



**Arizona State Board of Homeopathic &
Integrated Medicine**

Board News

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Dr. Abram Ber

As many of the homeopathic community know, Dr. Abram Ber, MD(H) passed away in late June, 2014. He was granted the very first homeopathic medical licensee 001, which was issued 32 years ago in February, 1982.

The Board wishes to recognize his many contributions, not only to the homeopathic medical community but as a sitting board member for 10 years from 1987 until 1997. His board contributions were many and he and his fellow board members were instrumental in solidifying procedures relating to application processes, peer review committees, rulemaking, and disciplinary procedures.

Amazingly, for much of this 10-year time frame, the budget the Board operated within was extremely limited and yet they were able to accomplish very real and long lasting processes that endure to the present.

Throughout the homeopathic community Dr. Ber was known as a kind and generous individual and was sincerely dedicated to many important causes. His gentle influence will be missed by friends, family, and colleagues but the imprint he left will be felt for many years to come.



Doctors of Homeopathy Rulemaking

The Board formed a Rulemaking Committee at their September, 2013 regular meeting. The Committee will consider proposed rules related to the Doctor of Homeopathy license. Committee members include Dr. Todd Rowe, Dr. Bruce Shelton, and Mario Fontes.

How to Request Records?

Accessing public records is simple. Fill out a Public Records Request Form (available on the web site at <http://www.azhomeopathbd.az.gov/PublicRequestForm.pdf>.) Fax to the Board at 602-542-3093 and you will be provided the information necessary to fill the request. (Copies are 25 ¢/page). You may also visit the office and review files. While most license records are public, staff must remove any confidential information prior to individuals viewing the records. Please note that patient medical records reviewed as part of an investigation are considered confidential by law (A.R.S. §32-2935(D) and may not be released to any person. Minutes, agendas, and disciplinary actions from the last 5 years are available online.

Board Office Hours

The office is staffed 28 hours per week: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. The suite where the office is located is open to the public Monday –Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. You may drop off documents between those hours. Please call for an appointment if you wish to speak directly with staff regarding the application process .

Medical Marijuana Update

Between July, 2012 and June, 2013 36,346 patients were certified for medical marijuana. Severe and chronic pain is consistently the highest reported debilitating medical condition (73%) with Cancer (2%) following that. Three Homeopathic Physicians certified 50 patients with an average of 17 patients per HMD. Naturopathic Physicians certified 27,275 patients with an average certification of 275 patients per NMD.

Accreditation Commission for Homeopathic Education in North America (ACHENA)

The link below has a list of the accredited homeopathic schools that will be recognized by the Board as meeting at least part of the educational requirements for licensing as a homeopathic doctor. (H.D.) <http://achena.org/>

Complaint Statistics *

2013 Complaints Received (calendar basis) : 4

2013 Closed Complaints (calendar basis): 6

2014 Complaints Received: 1

Disciplinary Action Taken: | Consent Agreement for Surrender

| Revocation

A GENTLE REMINDER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

AAC R4-38-115 Use of Title and Abbreviations by Homeopathic Physicians

A homeopathic physician practicing in Arizona who is not also licensed by either the Arizona Medical Board or Board of Osteopathic Examiners may only use the professional designations MD(H) or DO(H).

