

Navigating Your Way to Better Health Care

-Navigating the Way

With just a few clicks of a mouse information about Arizona physicians and resource organizations can be found on www.azmd.gov, the Arizona Medical Board's website. Whether you are looking for information on a particular physician or general information about the Board and its regulatory responsibilities, the website contains a wide variety of information in an easy-to-use format.

-Public Information

All the information posted on the website is available to the public. The website is updated daily so recent Board actions, Board meeting agendas and minutes, and changes in physician license statuses are posted in a timely manner. Additionally, all disciplinary orders, dated 1999 to present are linked. Disciplinary orders prior to 1999 are listed on the website, but are only available upon receipt of a public records request.

-Physician Profiles

By far, physician profiles are the most highly accessed area of the Board's website. With over one hundred thousand hits per year, this area of the website represents the heart of the Board's mission—to protect the public by providing information to make good health care decisions.

Physician profiles contain almost all the public information the Board has about a physician. Some information included on a physician's profile is:

- ◆ License Status (i.e. Active, Active with Restrictions, Inactive, Expired, Suspended, Revoked)
- ◆ Dates of initial licensure, license renewal, and license expiration
- ◆ Medical education and training including medical school, internships, residency, and fellowship
- ◆ Disciplinary actions

-Additional Forms/Recent Actions

The Arizona Medical Board publishes additional forms to easily request agency services. The forms are conveniently available for download and can be printed for immediate use. Additionally, a list of recent Board actions are posted along with a list of newly licensed MDs within the last 60 days, and a list of recent license status changes.

Frequently Asked Questions & Resource Links

-Frequently asked questions (FAQs) make up a significant section of the Board's website. After tracking some of the most commonly asked questions posed by the public and physicians, these FAQs provide simplified answers to some complex health care issues. As the Board identifies new areas of concern to the public, additional FAQs will be added.

-The Arizona Medical Board's website provides a great amount of valuable information regarding physicians in Arizona and the Board's role as regulators of the physician profession. The website also provides additional resource links.

-The Board is responsive to the needs of the community and posts new resource links as they become available. An important section of the website includes contact information for other state agencies that regulate health care practitioners. It also contains contacts for state and national physician referral networks. Since the Board cannot provide referrals to specific physicians, these resource links provide additional tools to gather more information.