

**The Opportunity and Challenge in  
Medical Regulation Around the World**  
(A Oportunidade eo Desafio da  
Regulamentação da Medicina no Mundo)

**International Association of Medical  
Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA)**

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# A Common Purpose?

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

**“To protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public, by ensuring proper standards for the profession of medicine.”**

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# Creating a Community of Medical Regulators

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In IAMRA, we agree:

- Our *purpose* is to **encourage best practice** among medical regulatory authorities worldwide in protecting, promoting and maintaining the health and safety of the public by ensuring **proper standards** for the profession of medicine
  - Our *vision* is that everyone around the world should be treated and cared for by **safe and competent doctors**.
  - We do **NOT** promote one model of regulation but instead encourage the **exchanging of views** and examples of best practice
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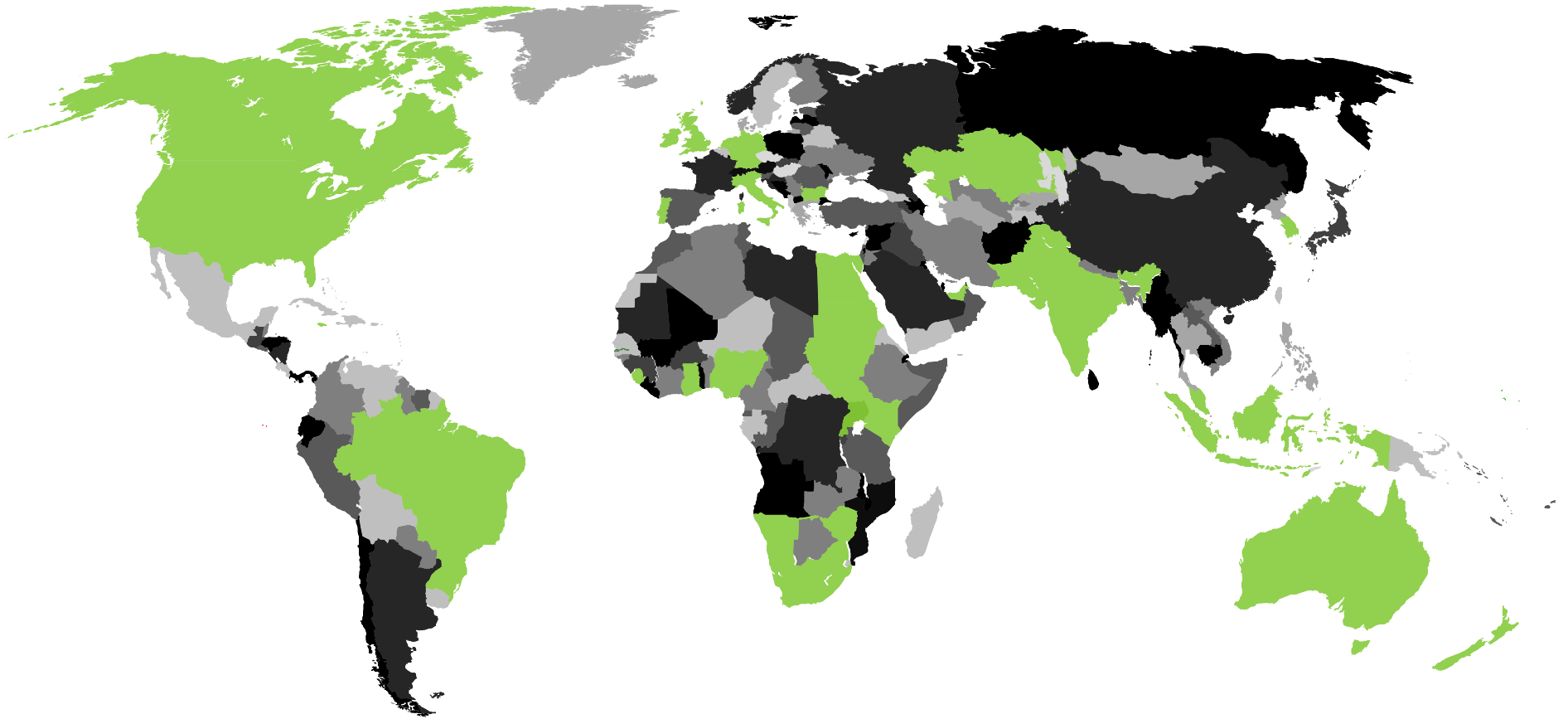
# This is what IAMRA is about...

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- A small secretariat, based in the U.S.A., hosted by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)
  - Run by a Management Committee with representatives from every region
  - 107 members from 47 countries
  - Major conference every two years – Melbourne, Australia in September 2016; Dubai, U.A.E., in 2018
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# IAMRA Membership – 107 Members from 47 Countries



# IAMRA Strategic Plan (2013-2016)

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**GOAL 1** - Explore potential roles for IAMRA in providing support to members to achieve high standards for the education of doctors through promotion of appropriate accreditation processes.

**GOAL 2** - Support and encourage members to develop mechanisms for assuring the continued competence of doctors.

**GOAL 3** - Promote and encourage members to share fitness to practice/disciplinary information on doctors proactively.

**GOAL 4** - Expand membership and influence, in particular, support developing medical regulatory authorities.

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# Ambitions of IAMRA...

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## **Regulation is a public good, if done well**

- Recognise historical, cultural, political, and geographical differences
  - **Learn from each other**
  - Engage with, and between, members at different stages of regulatory development
  - **Encourage, promote and support members to share best practice**
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# IAMRA Membership

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- Members:
  - ✓ Can participate in committees/workgroups
  - ✓ Have the opportunity to influence medical regulatory standards on a global basis
  - ✓ Receive advance notification of IAMRA events and conferences
  - ✓ Are offered discounted conference registration fees
  - ✓ Have exclusive access to many useful resources on the new IAMRA website:

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[www.IAMRA.com](http://www.IAMRA.com)



# Management Committee, IAMRA Melbourne, Australia September, 2016



# 12<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of IAMRA Melbourne, Australia Sept 21, 2016





# IAMRA Presentations

## Melbourne, Australia Sept 23, 2016



# IAMRA Chairs, 2010-2020

## Melbourne, Australia Sept 21, 2016





# Association of Medical Councils of Africa (AMCOA) Mangochi, Malawi August 25, 2016





# IAMRA Revalidation Meeting October 28, 2015 Montreal, Canada





# IAMRA Strategic Planning Retreat June 4, 2016 Los Angeles, CA





# Dr. Carlos Vital Tavares Corr3a Lima

## Dr. Alison Reid





# IAMRA Achievement #1

- **IAMRA Statement of Intent on Proactive Information Sharing**
  - Adopted by IAMRA Members General Assembly in 2012 in Ottawa, Canada
  - Addresses the means by which medical regulatory authorities should proactively share information about physicians who have been subject to disciplinary sanctions.
  - **Note:** We encourage members to become signatories of the statement, if there are no legal barriers to them doing so.

# IAMRA Achievement #2

- IAMRA Webpage to direct regulators to the databases of other medical regulatory authorities
  - 31 members have provided links to their public registers, which can be accessed through a single webpage in the Members-Only section of the IAMRA website.
  - **Note**: We encourage IAMRA members who are not part of the Public Registers Listing to join.

# IAMRA Achievement #3

- IAMRA's promotion of bi-lateral and multi-lateral memoranda of understanding (MOU), based on the models of information sharing previously developed, for the electronic exchange of professional certificates of good standing/certificates about doctors
  - Adopted in 2012 in Ottawa, Canada, the *Template MOU on the Exchange of Certificates of Good Standing and/or Certificates of Current Professional Status* is a guide to aid in this effort.
  - **Note:** IAMRA members are encouraged to engage in MOU with other regulators when it makes sense to do so.

# IAMRA Achievement #4

- IAMRA's promotion of guidance on good practice in setting up and managing public registers
  - Adopted in 2014 in London by IAMRA's Members General Assembly, the *IAMRA Basic Guidelines of Good Practice for setting up and Managing Public Registers* was developed to provide guidance to medical and health regulators about the development and maintenance of public registers.
  - **Note: The Guidelines are available in the Members-Only section of the IAMRA website.**

# IAMRA Achievement #5

- IAMRA's development of criteria to provide a service to members that would allow them to proactively share information on doctors attempting to register with fraudulent documents; and send alerts on doctors with fitness to practice/disciplinary actions that pose an immediate threat to the public.
  - **Phase 1:** the IAMRA Data Sharing System is currently in an early pilot phase involving a small number of medical regulatory authorities
  - **Phase 2:** will include a larger testing group
  - **Phase 3:** will make the system available to all IAMRA members

# Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States

- Represents all 70 state medical and osteopathic boards in the United States and its territories
- Co-owns the USMLE (United States Medical Licensing Examination)
- Secretariat, International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA)
- Publishes the *Journal of Medical Regulation*, since 1915
- Board Chair: Dr. Arthur Hengerer (New York)
- Presidente: Dr. Humayun Chaudhry (Texas)
- Mission: Support medical regulation through education, assessment, research and advocacy while providing services and initiatives that promote patient safety, and quality health care and regulatory best practices.

# Health Care in the United States

- There are 916,264 physicians (with M.D. or D.O. degrees) with an active state medical license
- U.S. population is 318,900,000
- U.S. Healthcare spending is 17.5% of GDP, reaching US\$3,000,000,000,000
- U.S. physicians graduated from 1,933 medical schools located in 166 countries around the world

# Health Care in the United States

- In a November 16, 2016 survey of 11 countries, adults in the U.S. are far more likely than those in other countries to go without needed care because of costs, and to struggle to afford basic necessities such as housing and healthy foods.
- Bright spots for the U.S. include timely access to specialist care, discussion with a physician about ways to lead a healthy life, and coordinated hospital discharge planning.



# Summary of State Medical Board Disciplinary Actions in the U.S.A.

- Total disciplinary board actions in 2015 = 7,491
- **Number of physicians disciplined = 4,087**
- Physicians with a license revocation = 268
- Physicians with a license suspension = 594
- Physicians put on probation = 653

# Foreign Medical Schools with the Greatest Number of Graduates with an Active Medical License in the U.S.A.

International Medical School		
St. Georges University	Grenada	7,780
Ross University	Dominica	7,063
Universidad Autonoma De Guadalajara	Mexico	5,832
University of Santo Tomas	Philippines	4,887
American University of The Caribbean	Saint Maarten	3,839
Dow Medical College, University of Karachi	Pakistan	3,111
University of Damascus	Syria	2,632
University of The East, Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center	Philippines	2,133
Osmania Medical College	India	2,118
University of the Philippines	Philippines	2,085

Source: 2014 FSMB Census of Licensed Physicians.

# US♦MLE

United States

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Federation of State Medical Boards &  
National Board of Medical Examiners

Established in 1991

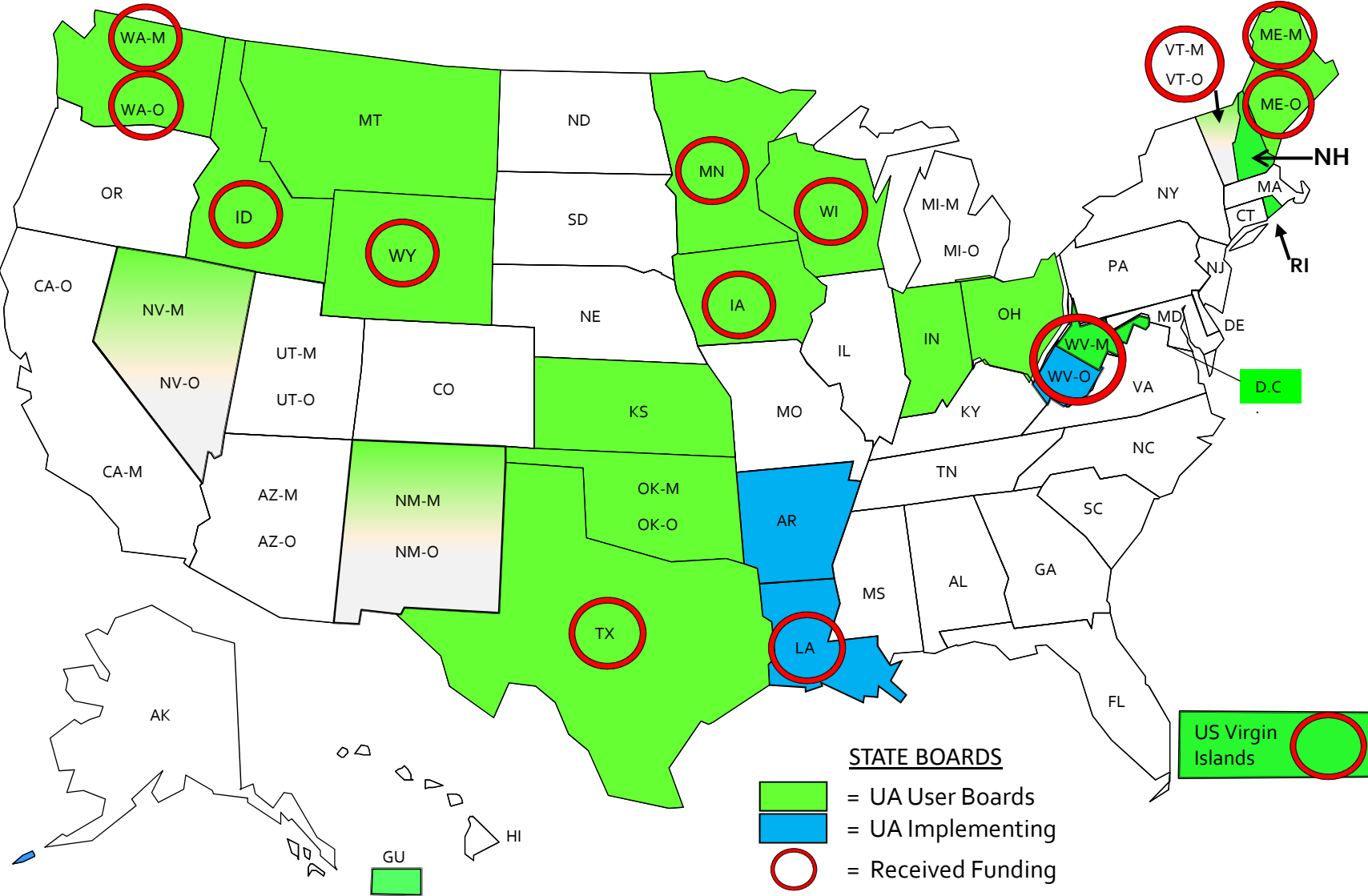
More than 2.7 million test  
administrations since 1992

Content developed and overseen by  
volunteer faculty from the academic,  
licensing and practice communities  
and the American public

Note: The NBOME's COMLEX-USA examination series is designed to assess the osteopathic medical knowledge and clinical skills considered essential for osteopathic generalist physicians to practice osteopathic medicine



# Uniform Application (UA) in 2016



# docInfo Physician Information Made Easy

Where is my physician licensed?

Where did my physician go to medical school?

Has my physician been disciplined by a licensing board?

[Start Search](#)



## What is a State Medical Board?

State Medical Boards (SMBs) serve the public by regulating physicians.

[Learn More...](#)

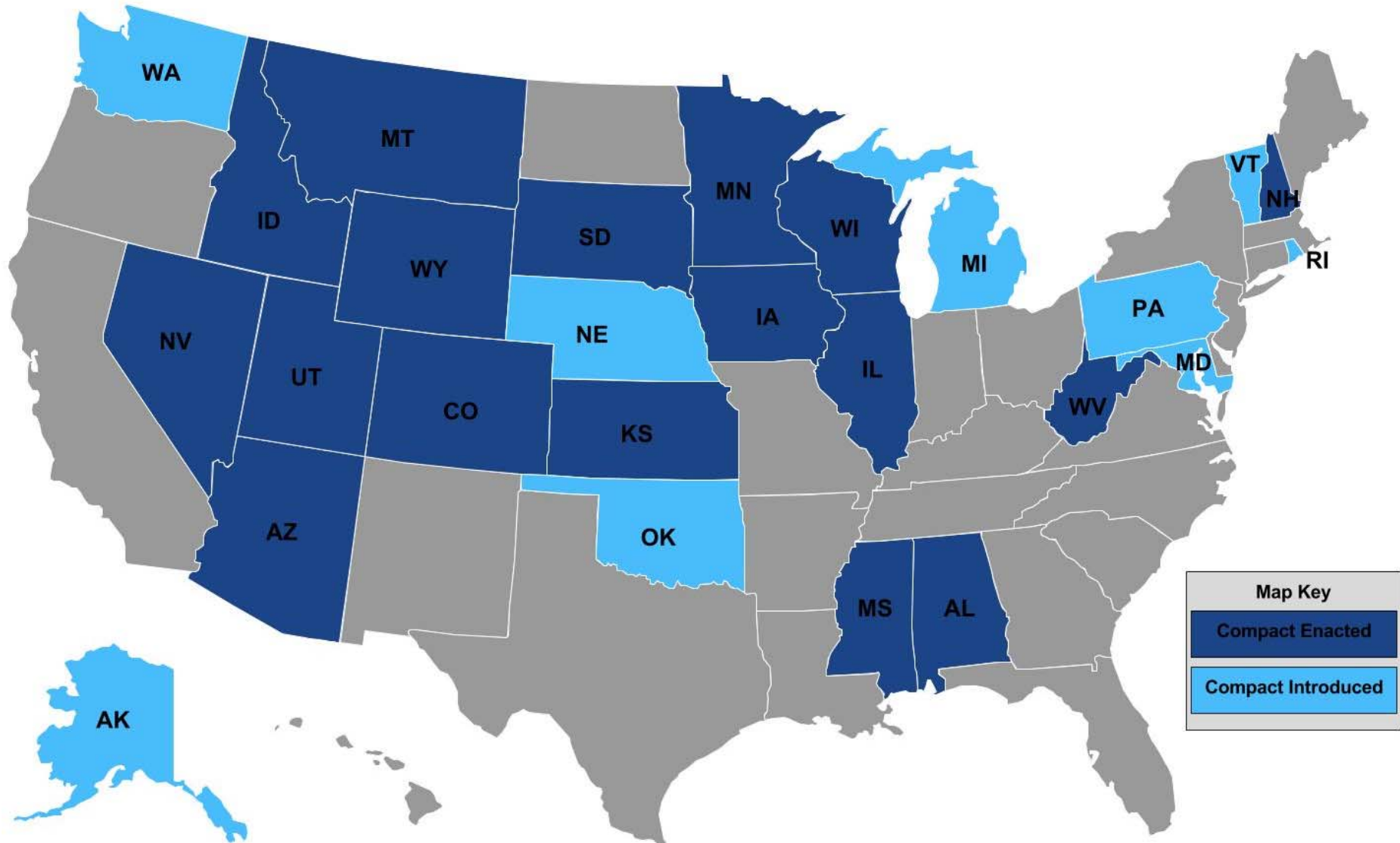
## What is FSMB?

FSMB supports State Medical Boards in their mission of public protection.

[Learn More...](#)



# Interstate Medical Licensure Compact U.S.A.



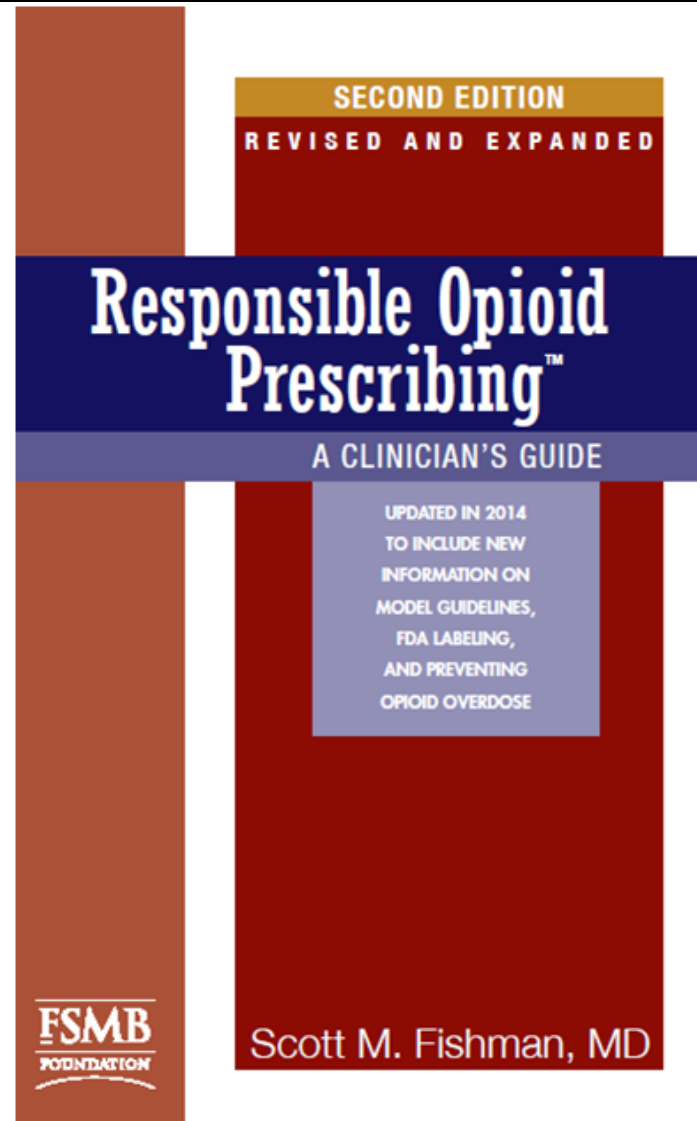
# FSMB Opioid Policy Workgroup September 12, 2016 Washington, DC





# FSMB Foundation

## Responsible Opioid Prescribing: A Clinician's Guide





# **Marijuana (Maconha) for Medical Use: FSMB Guidelines**

- **Physician-Patient Relationship**
- **Evaluation of the Patient**
- **Legal Informed Consent**
- **Document Qualifying Conditions**
- **Ongoing Monitoring and Adapting the Treatment Plan**
- **Consultation and Referral, as Appropriate**
- **Accurate and Complete Medical Record**
- **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

# Team-based Regulation Workgroup

October 15, 2015 Eules, Texas





# Workgroup on Education about Medical Regulation September 28, 2015 Washington, DC





# FSMB Annual Meeting, 2016: U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy



# National Academy of Medicine Meeting July 7, 2016 Washington, DC





# Thank you!

