LAWTON, OK 4/21/2023..... Complaint Citation

BLANCK, BRYAN ANDREW POD [253](#) ADA, OK 11/15/2023..... Complaint Citation

BREWER, JONATHAN KEITH MD [20530](#), 1/18/2024..... License Reinstated Under Indefinite Probation

CALDWELL, KAITLIN BROOKE RC [5416](#) DUNCAN, OK 9/28/2023..... Complaint Citation

CASTRO, DAN JOSHUA MD [24230](#) DALLAS, TX 6/29/2023..... Surrendered License

COBB, ESTER ELAINE MD [25831](#) EDMOND, OK 5/11/2023..... Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction

COLLIER, SARA ANN MD [31042](#) MCLOUD, OK 12/4/2023..... Probation Ended

CRAGHEAD, JR DONNIE WAYNE TA [1831](#) GROVE, OK 11/30/2023..... Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction/
Requirements Completed

DARTER, AMY LIEBL MD [20754](#) OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 11/16/2023..... Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction

DEATON, KATHRYN RENEE PT [4837](#) OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 7/20/2023..... Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction

EDWARDS, JOHN C OA [1580](#) CLAREMORE, OK 9/14/2023..... Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction

FILES, ROBERT TRACY PA [2268](#) SALLISAW, OK 10/19/2023..... Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction/
Requirements Completed

HAGGARD, JEFFREY COLE MD [25331](#), 11/16/2023..... Probation

JENKINS, JR HARVEY CLARKE MD [21473](#), 7/13/2023..... Revoked License

KEEPERS, JERRY MAY MD [14910](#) FRIENDSWOOD, TX 6/29/2023..... Revoked License

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