

# **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners protects the public and serves the State of Nevada by ensuring that only well-qualified, competent physicians, physician assistants, practitioners of respiratory care, perfusionists, anesthesiologist assistants and genetic counselors 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 shall 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 127 years of service to the patients of Nevada (March 15, 1899 – March 15, 2026). The Board is composed of eleven members, six of whom are actively practicing physicians, one of whom is a practicing physician assistant, one of whom is a practicing practitioner of respiratory care, and three of whom are public members. By statute, all 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. Board members may also be appointed by the Governor to a second four-year term.

Pursuant to statute, the Board has three Investigative Committees. Two Committees are currently composed of two physician Board members and one non-physician Board member, and the third Committee is currently composed of one physician Board member and two non-physician Board members. The committees are charged with administering the investigative functions of the Board.

The Board's main office is located at 9600 Gateway Drive in Reno, and it has a satellite office located at 325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 225, in Las Vegas.

## BOARD MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

### **Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., *President***

Dr. Spirtos was appointed to the Board effective September 1, 2021, and was reappointed to a second term commencing September 1, 2025. As the current President of the Board, he wants to emphasize that the current Board understands the importance of working together with the Board's executive staff to increase the number of licensed physicians and other providers in Nevada but also cautions that we cannot sacrifice quality in our effort to address the long-standing provider shortage. Dr. Spirtos is a first-generation American whose family immigrated from Greece, and he is proud to say that there are three generations of physicians in his family. Dr. Spirtos holds a medical degree from Northwestern University. While at Stanford University (Fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology and Faculty 1985-2004), he was elected Deputy Chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, served on the Executive Committee for Stanford University Hospital and had an Appointment as a Clinical Associate Professor. He established the Women's Cancer Center of Nevada, to bring specialized gynecologic oncologic services and make clinical trials available to the women of Nevada. The Center also has a Division of Urogynecology in addition to providing gynecologic oncology care. Dr. Spirtos has published over 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles, written multiple book chapters and reviews for multiple journals,

and became the first American editor of Bonney's Textbook of Gynaecological Surgery. He led, as principal investigator, the Women's Cancer Center's research efforts, as one of approximately 50 primary research institutions (including world-renown cancer centers such as MD Anderson, Memorial Sloan-Kettering and Johns Hopkins) in the Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG), a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-funded cooperative research group. The Women's Cancer Center was the first private practice ever admitted as a full member to the GOG. The GOG was the National Cancer Institute's only cooperative group, conducting clinical trials dedicated to the study and cure of gynecologic cancers. Dr. Spirtos has served the GOG as a member of virtually every significant committee within that organization, including overseeing the Quality Assurance Committee as Co-Chair and Chair for over 15 years. He served as the Co-Chair of the Surgical Oncology Committee of the newly formed NCI-sponsored cooperative group, NRG Oncology, a combined group of gynecologic oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgical oncologists, colorectal and breast surgeons. Dr. Spirtos served as a member of the first University Medical Center Advisory Board, was Chair of the Quality Assurance Subcommittee, and served as a member of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine Community Advisory Board. He was recognized as a Distinguished Nevadan by the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). This past year, Dr. Spirtos was honored to receive the Presidential Award from the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) for his service to the medical community. He is interested in advancing medical science through properly run clinical trials and providing patients in Nevada with the opportunity to safely receive novel, cutting-edge medical care in addition to high-quality routine medical care. Dr. Spirtos is the President of the Board and Chairman of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.

### **Bret W. Frey, M.D., *Vice President***

Dr. Frey was appointed to the Board effective August 31, 2019, and was reappointed to a second term commencing September 1, 2023. He is a longtime Nevadan with a passion for emergency and aero-medical medicine. Earning a Bachelor of Science from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1989, he published numerous scientific articles during a seven-year research career thereafter. Dr. Frey holds a medical degree from the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, and is certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine. He has served Nevadans in a multitude of capacities to improve statewide medical care and has practiced in many emergency departments statewide. Dr. Frey is the Chair of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine Department of Emergency Medicine, is a member of the Government Affairs Commission of the Nevada State Medical Association, is the Nevada Medical Director for Reach Air Medical Services and is President of Western Emergency Physicians – the largest emergency physician group in Northern Nevada. Dr. Frey is the Vice President of the Board, Chairman of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees, and Chairman of the Board's Legislative Subcommittee.

### **Maggie Arias-Petrel, *Public Member, Secretary-Treasurer***

Ms. Arias-Petrel is a public member of the Board. She was appointed to the Board effective August 1, 2019, and was reappointed to a second term commencing August 1, 2023. In a career spanning over 30 years in the medical field, Maggie Arias-Petrel, an experienced and accomplished healthcare industry executive and leader, has held positions of increasing scope and responsibility. Ms. Arias-Petrel currently serves as the President of Soran Health Nevada. In this role, she oversees daily company operations, business development, and growth for Value-Based Senior Primary Care Practices. Previously, Ms. Arias-Petrel was Regional Vice President at Cano Health, where she oversaw Medical Operations in Nevada, California, and New Mexico in all areas of daily business leadership, led a diverse team, and led many successful initiatives. Ms. Arias-Petrel has also sat on many important boards and commissions. Throughout her career, Ms. Arias-Petrel has developed and refined her skills in all areas of healthcare leadership, has been involved in all areas of operational management, and has seen all entities

to their maximum performance while meeting the highest in performance expectations. Ms. Arias-Petrel volunteers her time with Promoters of Health, a non-profit organization that focuses on access to healthcare for minorities and underserved communities. Ms. Arias-Petrel obtained her MBA from Central University in Quito, Ecuador. Ms. Arias-Petrel is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board and a member of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.

### **Chowdhury H. Ahsan, M.D., Ph.D., FACC**

Dr. Ahsan was appointed to the Board effective July 1, 2021, and was reappointed to a second term commencing July 1, 2025. A native of Bangladesh, Dr. Ahsan received his medical degree from Dhaka Medical College and was awarded the Gold Medal in Medicine. He received the prestigious Commonwealth Scholarship and completed a Ph.D. in Clinical Pharmacology/General Medicine at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom for his research on the ethnic variation of the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of calcium channel blockers. Dr. Ahsan then received postgraduate training in Medicine and became a member of the Royal College of Physicians in London in 1992. He subsequently moved to the United States and completed postgraduate training in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease at the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, and did his Interventional Cardiology Fellowship at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Medicine, Nuclear Cardiology, and Interventional Cardiology. He was awarded the Young Investigators' Award by the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology in 2001, and American Society of Echocardiography in 2004. He was Associate Professor and the Director of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at the University of California, Irvine Medical Center before joining Nevada Heart & Vascular Center. Dr. Ahsan is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM) and is currently the Director of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories and Cardiovascular Research at the University Medical Center (UMC). Under his leadership, the Cardiology Fellowship program of University of Nevada School of Medicine at University Medical Center, Nevada Heart and Vascular Center and VA Medical Center was established July 1, 2014. Dr. Ahsan is the Director of this Cardiology Fellowship Program. This is a significant achievement for the state of Nevada and the Las Vegas community to bring academia in Nevada and overall quality of care to a higher level as this is the only cardiology fellowship program in the state.

Dr. Ahsan started work for the community when he was a student. He contributed significantly to the establishment of Shandhani, a voluntary organization of the medical and dental students of Bangladesh to promote blood donation and posthumous eye donation. He became the Secretary General of this organization. He did collaborative research work between Southampton University, UK and the local cardiovascular institute in Dhaka, Bangladesh when he was a student at Southampton. As a cardiologist, he started undertaking the mission of helping and growing a major teaching hospital in cardiovascular care in Bangladesh. Dr. Ahsan takes special interest in building Cardiovascular Interventional clinics and research programs in developing countries, and has led teams of U.S. Physicians, Technologists and Nurses to exchange work experiences there. He makes these trips on his vacation time and has taken cardiologists, nurses, cardiac cath lab technical personnel, and cardiovascular surgeons to do workshops, lectures, and hands-on training. Dr. Ahsan has championed the cause of treating acute coronary syndrome patients early and for a better outcome. He is on the editorial board of the journal of World Heart Federation, Global Heart. Dr. Ahsan has done several community programs to make people aware of cardiovascular care. He has done this in Orange County, California, when he was on the faculty at the University of California, and also in Las Vegas. He volunteered to make the seniors aware of cardiovascular care in the initiative taken by the *Las Vegas Review Journal* for the first time. Dr. Ahsan was awarded the prestigious Las Vegas HEALS award for his services to the community. He is named in *Who's Who* and also is listed in World Leaders in Medicine. He is an Honoree of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honors Society for his leadership and contribution in Cardiovascular Medicine. He served as the Governor of the

American College of Cardiology Nevada Chapter from 2021-2023. Dr. Ahsan was the recipient of the honorary fellowship degree of FCPS by Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2022. This is a prestigious institutional recognition by the College. Dr Ahsan is the founder president of SureCare, an accountable healthcare initiative to bring healthcare expertise and services to remote areas of Bangladesh via technological apps, particularly in the area of emergency cardiovascular care. He is currently the Chair of SCAI, USA. (SCAI is the organization of Interventional Cardiologists.) He represents World Heart Federation at the European Society of Cardiology. Dr. Ahsan is Chairman of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.

### **Pamela J. Beal, *Public Member***

Ms. Beal is the Managing Consultant for PB Diversified Company LLC. With over 30 years of experience in executive leadership healthcare, Ms. Beal is the former Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs for the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), as a key executive instrumental in launching an \$86 million dollar UNLV School of Medicine clinical faculty practice plan, with over 365 employees and 300 providers and residents, including 13 multi-specialty clinic locations. She served as the Chief Operating Officer for FirstMed Health and Wellness, a Las Vegas-based Federal Qualified Health Center, after leading the non-profit Southern Nevada Immunization and Health Coalition through unprecedented memberships, partnerships and access to no-cost immunizations, vision screening, well-child check-ups, eyeglasses, and dental care for low-income populations. Ms. Beal has held positions as the Director of Business Development for Desert Winds Hospital; Universal Health Services- Spring Mountain Treatment and Sahara Psychiatric Hospitals. Ms. Beal has substantial healthcare experience in managing overall operations and taking complete responsibility for the effective and successful management of labor, productivity, quality control, and safety measures as established and set for the Operations Department. She has extensive experience in leading diverse teams and managing all aspects of projects and implementations by ensuring that the business deliverables are completely satisfied on time and within budget. Throughout her career, she has secured in excess of \$20 million dollars in federal, state, local, foundation and corporate grants to improve and increase access to healthcare for low-income populations in Louisiana and Nevada. Ms. Beal also has a long history of participating in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs in Louisiana and Texas. Ms. Beal has completed two fellowships, one as a New Mexico Governor's Fellow in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the other as a Faculty Fellow for the Foundation for the Mid South in Jackson, Mississippi. She is the recipient of numerous awards in health care and has degrees in Accounting and Business from Western New Mexico University and Clarendon College, respectively. Ms. Beal serves on the United State Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Committee for Individual Review (CIR) and USMLE Management Committee. Ms. Beal is a public member of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), appointed to the Board effective July 1, 2021, with a reappointment effective July 1, 2025. Ms. Beal also is a member of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.

### **Irwin B. Simon, M.D., FACS**

Dr. Simon was appointed to the Board effective September 1, 2023. He is a general surgeon and has resided in southern Nevada since 1993. He is a graduate of Hahnemann University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Simon trained as a general surgeon at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. He then completed a fellowship in Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy and Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery, also at Mount Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Simon then entered the U.S. Army, where he served as the Director of the of the U.S. Army Surgical Endoscopy Training Program. In 1993 he was invited to Las Vegas to join Dr. Thomas Armour and Dr. Don Christensen. These Las Vegas surgeon pioneers sought out Dr. Simon specifically because of his fellowship training and minimally invasive approach to patients and disease processes. As a board-certified general surgeon, Dr. Simon continues to push the envelope of

the latest technologies, offering minimally invasive techniques to the residents of Las Vegas and southern Nevada. He has served on the Board of Governors of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons. He is the Founder and Principal of Vegas Valley Vein Institute. As a general surgeon, varicose vein disease has always been a part of Dr. Simon's practice. The technologies utilized include radiofrequency ablation, microfoam chemical vein ablation, injection sclerotherapy with medications like Asclera, and the use of VeinGogh ohmic therapy. Typical for Dr. Simon, these modalities are considered the latest, most minimally invasive techniques available for vein-related disorders. At the request of loyal patients, Dr. Simon expanded his general surgery practice to include minimally invasive techniques of hair restoration. With the founding of Vegas Valley Hair Restoration, Dr. Simon brought NEOGRAFT Follicle Unit Extraction (F.U.E.) to southern Nevada. Discriminating men and women from across the United States seek Dr. Simon's expertise to achieve the younger, more aesthetic look that a full head of hair brings to their lives. Dr. Simon is also a Nevada attorney. He matriculated in the inaugural class of the U.N.L.V. Boyd School of Law. He maintained his full general surgery practice throughout law school, graduated in 2002, and has been a member of the State Bar of Nevada since 2002. He is a founding partner in the law firm of Parker, Parker, and Simon. Dr. Simon has performed medico-legal consulting for several U.S. medical device manufacturers. He has lectured nationally and internationally. He has testified to members of the United States Congress on behalf of the Association of Medical Device Reprocessors.

### **Joseph Olivarez, P.A.-C**

Mr. Olivarez was appointed to the Board effective October 1, 2023, and is serving as the Board's first Physician Assistant Board Member. He is also a member of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees. He has been with Swift Institute since September of 2004. He received his certificate in PA studies in 1995 from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, in Pomona, CA. Mr. Olivarez started his career in medicine in 1985 as a Navy corpsman. He spent four years in the Navy working as a surgical technologist. Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy, he continued work as a surgical technologist while pursuing his degree at Mount San Antonio College, in Walnut, California. Since becoming a PA, Mr. Olivarez has worked with both orthopedic and neurosurgical spine surgeons. He has assisted on thousands of spine surgeries throughout his career. Mr. Olivarez has remained active in the education of physician assistants. He is an associate clinical professor of Spinal Neurosurgery at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. He also serves on the Community Faculty Advisory Board for the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Previously, he served as a clinical preceptor for Western University, Samuel Merritt College Physician Assistant Program, and Touro University Primary Care Physician Assistant Program. Mr. Olivarez has received special recognition for achievements and knowledge of surgery and is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. He is also a Fellow member of the Association of Neurosurgical Physician Assistants and the Nevada Academy of Physician Associates. In his spare time Mr. Olivarez enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons. He is an avid cyclist as well.

### **Jason B. Farnsworth, RRT, MBA**

Mr. Farnsworth was appointed to the Board effective October 1, 2023, and is serving as the Board's first Practitioner of Respiratory Care Board Member. He is also a member of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees. Mr. Farnsworth's primary employment from 2000 to the present has been with Renown Health, a not-for-profit integrated health care network, where he has served in a variety of capacities. Mr. Farnsworth is a board-certified respiratory care practitioner with specialties in emergency medicine, shock trauma resuscitation, and adult/pediatric/neonatal critical care. He has held significant leadership positions with the health network and is currently serving as the systemwide Director for the Respiratory Care Service Lines. From 2023 to present, Mr. Farnsworth has served as the Program Director for Great Basin Colleges Cardio-Respiratory Care Program. Launched in January 2025,

this is the first respiratory therapy program supporting the Northern Nevada Urban Corridor. Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Jason Farnsworth served as the Senior Enlisted Leader for the 152nd Mission Support Group and 152nd Medical Group, Nevada Air National Guard, Reno, Nevada. In these roles, he provided leadership and direction to over 500 full-time and traditional military personnel. Chief Farnsworth was responsible for advising commanders on enlisted-force matters, operations, and force development, and provided executive-level administrative oversight, prior to retiring with 25 years of service in November 2024.

### **Hugh L. Bassewitz, M.D., FAAOS**

Dr. Bassewitz is an Orthopedic Spine Surgeon and President of Desert Orthopaedic Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. Appointed to the Board effective September 1, 2024, he is also a member of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees. Dr. Bassewitz graduated from Tufts University with a B.S. in Biology before earning his M.D. from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. His postgraduate training included a General Surgery internship and Orthopaedic Surgery residency at UCLA, followed by a spinal surgery fellowship at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. He earned board certification by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery in 2003 and recertified in 2013 and 2023. He has been a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons since 2005. Dr. Bassewitz is a member of the North American Spine Society (NASS), the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery (AAOS), the Clark County Medical Society (CCMS), the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA), and the Nevada Orthopaedic Society (NVOS). He is a current trustee for CCMS, has served on the AAOS Board of Councilors, is a past president of the Nevada Orthopaedic Society, and is a former chief of surgery at Desert Springs Hospital. Dr. Bassewitz specializes in cervical and lumbar surgery, robotic surgery, microsurgery, and minimally invasive surgery, with a focus on complex spine reconstruction via minimally invasive techniques. Dr. Bassewitz participated in clinical and surgical research projects and published peer-reviewed articles and book chapters during his training. He has continued conducting clinical research, presenting at national meetings, and publishing in peer-reviewed journals on spinal surgery techniques and outcomes. He serves as a spine consultant for the Las Vegas Raiders and the Vegas Golden Knights. Dr. Bassewitz is the Director of the Desert Orthopaedic Center/Jewish Nevada/American Friends of the Rabin Medical Center Annual Visiting Fellowship, which hosts a visiting Israeli Orthopaedic Surgery resident for two weeks each year. He has taught internal and family medicine residents from UNLV, Orthopaedic Surgery residents from Valley Hospital, and medical students from Touro University. He has participated in implant design and training in collaboration with the spinal implant industry. Dr. Bassewitz currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Council for a Better Nevada and the Board of Advisors for Nevada State Bank. He is a past Chairman of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas.

### **Apeksha Desai, M.D., MBA**

Born in India, Dr. Desai completed her medical education at Mumbai University before moving to the United States in 2005 to pursue residency in internal medicine. During her training, she distinguished herself as Chief Resident, demonstrating both clinical excellence and leadership capacity early in her career. Dr. Desai is a board-certified internist with over sixteen years of experience across diverse medical settings, including hospital medicine, outpatient care, academic teaching, value-based care, and population health. She has practiced at Kaiser Permanente, gaining invaluable experience in large-scale integrated healthcare delivery. She has also served on the Board of QLER Behavioral Health Solutions, contributing her expertise to the advancement of innovative behavioral healthcare access. A lifelong learner, Dr. Desai furthered her education with an Executive MBA from Washington University in St. Louis, where she graduated in the top 5% of her class, further strengthening her skills in healthcare leadership, strategy, and organizational performance. Her expertise extends beyond clinical medicine into quality improvement,

patient experience, and innovative care delivery models, with a consistent record of advocating for patient safety. She has held leadership roles within multiple healthcare organizations, advancing initiatives in patient-centered care and quality outcomes, while also mentoring residents and medical students. In 2019, Dr. Desai and her family relocated to Las Vegas, where she quickly recognized Nevada's urgent shortage of primary care physicians. Driven by a vision for evidence-based, humane, and patient-centered healthcare, she founded Ace Primary Care in 2022, a pioneering organization dedicated to advancing accessible, high-quality primary care for the communities of southern Nevada. Through her work, Dr. Desai continues to champion healthcare equity, improved system performance, and enhanced physician engagement to ensure that all Nevadans receive compassionate, high-quality care. Dr. Desai was appointed to the Board effective September 1, 2025, and is also a member of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.

### **Kathleen A. Conaboy, *Public Member***

Ms. Conaboy is a public member on the Board of Medical Examiners, appointed by Governor Joe Lombardo for a term commencing September 1, 2025 and ending August 31, 2029. She has nearly four decades of experience in external affairs, specializing in communications, government affairs and policy development. As a lobbyist in the Government Affairs and Advocacy Group at McDonald Carano, she advocated for clients in a number of industry sectors, including health care, K-12 education, renewable energy, transportation, data collection and privacy, and state purchasing. After working with legislators and the Governor's office on legislation to create an authorizing body to oversee charter schools statewide, she was appointed in 2012 by Governor Sandoval to the Nevada Public Charter School Authority and served as the board's chair for four years. Previously Ms. Conaboy worked for 25 years in leadership roles in academic medicine. At the University of South Florida Health Sciences Center, she served on the senior leadership team of a three-college (medicine, nursing, public health) health sciences center undergoing intense self-analysis, strategic planning and regional re-positioning, including leadership development; research and educational integration among three health professions schools; strategic expansion of the research and clinical enterprises; and enhanced affiliations with clinical partners. During her 22-year tenure at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, she and her statewide staff were responsible for internal and external communication programs, including marketing for the faculty practice plan. They also supported leadership efforts to establish a clinical campus in Las Vegas, partnering with University Medical Center and many physicians in the local community. These efforts were the predecessor to the establishment of the UNLV School of Medicine. During this time, she served on multiple committees at the Association of American Medical Colleges and also was the principal investigator on global health grants from the American International Health Alliance to support Medical Education Reform in the Central Asian Republics. After leaving academic medicine, Ms. Conaboy worked with a national consulting firm specializing in accreditation, development of new medical schools, and organizational change in academic medicine. She has also been a program consultant to several family foundations. Ms. Conaboy has served in leadership roles on multiple local boards. She is a former public member of the Renown Health Care System's Quality and Professional Affairs Committee. She currently serves on the board of the Kenny Guinn Center for Policy Priorities, where she chairs the Governance Committee, and is a member of the Children's Cabinet Foundation Board.

## CURRENT BOARD STAFF

### ***Executive Staff:***

Edward O. Cousineau, J.D., Executive Director  
Sarah A. Bradley, J.D., MBA, Deputy Executive Director  
Donya Jenkins, Chief of Finance and Human Resources

### ***Administrative Staff:***

Laurie L. Munson, Chief of Administration and Information Systems  
Andy Graser, Information Technology Specialist  
Rachelle Sanders, Senior Finance Assistant  
Angelica Aguilar-Cadena, Administrative Assistant

### ***Legal Division Staff:***

Deonne E. Contine, J.D., General Counsel  
Donald K. White, J.D., Senior Deputy General Counsel  
Ian J. Cumings, J.D., Senior Deputy General Counsel  
William Shogren, J.D., Deputy General Counsel  
Mercedes Fuentes, Senior Legal Assistant  
Emily Tozer, Legal Assistant

### ***Investigative Staff:***

Ernesto Diaz, Chief of Investigations  
George J. Tuioti, Deputy Chief of Investigations, Las Vegas office  
Johnna S. LaRue, CMBI, Deputy Chief of Investigations  
Trent S. Hiett, Senior Investigator  
Monica C. Gustafson, CMBI, Senior Investigator  
Libi Anders, Senior Investigator  
Dana C. Schmitt, Investigator, Las Vegas office  
Malia R. Kaeo, Investigator, Las Vegas office  
Norma Perkins, Administrative Assistant  
Lynna Pili Eskeets, Administrative Assistant, Las Vegas office  
Wayne Hardwick, M.D., Medical Reviewer

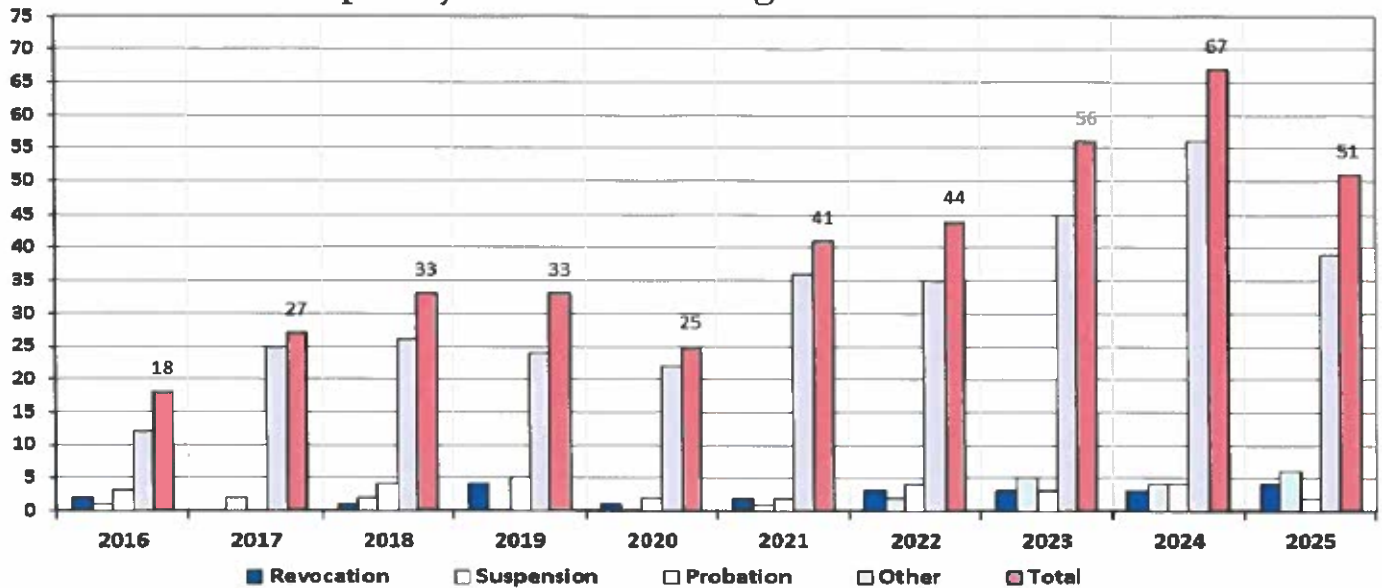
### ***Licensing Staff:***

Kory Linn, Chief of Licensing  
Lisa Small, Deputy Chief of Licensing  
Christina Hall, Senior License Specialist  
Summer Jacobsen, Senior License Specialist  
Caitlin Jones, B.A., Senior License Specialist  
Jennifer Krum, Senior License Specialist  
Elaina Aragona, B.S., Senior License Specialist  
Vanessa Young, License Specialist  
Jonathan Chang, Senior License Specialist  
Claire Zybert, Senior License Specialist  
Jenifer Godfrey, License Specialist  
Clarissa Kingsbury, License Specialist  
Hallie Petie, License Specialist  
Christabelle Morley, Senior Licensing Administrative Assistant  
Celeste Garcia, Licensing Administrative Assistant

## COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

In 2025, the Board opened 626 investigations, closed 347 investigations (many of which, of course, originated in preceding years) and imposed 51 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\***

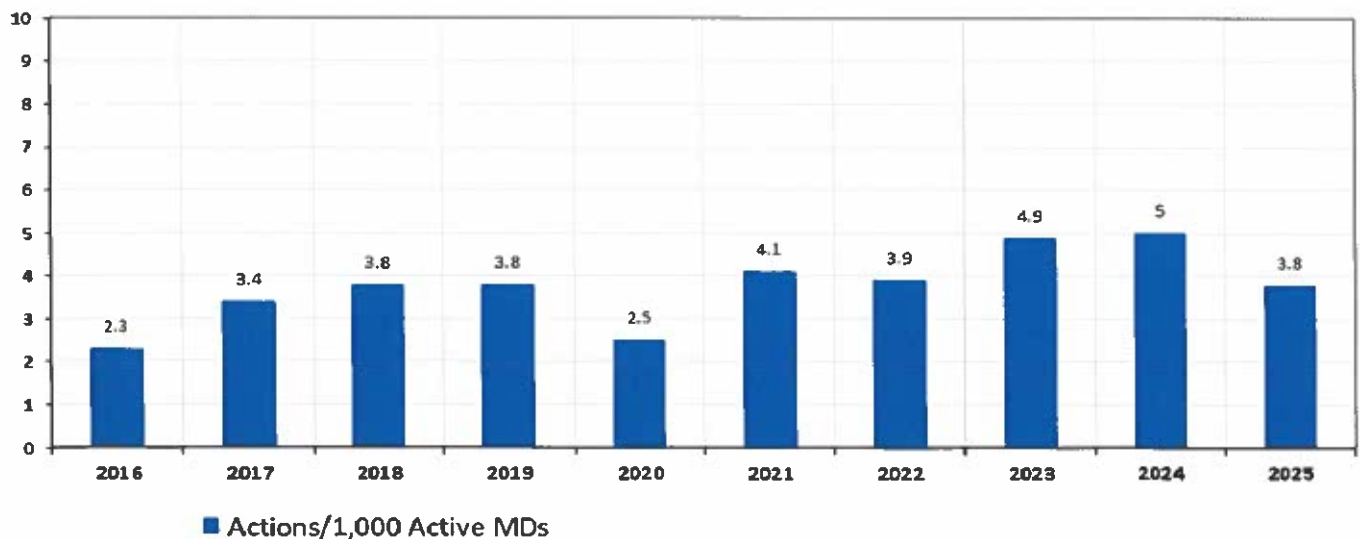


Note: "Other" actions include Voluntary Surrender of License While Under Investigation, License Restriction, Public Reprimand, Licensure Denial, CME Ordered, Fine, Drug or Alcohol Treatment Program Ordered, and Competency Exam Ordered.

\*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.

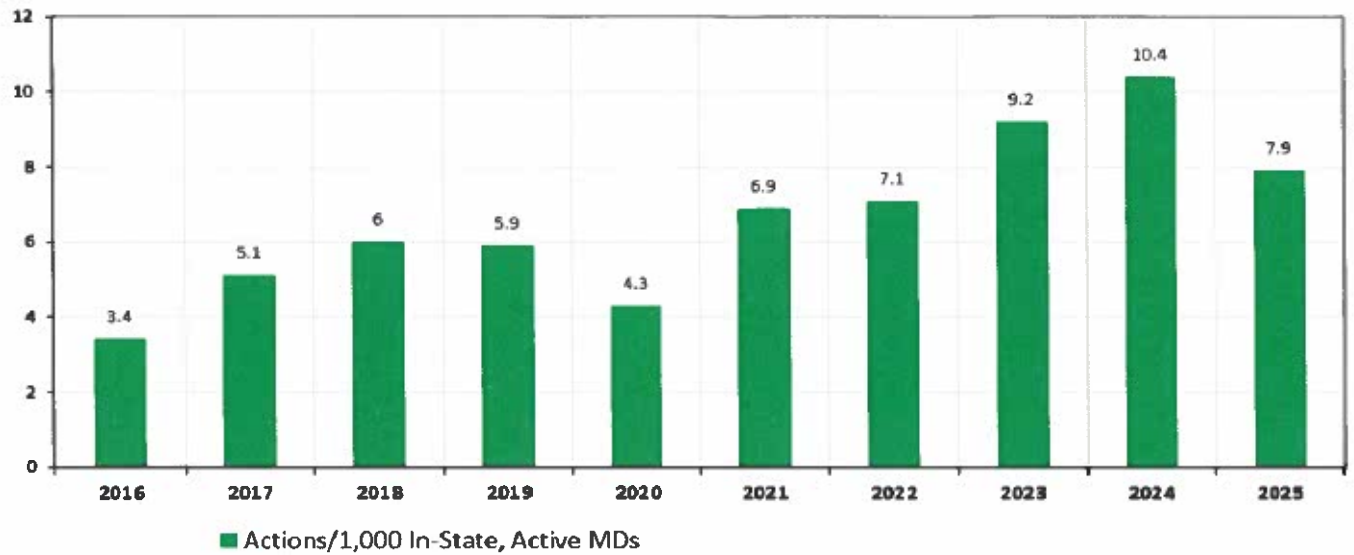
The graph below shows the rate of disciplinary actions taken by the Board per 1,000 active-status licensed physicians for the last ten years.

**Rate of Disciplinary Actions Per All Licensed Active-Status Medical Doctors**



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.

### Rate of Disciplinary Actions Per In-State, Active-Status Medical Doctors



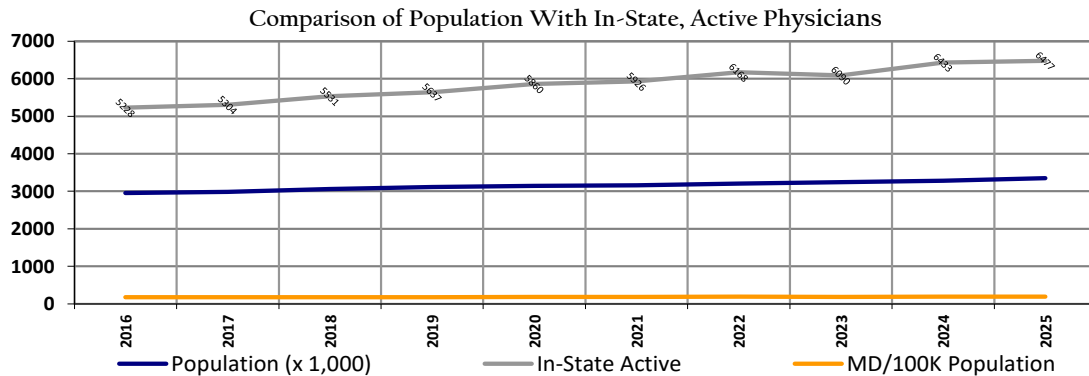
## LICENSING

The Board licenses physicians, physician assistants, practitioners of respiratory care, perfusionists, anesthesiologist assistants, and limited licenses for residency training. In 2025, the Board issued the following new licenses:

| Practice                          |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Physicians*                       | 1842 |
| Physician Assistants              | 232  |
| Practitioners of Respiratory Care | 160  |
| Perfusionists                     | 6    |
| Anesthesiologist Assistants       | 4    |
| Residency Training Licenses       | 195  |

\*1035 of these physicians were licensed via the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC).

In 2025, the ratio of physicians to 100,000 population\* decreased from 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 3,349,303), 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 2016 through 2019, the ratio averaged between 177 and 181. From 2020 through 2022, the ratio averaged between 186 and 193. In 2023, the ratio decreased to 187, in 2024, the ratio increased to 196, and in 2025, the ratio decreased to 193.



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

The physician licensure for active, in-state physicians increased by 0.7% in 2025. The following table is a county-by-county breakdown of physician licenses for the last ten years. In 2025, Clark, Humboldt, Lincoln, Pershing and Washoe Counties showed growth in their physician populations; Carson City, Douglas, Lander, Lyon and White Pine Counties showed a decrease; and the remaining seven counties remained static in their physician populations.

### Physician Licensure Counts (2016-2025)

| County                                               | 2016        | 2017        | 2018        | 2019        | 2020         | 2021         | 2022         | 2023         | 2024         | 2025         |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Carson City                                          | 177         | 173         | 173         | 155         | 157          | 178          | 164          | 173          | 191          | 181          |
| Churchill                                            | 24          | 25          | 27          | 21          | 21           | 21           | 22           | 26           | 26           | 26           |
| Clark                                                | 3605        | 3674        | 3845        | 3943        | 4080         | 4099         | 4275         | 4239         | 4484         | 4513         |
| Douglas                                              | 79          | 85          | 87          | 97          | 101          | 86           | 109          | 99           | 103          | 100          |
| Elko                                                 | 42          | 39          | 39          | 42          | 42           | 41           | 44           | 37           | 41           | 41           |
| Esmeralda                                            | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| Eureka                                               | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Humboldt                                             | 12          | 9           | 9           | 9           | 10           | 10           | 11           | 13           | 14           | 15           |
| Lander                                               | 2           | 2           | 2           | 4           | 5            | 5            | 5            | 3            | 3            | 1            |
| Lincoln                                              | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 3            |
| Lyon                                                 | 13          | 14          | 13          | 11          | 9            | 15           | 16           | 14           | 14           | 12           |
| Mineral                                              | 4           | 2           | 2           | 3           | 3            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 2            | 2            |
| Nye                                                  | 13          | 12          | 13          | 10          | 11           | 13           | 14           | 25           | 24           | 24           |
| Pershing                                             | 1           | 2           | 2           | 1           | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 3            |
| Storey                                               | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0            | 0            | 2            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Washoe                                               | 1246        | 1254        | 1306        | 1327        | 1407         | 1442         | 1488         | 1445         | 1516         | 1546         |
| White Pine                                           | 8           | 11          | 11          | 11          | 10           | 10           | 12           | 10           | 10           | 9            |
| <b>In-State Active Status</b>                        | <b>5228</b> | <b>5304</b> | <b>5531</b> | <b>5637</b> | <b>5860</b>  | <b>5926</b>  | <b>6168</b>  | <b>6090</b>  | <b>6433</b>  | <b>6477</b>  |
| Out-of-State Active Status                           | 2561        | 2523        | 3229        | 3066        | 4030         | 3992         | 5210         | 5292         | 7015         | 6856         |
| <b>TOTAL ACTIVE STATUS</b>                           | <b>7789</b> | <b>7827</b> | <b>8760</b> | <b>8703</b> | <b>9890</b>  | <b>9918</b>  | <b>11378</b> | <b>11382</b> | <b>13448</b> | <b>13333</b> |
| Inactive Status                                      | 802         | 772         | 763         | 772         | 762          | 786          | 765          | 650          | 645          | 600          |
| <b>TOTAL LICENSED (Active and Inactive Statuses)</b> | <b>8591</b> | <b>8599</b> | <b>9523</b> | <b>9475</b> | <b>10652</b> | <b>10704</b> | <b>12143</b> | <b>12032</b> | <b>14093</b> | <b>13933</b> |

The number of physician assistants decreased in 2025 by 1.7%. In 2025, there was growth in Mineral, Nye and Washoe Counties; Carson City, Clark, Elko, Lincoln, Lyon and Storey Counties showed a decrease; and the remaining eight counties remained static in their physician assistant populations.

### Physician Assistant Licensure Counts (2016-2025)

| County                              | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       | 2019       | 2020        | 2021        | 2022        | 2023        | 2024        | 2025        |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Carson City                         | 18         | 28         | 28         | 32         | 33          | 43          | 43          | 39          | 44          | 38          |
| Churchill                           | 10         | 7          | 6          | 5          | 5           | 8           | 8           | 6           | 10          | 10          |
| Clark                               | 533        | 559        | 618        | 655        | 709         | 719         | 795         | 786         | 865         | 845         |
| Douglas                             | 19         | 19         | 18         | 21         | 26          | 16          | 26          | 23          | 25          | 25          |
| Elko                                | 14         | 15         | 17         | 18         | 22          | 21          | 25          | 23          | 27          | 23          |
| Esmeralda                           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Eureka                              | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Humboldt                            | 1          | 1          | 1          | 1          | 2           | 2           | 3           | 2           | 2           | 2           |
| Lander                              | 1          | 1          | 1          | 1          | 1           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Lincoln                             | 3          | 4          | 4          | 4          | 4           | 4           | 4           | 5           | 5           | 4           |
| Lyon                                | 9          | 9          | 9          | 8          | 9           | 11          | 10          | 9           | 10          | 9           |
| Mineral                             | 3          | 2          | 4          | 5          | 5           | 3           | 4           | 3           | 4           | 5           |
| Nye                                 | 4          | 3          | 5          | 4          | 3           | 4           | 4           | 7           | 6           | 9           |
| Pershing                            | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Storey                              | 1          | 1          | 1          | 2          | 2           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 0           |
| Washoe                              | 149        | 156        | 183        | 195        | 222         | 248         | 279         | 301         | 323         | 330         |
| White Pine                          | 1          | 1          | 1          | 1          | 2           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| <b>TOTAL IN-STATE ACTIVE STATUS</b> | <b>767</b> | <b>806</b> | <b>896</b> | <b>953</b> | <b>1046</b> | <b>1082</b> | <b>1204</b> | <b>1207</b> | <b>1324</b> | <b>1302</b> |

The number of practitioners of respiratory care decreased by 3.3% in 2025. In 2025, there was growth in Carson City County; Churchill, Clark, Douglas, Nye, Washoe and White Pine Counties showed decreases; and the remaining ten counties remained static in their practitioner of respiratory care populations.

### Practitioner of Respiratory Care Licensure Counts (2016-2025)

| County                              | 2016        | 2017        | 2018        | 2019        | 2020        | 2021        | 2022        | 2023        | 2024        | 2025        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Carson City                         | 14          | 12          | 14          | 12          | 12          | 14          | 14          | 17          | 16          | 18          |
| Churchill                           | 6           | 8           | 9           | 8           | 9           | 7           | 8           | 6           | 8           | 7           |
| Clark                               | 1167        | 1158        | 1246        | 1231        | 1311        | 1278        | 1385        | 1341        | 1426        | 1376        |
| Douglas                             | 13          | 14          | 16          | 15          | 15          | 16          | 15          | 13          | 14          | 12          |
| Elko                                | 10          | 12          | 13          | 9           | 9           | 7           | 8           | 7           | 7           | 7           |
| Esmeralda                           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Eureka                              | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Humboldt                            | 2           | 2           | 4           | 3           | 3           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 3           | 3           |
| Lander                              | 2           | 2           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Lincoln                             | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Lyon                                | 14          | 14          | 17          | 15          | 15          | 13          | 15          | 19          | 18          | 18          |
| Mineral                             | 4           | 1           | 2           | 2           | 4           | 3           | 3           | 2           | 2           | 2           |
| Nye                                 | 14          | 15          | 14          | 10          | 10          | 10          | 15          | 8           | 9           | 7           |
| Pershing                            | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Storey                              | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Washoe                              | 207         | 193         | 199         | 180         | 194         | 188         | 197         | 193         | 201         | 198         |
| White Pine                          | 3           | 3           | 3           | 3           | 2           | 2           | 3           | 3           | 3           | 2           |
| <b>TOTAL IN-STATE ACTIVE STATUS</b> | <b>1457</b> | <b>1435</b> | <b>1539</b> | <b>1490</b> | <b>1587</b> | <b>1542</b> | <b>1668</b> | <b>1613</b> | <b>1709</b> | <b>1652</b> |

The number of perfusionists remained static in 2025, with all counties remaining static in their perfusionist populations.

### Perfusionist Licensure Counts (2016-2025)

| County                              | 2016      | 2017      | 2018      | 2019      | 2020      | 2021      | 2022      | 2023      | 2024      | 2025      |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Carson City                         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         |
| Churchill                           | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |           | 0         | 0         |
| Clark                               | 24        | 19        | 24        | 25        | 27        | 30        | 32        | 31        | 33        | 33        |
| Douglas                             | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |           | 0         | 0         |
| Elko                                | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |           | 0         | 0         |
| Esmeralda                           | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |           | 0         | 0         |
| Eureka                              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |           | 0         | 0         |
| Humboldt                            | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |           | 0         | 0         |
| Lander                              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |           | 0         | 0         |
| Lincoln                             | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |           | 0         | 0         |
| Lyon                                | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |           | 0         | 0         |
| Mineral                             | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |           | 0         | 0         |
| Nye                                 | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |           | 0         | 0         |
| Pershing                            | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |           | 0         | 0         |
| Storey                              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |           | 0         | 0         |
| Washoe                              | 4         | 6         | 5         | 4         | 4         | 5         | 6         | 6         | 6         | 6         |
| White Pine                          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| <b>TOTAL IN-STATE ACTIVE STATUS</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>40</b> |

The number of anesthesiologist assistants increased by 400% in 2025, with growth in Clark County, a decrease in Washoe County, and all other counties remaining static in their anesthesiologist assistant populations.

### Anesthesiologist Assistant Licensure Counts (2024-2025)\*

| County                              | 2024     | 2025     |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Carson City                         | 0        | 0        |
| Churchill                           | 0        | 0        |
| Clark                               | 0        | 5        |
| Douglas                             | 0        | 0        |
| Elko                                | 0        | 0        |
| Esmeralda                           | 0        | 0        |
| Eureka                              | 0        | 0        |
| Humboldt                            | 0        | 0        |
| Lander                              | 0        | 0        |
| Lincoln                             | 0        | 0        |
| Lyon                                | 0        | 0        |
| Mineral                             | 0        | 0        |
| Nye                                 | 0        | 0        |
| Pershing                            | 0        | 0        |
| Storey                              | 0        | 0        |
| Washoe                              | 1        | 0        |
| White Pine                          | 0        | 0        |
| <b>TOTAL IN-STATE ACTIVE STATUS</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>5</b> |

\*In 2023, the Nevada State Legislature passed legislation requiring that all anesthesiologist assistants must be licensed. As the law did not take effect until January 1, 2024, no anesthesiologist assistants were licensed by the Board prior to 2024.

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