

### Unexpected consequences of settlement with Medical Board

1. Accusations are put on the internet as if they were true- these accusations will never be removed due to laws that want to protect the consumer from dangerous physicians.
2. Accusations will be placed in the National Data Base and appear every time someone searches for charges against you when you apply for a job or try to get a medical license in another state.
3. These accusations are sent to QuackWatch so that they can determine whether to further slander your reputation or not. After forty years in medicine, my name was finally put on the Wall of Shame at QuackWatch—an honor all holistic practitioners long for.
4. Newspapers and television stations will call the office and try to reach you at the clinic as you go to the car to 'get the scoop' on 'dangerous' physicians in their community. Any truth revealed to them is distorted and only the medical board version of findings will be printed or shown on the television.
5. Pharmaceutical companies will no longer allow drug reps to leave samples for your patients.
6. Pharmacies will no longer honor your prescription refills since your license was suspended and then restored. All prescriptions must be phoned out anew.
7. Many pharmacists told my patients I had lost my license and was out of business. Some even told my patients that I was endangering my patients and was reckless, so they should get another doctor for their safety.
8. The Family Practice Board would not allow me to recertify through examination until I was off probation.
9. I lost my seats on advisory boards to pharmaceutical, nutraceutical, and laboratories. Many did not even tell me that I was removed until I called to see when the next meeting was going to take place.
10. I had been making \$35,000 to \$50,000 each year in speakers fees for pharmaceutical, nutraceutical, genetic testing labs, and cutting-edge laboratory biomarkers for cardiovascular and cancer risks. All speaking opportunities were cancelled, and I have not been asked to speak again.
11. Dozens of new patient appointments were cancelled when the newspaper articles and TV programs announced the accusations that had been brought against me. (The balance is that dozens of other new patients called seeking the type of care I was persecuted for doing.)
12. Hundreds of patients that were 'traditional medicine' patients transferred their care to other physicians.
13. My malpractice rose from \$3,500 per year to over \$20,000 per year (after months of trying to find a carrier after the previous one cancelled my policy due to the medical boards distortions.)

14. I was unaware that I would have to defend myself in all other states that I held a license to practice medicine. My medical board attorney did not have an AZ license, so I had to go without an attorney. (Fortunately, the AZ medical board has a holistic integrative review board, and I was found innocent of all charges that the CA medical Board had brought against me.)
15. All the laboratory tests and diagnostic studies that I had ordered prior to the suspension of my license were not covered by the insurance companies. Letters of appeal and long explanations followed to get those costs reimbursed.
16. The required courses for Documentation and Ethics were very expensive. But I did learn in the Ethics course the five things that the Medical Board have in their scopes:
  - a. Holistic Medicine
  - b. Weight Loss Clinics
  - c. Pain Management Clinics
  - d. Medical Marijuana
  - e. Cosmetic Injections

To this I would currently add- f. those who perform vaccine exemptions

17. The required monthly chart monitoring is very expensive and time consuming.
18. The quarterly probation officer visit seems like they are there to check your ankle monitor. (Fortunately, the three officers were very nice. Two of them expressed their apologies for the way the board had unfairly treated us, and transferred to other work since they found so many of their other physicians on probation were innocent.)
19. We found ourselves on the radar of the medical board, so any 'complaints' they heard had investigations opened (even without a patient complaint being filed).
20. There was so much lost revenue, we were having to tap into our 401k's, seek loans from family members, and even had to sell our home to get the equity to pay additional medical board defense funds.