

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS



ANNUAL REPORT 2017

MISSION STATEMENT

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners serves the state of Nevada by ensuring that only well-qualified, competent physicians, physician assistants, respiratory therapists and perfusionists receive licenses to practice in Nevada. The Board responds with expediency to complaints against our licensees by conducting fair, complete investigations that result in appropriate action. In all Board activities, the Board will place the interests of the public before the interests of the medical profession and encourage public input and involvement to help educate the public as we improve the quality of medical practice in Nevada.

THE BOARD

The Board is the oldest occupational licensing board in the state, having recently celebrated 119 years of service to the patients of Nevada (March 15, 1899 – March 15, 2018). The Board is composed of nine members, six of whom are actively practicing physicians and three of whom are public members. By statute, all of the members of the Board must be selected without regard to their individual political beliefs. All members are appointed by the Governor for a period of four years, and may be removed by the Governor for good cause. Board members may be appointed by the Governor to a second four-year term.

The Board has two Investigative Committees. Each Committee is composed of two physician Board members and one public Board member. The committees are charged with administering the disciplinary program of the Board.

The Board's Reno office recently relocated to 9600 Gateway Drive, and the Board has a satellite office at 6010 S. Rainbow Blvd., Building A, Suite 2, in Las Vegas.

BOARD MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

Rachakonda D. Prabhu, M.D., *President*

Dr. Prabhu was appointed to the Board effective October 1, 2013, and was reappointed to a second term commencing August 31, 2017. He has been a practicing physician in Nevada for over three decades and founded Red Rock Medical Group, Eldorado Medical Center and Sleep Center of Nevada, specializing in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine. Dr. Prabhu is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Pulmonary Medicine, Sleep Medicine and Critical Care Medicine, and is a graduate of the prestigious Calcutta University, Calcutta, India. He is currently serving as a Clinical Professor of Medicine with the University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Medicine. Dr. Prabhu has held several critical positions, such as Medical Director of the ICU at Valley Hospital and Medical Co-Director of the ICU at University Medical Center. He served as the Pulmonary Consultant to Veterans Services in Las Vegas and as the Medical Director of the Veterans Nursing Home in Boulder City. Dr. Prabhu is the President of the Board and Chairman of one of the Board's two Investigative Committees.

Wayne Hardwick, M.D., *Vice President*

Dr. Hardwick was appointed to the Board effective November 8, 2011, and was appointed to a second term commencing September 22, 2015. He has practiced Emergency Medicine in Reno since 1980, and holds a medical degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Hardwick is a past-President of both the Washoe County Medical Society and the Nevada State Medical Association, and is active in various civic and professional organizations. He is the Vice President of the Board and Chairman of one of the Board's two Investigative Committees.

M. Neil Duxbury, *Public Member, Secretary-Treasurer*

Mr. Duxbury is a public member of the Board, appointed to the Board effective December 11, 2015. He was reappointed to a second term commencing July 1, 2017. Mr. Duxbury holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of Nevada, Reno. During his college and post-college careers, he worked for the University of Nevada School of Medicine in Reno and the Veterans Administration Medical Center, assisting with various medical research projects. He later assisted in medical research at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden. Mr. Duxbury is the Founder and Co-Owner of Metropawn, the largest chain of privately-owned pawn shops in the state. He is active in the community and supports such organizations as the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, the University of Nevada, Reno, Bishop Manogue Catholic High School and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. He has served as a member of the YMCA Capital Campaign Committee, completed the Reno Chamber of Commerce Executive Training Program and was an active member of the Executive Association of Reno. Mr. Duxbury is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board and a member of one of the Board's two Investigative Committees.

Sandy Peltyn, *Public Member*

Ms. Peltyn is a public member of the Board, appointed to the Board effective July 1, 2014. She is the principal in charge of Business Development/Marketing, Political Affairs and Community Relations for DeSimone Consulting Engineers. She serves on the Executive Board and the Foundation Board of St. Rose de Lima/Dignity Health and was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as one of 24 commissioners to perform feasibility studies to bring to life the first-ever museum of the American Latino under the umbrella of the Smithsonian Institute. With a nearly 35-year history of community service, cultural activities and humanitarian work, Ms. Peltyn has served Nevada and Las Vegas with distinction. Ms. Peltyn attended Inter American University in San Juan, Puerto Rico, majoring in Humanities, with a minor in Music. She is a member of one of the Board's two Investigative Committees.

Victor M. Muro, M.D.

Dr. Muro was appointed to the Board effective September 28, 2015. He is the Medical Director of Optum Medical Partners in Henderson, and was previously with Jacobs & Modaber/CareMore Medical Group in Las Vegas. Dr. Muro holds a medical degree from the UCLA School of Medicine and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is currently an appointee by the State Board of Health as a physician member of the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee. Dr. Muro is a member of one of the Board's two Investigative Committees.

April Mastroluca, *Public Member*

Ms. Mastroluca is a public member of the Board, appointed to the Board effective December 11, 2015. She was reappointed to a second term commencing July 1, 2017. Ms. Mastroluca is currently the

Executive Director for the ALS Association, Nevada Chapter. In 2002, she was hired by the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth to run the Safe Place Program. She expanded the program, taking it statewide, by connecting with the Children's Cabinet in Reno. Two years later, she became the Fund Development Director for the Southern Nevada Chapter of the American Red Cross. She then spent eight years as a National Service Representative for the National PTA. She served as a Nevada State Legislator from 2008 to 2012. Volunteerism has always been important to Ms. Mastroluca. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth, she is the 2016 President of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals, Las Vegas Chapter, and a member of Leadership Henderson, class of 2016. She previously was a member of Junior League, served as a Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troop Leader, served as President of Kesterson Elementary PTA and was on the Nevada PTA State Board. She holds a Certificate of Nonprofit Board Education from Boardsource. Previously, she completed the Emerging State Leaders Program at the Darden School of Business and the Western Legislative Academy from the Council of State Governments, West.

Aury Nagy, M.D.

Dr. Nagy was appointed to the Board effective August 31, 2016. He is a neurosurgeon and is currently a partner in Nevada Brain & Spine Care. Dr. Nagy is a Las Vegas native, holds a medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine, and is certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery. He served as Spine Committee Chair and Neurosurgery Section Chief for Spring Valley Hospital, as well as an adjunct clinical faculty member for Touro University. He was a product development consultant and Speakers Bureau clinical lecturer and educator for Integra NeuroSciences, Inc. He is currently a speaker for LDR regarding its artificial cervical disc and Medtronic for its Deep Brain Stimulator technology. Dr. Nagy is a frequent author on the subject of back pain and has participated in several research programs regarding spine and brain injuries. He was the first neurosurgeon in Nevada to place an artificial cervical disc in a patient and his deep brain stimulation procedures for Parkinson's patients are well-regarded. He has served in the White House Medical Corps as a neurosurgeon and is a member of the Southern Nevada Medical Reserve Corps, as well as the Clark County Medical Society. Dr. Nagy is an active member of the Southern Nevada business community, a supporter of renewable energy, and has been involved in numerous medical and community organizations. He has also served on the Governor's Workforce Board Health Sector Committee, as well as the Federal Health Information Advisory Committee to U.S. Congress. Dr. Nagy is a member of one of the Board's two Investigative Committees.

Michael C. Edwards, M.D., FACS

Dr. Edwards was appointed to the Board effective July 1, 2017. He is a board-certified plastic and reconstructive surgeon with Anson, Edwards and Higgins Plastic Surgery Associates in Las Vegas, with over 21 years of clinical experience. He holds a medical degree from the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine and is currently serving as a Clinical Instructor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Medicine, Department of Surgery. Dr. Edwards is a past-president of the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, and past-president of the Clark County Medical Society. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of many professional organizations, including the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, American Society of Plastic Surgery, American Association of Plastic Surgery, and the Nevada State Medical Association. Dr. Edwards is a veteran of the United States Air Force. Throughout his military career, he served as Chief of Surgery, Chief of Plastic Surgery and Chief of Staff.

Weldon Havins, M.D., J.D.

Dr. Havins was appointed to the Board effective August 31, 2017. He holds a medical degree from Wake Forest University School of Medicine, a Master's degree in Management from the Claremont

Graduate University, and a law degree and a Master of Laws degree in Health Law from the University of San Diego. Dr. Havins was the Executive Director and legal counsel for the Clark County Medical Society from 2001 to 2008. Following a stint as Executive Director of the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, he received a full-time appointment to the faculty at Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he currently serves as an Associate Dean, Professor and Director of Medical Jurisprudence, and Professor of Ophthalmology, while practicing General Ophthalmology part time. Dr. Havins is a member of the Nevada Bar and is in-house counsel for Touro University Nevada. He is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and the American Board of Legal Medicine. He serves as a member of the Board of Governors of the American College of Legal Medicine and the American Board of Legal Medicine. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, and the American College of Legal Medicine. He is a past-president of the Nevada State Medical Association. He has numerous publications in medical journals and law reviews. Dr. Havins is a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

BOARD STAFF

Executive Staff:

Edward O. Cousineau, J.D., Executive Director
Jasmine K. Mehta, J.D., Deputy Executive Director
Donya Jenkins, Finance Manager
Libi Anders, Public Information Officer/Research Analyst

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Donald K. White, J.D., Deputy General Counsel
Kimberly Rosling, Legal Assistant

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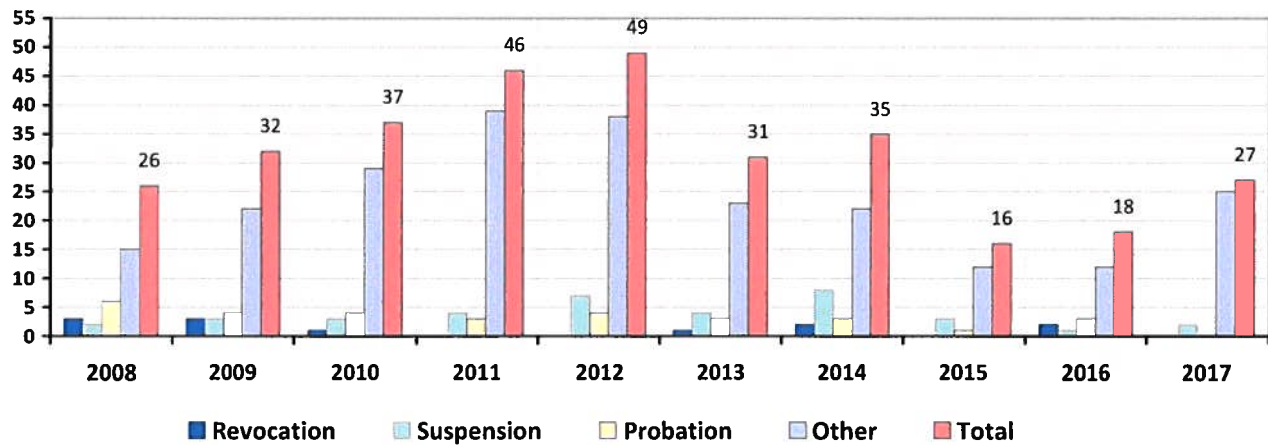
Licensing Staff:

Lynnette Daniels, Chief of Licensing
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Kristi L. Stewart, Senior License Specialist
Stacey McCleery, License Specialist
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Kristin Santos, License Specialist
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Amber Goetz, Licensing Administrative Assistant

COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

In 2017, the Board opened 701 investigations, closed 629 investigations (many of which, of course, originated in preceding years) and imposed 27 disciplinary actions against physicians. The graph below shows the number and types of discipline imposed by the Board regarding physicians for the last ten years.

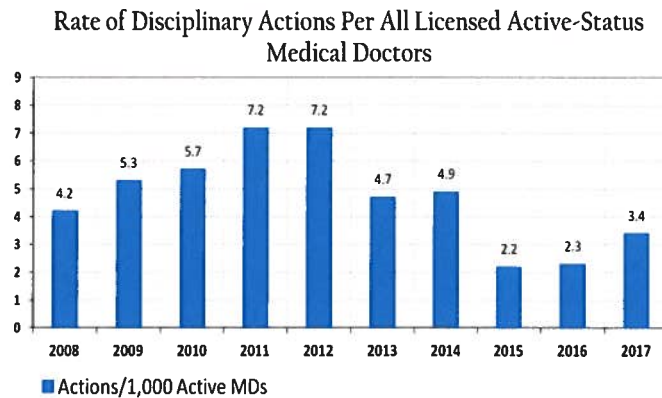
Disciplinary Actions Taken Against Medical Doctors*



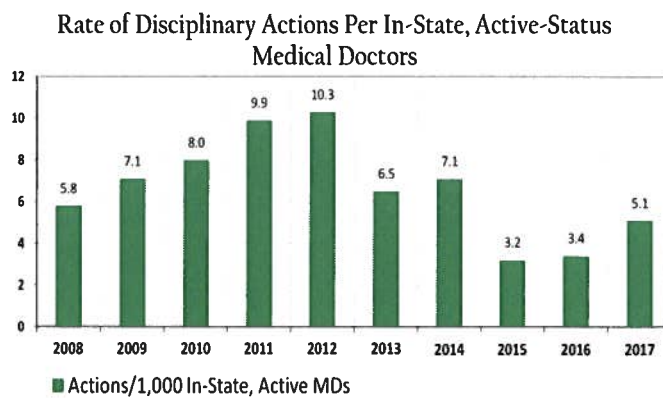
Note: "Other" actions include: Voluntary Surrender of License While Under Investigation, License Restriction, Public Reprimand, Licensure Denial, CME Ordered, Fine, Drug or Alcohol Treatment Program Ordered, and Competency Exam Ordered.

*Any discrepancy in these numbers from a report published by any other source is due to: (1) differences in verbiage or categorization; or (2) differences in the number of actions taken per practitioner.

The graph below shows the rate of disciplinary actions taken by the Board per 1,000 active-status licensed physicians for the last ten years.



The graph below shows the rate of disciplinary actions taken by the Board per 1,000 in-state, active-status licensed physicians for the last ten years.



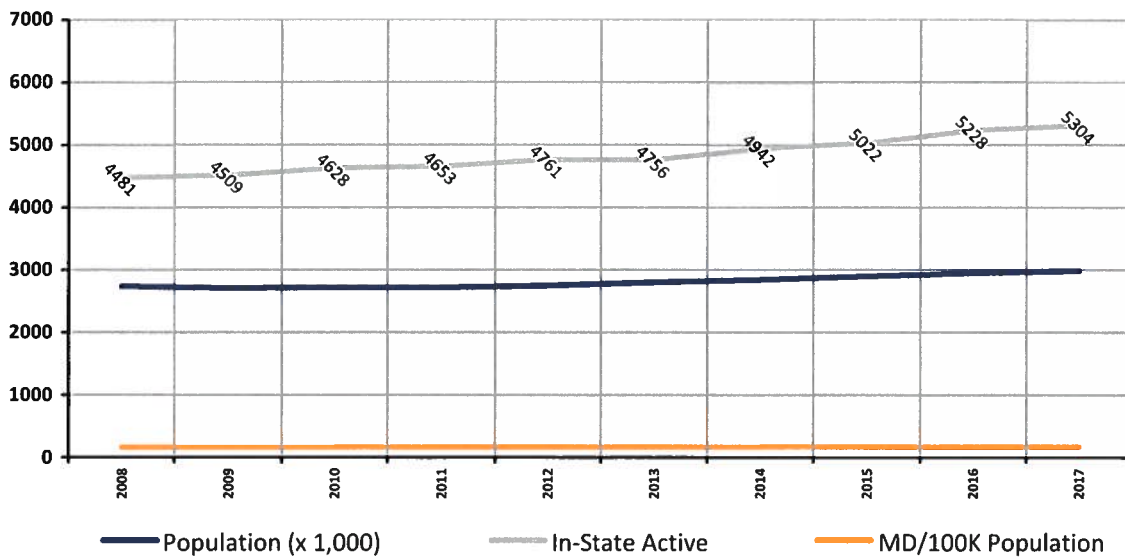
LICENSING

The Board licenses physicians, physician assistants, respiratory therapists and perfusionists. In 2017, the Board issued the following new licenses:

Practice	
Physicians	789
Physician Assistants	115
Respiratory Therapists	149
Perfusionists	21

In 2017, the ratio of physicians to 100,000 population* increased over the previous year. The following graph shows the growth of the state's population (measured in thousands so that the trend line will fit on the graph, and last reported at 2,986,656), the state's active, in-state physician population (in absolute numbers), and the ratio of physicians to population (measured as physicians per 100,000 population). From 2008 through 2012, the ratio averaged between 164 and 173. In 2013, the ratio was 170; in 2014, the ratio increased to 174; in 2015, the ratio decreased to 173; in 2016, the ratio increased to 177, and in 2017, the ratio again increased, to 178.

Comparison of Population With In-State, Active Physicians



*Population statistics provided by the Nevada State Demographer, Nevada Department of Taxation.

The physician licensure for active, in-state physicians increased by 1.5% in 2017. The following table is a county-by-county breakdown of physician licenses for the last ten years. In 2017, Churchill, Clark, Douglas, Lyon, Pershing, Washoe and White Pine Counties showed growth in their physician populations; Carson City, Elko, Humboldt, Mineral and Nye Counties showed decreases; and the remaining five counties remained static in their physician populations.

Physician Licensure Counts (2008-2017)

County	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Carson City	142	143	151	158	152	164	168	171	177	173
Churchill	23	22	20	22	23	27	29	24	24	25
Clark	3060	3086	3186	3207	3305	3277	3403	3460	3605	3674
Douglas	97	85	84	87	89	80	86	79	79	85
Elko	46	45	46	48	41	40	40	43	42	39
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	9	10	9	10	11	12	11	11	12	9
Lander	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
Lincoln	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Lyon	11	14	13	15	16	15	16	12	13	14
Mineral	5	6	6	5	6	5	5	6	4	2
Nye	17	16	15	16	14	13	16	15	13	12
Pershing	2	2	3	2	1	0	0	1	1	2
Storey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washoe	1056	1064	1081	1069	1088	1110	1155	1186	1246	1254
White Pine	8	10	9	10	10	9	9	9	8	11
In-State Active Status	4481	4509	4628	4653	4761	4756	4942	5022	5228	5304
Out-of-State Active Status	1655	1577	1888	1757	2084	1868	2251	2116	2561	2523
TOTAL ACTIVE STATUS	6136	6086	6516	6410	6845	6624	7193	7138	7789	7827
Inactive & Retired Statuses	760	781	770	758	748	818	801	806	802	772
TOTAL LICENSED (Active, Inactive & Retired Statuses)	6896	6867	7286	7168	7593	7442	7994	7944	8591	8599

The number of physician assistants increased significantly by 5.1% in 2017. The locale of physician assistants trends similarly to the locale of physicians statewide, as is shown on the following table. In 2017, there was growth in Carson City, Clark, Elko, Lincoln and Washoe Counties; Churchill, Eureka, Mineral and Nye Counties showed decreases; and the remaining eight counties remained static.

Physician Assistant Licensure Counts (2008-2017)

County	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Carson City	15	14	13	16	17	14	18	17	18	28
Churchill	7	6	4	6	9	10	9	9	10	7
Clark	307	310	332	342	386	398	452	479	533	559
Douglas	15	10	11	9	12	16	17	15	19	19
Elko	6	5	5	5	7	9	10	13	14	15
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
Humboldt	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Lander	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Lincoln	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
Lyon	4	5	6	6	4	5	6	7	9	9
Mineral	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2
Nye	10	6	7	4	4	2	2	5	4	3
Pershing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Storey	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1
Washoe	83	82	91	91	104	109	121	138	149	156
White Pine	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL ACTIVE STATUS	455	446	476	488	553	574	645	694	767	806

The number of respiratory therapists decreased by 1.5% in 2017. In 2017, there was growth in Churchill, Douglas, Elko and Nye Counties; Carson City, Clark, Mineral and Washoe Counties showed decreases; and the remaining nine counties remained static.

Respiratory Therapist Licensure Counts (2008-2017)

County	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Carson City	10	12	12	12	13	12	13	11	14	12
Churchill	8	5	5	4	5	4	4	5	6	8
Clark	743	798	880	920	1006	982	1069	1079	1167	1158
Douglas	18	20	20	18	15	16	16	13	13	14
Elko	7	5	6	8	9	7	8	9	10	12
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Humboldt	5	4	4	5	5	4	4	2	2	2
Lander	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Lincoln	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lyon	20	16	18	15	16	15	16	15	14	14
Mineral	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	4	1
Nye	8	10	11	13	12	13	15	13	14	15
Pershing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Storey	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washoe	163	160	176	192	197	186	202	191	207	193
White Pine	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
TOTAL ACTIVE STATUS	993	1037	1140	1193	1284	1246	1354	1346	1457	1435

The number of perfusionists decreased by 7.1% in 2017 – with growth in Carson City and Washoe Counties, a decrease in Clark County, and all other counties remaining static.

Perfusionist Licensure Counts (2010-2017)*

County	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Carson City	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Churchill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark	20	19	25	20	23	20	24	19
Douglas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elko	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mineral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pershing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Storey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washoe	5	5	5	4	5	4	4	6
White Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ACTIVE STATUS	26	25	31	25	29	24	28	26

*In 2009, the Nevada State Legislature passed legislation requiring that all perfusionists must be licensed. No perfusionists were licensed by the Board prior to 2010.

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