

District of Columbia Board of Medicine



Established in 1879, the [District of Columbia Board of Medicine](#) is responsible for protecting and enhancing the health, safety and well being of D.C. residents by promoting evidence-based best practices in health regulation and high standards of quality care, and by implementing policies that prevent adverse events.

The board is a division within the D.C. Department of Health, Health Regulation and Licensing Administration. It regulates the practice of medical and osteopathic physicians as well as physician assistants, naturopathic physicians, anesthesiology assistants, acupuncturists, surgical assistants, polysomnographers and postgraduate physicians in training. Regulation is achieved through the license application process, the disciplinary process and through outreach and educational activities.