
Disciplinary actions taken

The following disciplinary actions were taken by the Board of Regents at its October 11, 2008, meeting:

- Prasad Chalasani, a general surgeon from Mill Neck, NY, was suspended from the College following disciplinary action by the New York Office of Professional Medical Conduct. His license to practice medicine in New York was revoked on March 10, 2008, following a finding that he had violated his previously imposed terms of probation. The disciplinary action taken by the College was reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

- Jose Alberto Gonzalez Garcia, a colon and rectal surgeon from Mexico City, Mexico, was expelled from the College after it was determined that he had falsified his credentials.

- Leon G. Josephs, a general surgeon from North Easton, MA, had his Fellowship placed on probation with conditions for reinstatement. This action was taken following disciplinary action taken by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine which placed his license on probation for five years, effective February 20, 2008.

- Milton Moore Slocum, a general surgeon from Shreveport, LA, was expelled from the College. This action was taken following disciplinary action by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners on August 20, 2007. Specifically, his license to

practice medicine was placed on probation for three years following charges of computer-aided solicitation of a minor for sexual purposes, indecent behavior with juveniles, and attempted possession of child pornography. The disciplinary action taken by the College was reported to the NPDB.

The following disciplinary action was taken by the Board of Regents at its June 13, 2008, meeting:

- The Fellowship of Michael S. Clarke, an orthopaedic surgeon from Springfield, MO, was placed on probation with conditions for reinstatement. This action was taken following disciplinary action by the Missouri Board of Healing Arts, which placed his license to practice medicine on probation effective July 9, 2007. The disciplinary action taken by the College was reported to the NPDB.

Definition of terms

Following are the disciplinary actions that may be imposed for violations of the principles of the College.

Admonition: A written notification, warning, or serious rebuke.

Censure: A written judgment, condemning the Fellow or member's actions as wrong. This is a firm reprimand.

Probation: A punitive action for a stated period of time, during which the member (a) loses the rights to hold office and to participate as a leader in College programs; (b) retains

other privileges and obligations of membership; (c) will be reconsidered by the Central Judiciary Committee periodically and at the end of the stated term.

Suspension: A severe punitive action for a period of time, during which the Fellow or member, according to the membership status, (a) loses the rights to attend and vote at College meetings, to hold office, and to participate as a leader, speaker, or panelist in College programs; (b) is subject to the removal of the member's name from the Yearbook and from the mailing list of the College; (c) surrenders his or her Fellowship certificate to the College, and no longer explicitly or implicitly claims to be a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; (d) pays the visitor's registration fee when attending College programs; (e) is not subject to the payment of annual dues.

When the suspension is lifted, the Fellow or member is returned to full privileges and obligations of Fellowship.

Expulsion: The certificate of Fellowship and all other indicia of Fellowship or membership previously issued by the College must be forthwith returned to the College. The surgeon thereafter shall not explicitly or implicitly claim to be a Fellow or member of the American College of Surgeons and may not participate as a leader, speaker, or panelist in College programs.