

## Minnesota Board of Medical Practice



In 1883, 25 years after Minnesota became a U.S. state, the faculty of the University of Minnesota was organized as a board of examiners to ensure all those practicing medicine and surgery were qualified. Four years later, a state Board of Medical Examiners was created to hold examinations for the licensing of all persons practicing medicine and surgery. The board also was charged with maintaining a register of all applicants who applied for a license.

By 1927, the board had been given the right to refuse to grant a license to or revoke the license of any person guilty of immoral, dishonorable or unprofessional conduct. In 1963, the board's responsibilities were extended to doctors of osteopathy and the board's name was changed to the Board of Medical Practice.

Currently, the board is responsible for the licensing, regulating and disciplining of physicians. It examines, licenses and registers medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, midwives and physical therapists. The board consists of 10 physicians, one osteopathic doctor and five public members, all appointed by the governor.

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