
The Medical Consultant's Role

- Medical Consultants have a valuable role in the investigative process.
- The Board depends on its Consultants for their expertise and unbiased opinions.
- Although the Board is not bound by a medical consultant's review, all reports are carefully considered as part of the total investigative file.
- All investigative files will be made available to Medical Consultants on a secure website. (Films will be sent separately via mail in the format in which they are provided to the Board.)
- It is your responsibility to ensure that any information you review remains confidential.
- Although you may ask colleagues for their hypothetical opinions, you may not share any of the information you review with others.

We Cannot Do it Without You

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The Board wants a Consultant's opinion regarding the standard of care within your specialty and whether or not the Standard of Care was followed.

Medical Consultant Qualifications:

You may serve as a Medical Consultant for the Board if you:

- Possess an active license to practice medicine in Arizona and have no prior Board disciplinary history;
- Practice in the same or similar area of specialty as the physician being investigated;
- Are not the subject of a pending investigation, pending disciplinary action, or final disciplinary action by any licensing agency or health care entity, and
- Have been engaged in the practice of medicine for at least five years.

Compensation

- Medical Consultants are paid \$150 per case review.
- After receiving a physician's response to a Medical Consultant report involving deviations from the standard of care, Consultants may be asked to provide a short supplemental report addressing the physician's response. The Board will pay another \$150 for the supplemental response.
- Medical Consultants may also claim one hour CME credit for every hour spent performing a case review.
- Satisfaction of contributing to your profession.

Medical Consultants Needed

The Arizona Medical Board needs Medical Consultants from all medical specialties to assist in Board investigations.



Outside Medical Consultants are the backbone of our investigative process.



The Board receives
over **1600** complaints
annually related to
Arizona licensed
physicians.

Obligation to Investigate

The Board is obligated to investigate allegations that are within its jurisdiction and those falling within the Medical Practice Act.

Allegations regarding Quality of Care

These allegations are sent to qualified consultants practicing in the same specialty as the physician receiving the complaint.



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How to sign up

Send an email to an Outside Medical Consultant Coordinator: OMC@azmd.gov

Ask us to add your name to our consultant list

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