

Medical Licensing Board of Indiana



The Indiana Medical Law of 1897 provided for the appointment of a State Board of Medical Registration and Examination to regulate the practice of medicine, surgery and obstetrics and to issue licenses to practice. The [second annual report of the Board](#) (1899) listed several board members who were active participants and/or leaders in the National Confederation of State Examining and Licensing Boards and American Confederation of Reciprocating Examining and Licensing Boards – Drs. William A. Spurgeon, James M. Dinnen and W.T. Gott. The sensitivities around medical philosophies were evidenced by the assignment of specific examiners for candidates with regular, homeopathic, eclectic, and physio-medical backgrounds. The report also presented the [content areas](#) covered by the board's earliest medical licensing examinations. In its tenth annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907, the board reported the issuance of a medical certificate to 190 physicians. Nineteen physicians failed to pass the examination.

Currently the [Medical Licensing Board of Indiana](#) licenses and regulates physicians, osteopathic physicians, acupuncturists and genetic counselors. The board consists of five medical physicians, one osteopathic physician and one consumer member. Past board members who served as chairs of the FSMB include J.W. Bowers, M.D. (1937-38), [P.T. Lamey, M.D.](#) (1969-70), and [N. Stacy Lankford, M.D.](#) (2007-08).