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BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2015-2016

The 2015 Board Meetings will be held at
665 Mainstream Drive, Metro Center,
Nashville, TN, 37243, in the Iris Conference Room

Personnel and Education Committee Meetings

Personnel and Education Committee meetings will
convene at 1:00P.M. CST/CDT on the following dates in
2015:

October 14, 2015

2016:

January 20, 2016

April 20, 2016

July 20, 2016

October 19, 2016

Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board Meetings

Full Board meetings will convene at 9:00A.M. CST/CDT on
the following dates in
2015:

October 15, 2015

January 21, 2016

April 21, 2016

July 21, 2016

October 20, 2016

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY

A Farewell and Thanks to Former Board Members

Jerry E. Miller, M.D.	Kingsport	Non-Pathologist Physician
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Welcome These Board Appointees

Michael C. Johnson, MT	Portland	Medical Technologist Generalist
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OUR LOCATION

DO NOT FORGET

All application information (initial, renewal or supporting documents) must be mailed to the following address:

**Tennessee Department of Health
Division of Health, Licensure and Regulation
Office of Health Related Boards
ATTN: Medical Laboratory Board
665 Mainstream Drive, MetroCenter
Nashville, Tenn. 37243**

Board's employee phone numbers and e-mail addresses remained the same, however if you are sending or having documents sent to this office; PLEASE HAVE ATTENTION: MEDICAL LABORATORY BOARD, on the address as an identifier because there are some thirty (30) other state licensure boards at the same address. Documents are easily misplaced when not directed to this board and could greatly increase the processing time of any application or actually cause a second submission of documents to the administrative office.

Staff works diligently to try to process the applications within the Department's established bench marks; however any delay in receipt of the documents only lengthens the licensure process for the applicant.

Remember, Tennessee is a primary source licensure state and ALL qualifying documents must come from the originating entity (source), college registrar's office, certifying agency, etc. Copies of these documents will only delay the process.

Medical Laboratory Board Legislative Update - 2014

Public Chapter 154

This act allows the Commissioner of Health or his designee to have electronic access to medical records in order to facilitate investigations when responding to an immediate threat to public health. Today the Commissioner of Health or his designee already has this authority but must go to the facility to review the medical records. This act took effect on April 16, 2013.

Public Chapter 94

This act defines “abuse” and “neglect” for purposes of placing a person on the registry of persons who have abused, neglected, or misappropriated the property of vulnerable individuals specifically within the statutes that govern the Dept. of Health. It does not impact the definitions within the statutes that govern the Dept. of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities nor the Dept. of Human Services. It also increases the time within which placement on the registry may be appealed from 30 to 60 days. For rulemaking purposes, this bill became effective on April 10, 2015. All other provisions become effective on July 1, 2015.

Public Chapter 502

This act allows the Joint Government Operations Committee (the legislative committee that reviews all rules) to stay a rule up to 75 days instead of 60 days. Present law authorizes the Joint Government Operations Committee to consider justification, necessity and reference. This act adds arbitrariness and capriciousness as two new considerations.

Policy Laboratory Reports Patient Test Management

Tennessee Code Annotated Section 68-29-121(b) provides: “(t)he results of a test shall be reported to the physician, optometrist, dentist, chiropractic physician, designated entity or other health care professional who requested it.”

The statute indicates the only persons to whom a laboratory may lawfully send the results of any test it performs, except other laboratories as authorized by Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 68-29-129(5).

Pursuant to CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvements Acts) regulations §493.1291 and 45CFR§164-524, patients may now be allowed access to their personal health information, including access to their laboratory test reports.

Tennessee Code Annotated Section 68-29-121(b) should not be interpreted to preclude a medical laboratory from also providing test results directly the patient.

This revised policy statement was adopted on July 16, 2015.



The Tennessee Open Meetings Act passed by the General Assembly in 1974 requires that meetings of state, city and county government bodies be open to the public and that any such governmental body give adequate notice of such meeting. Open meeting notices can be accessed utilizing this link:

<http://tn.gov/health/calendar>



ACCESSING THE BOARD'S WEB SITE

➤ Log on to <http://tn.gov/health/article/medlab-about>

This web site will take you directly to the home page for the medical laboratory board. There are many resources on our web site including, but not limited to, the rules, statutes, applications, policy statements and a list of approved educational schools/programs and licensed facilities. License renewal and licensure verification may also be utilized on this web site. I would recommend you save this information in your “favorites” section for easy access.

BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT AVAILABLE ON-LINE

Tennessee Department of Health issues a monthly media release listing all disciplinary actions taken by the health related boards during the prior month.

These actions may include: non-payment of student loans, non-payment of child support. Any failure to comply with continuing education requirements for medical laboratory personnel; disciplinary adjudicated by the Board.

<http://tn.gov/health/article/boards-disciplinary-actions>

RULES UPDATE

The Rules and Regulations Governing Medical Laboratory Training Programs

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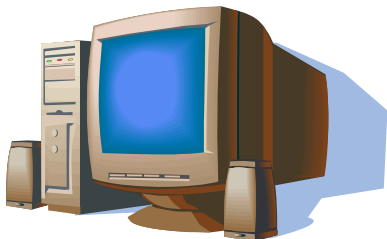
January 2015

LIVE STREAMING BOARD MEETING

Board meetings can now be viewed on the internet!!!

The link for viewing can be found at the top of open meetings notice or at the top of the meeting agenda.

Note: The link changes with each scheduled meeting.



INVOICES FOR LICENSE RENEWAL

On January 1, 2013, the law became effective requiring your licensing board to provide electronic notices to you. The law gives you the **option** of being notified electronically of the following: (1) Renewals of license, certification or registration; (2) Any fee increases; (3) Any changes in state law that impact the license holder; and (4) Any board meeting where changes in rules or fees are on the agenda. If you “opt in”, the Department of Health will also be able to alert you of critical public health matters impacting the State of Tennessee.

If you choose to “opt-in”, you must keep your e-mail address site current or you will not receive a renewal notice for no paper notice will be generated via our electronic database and be mailed to your home. It is responsibility for the licensee to maintain the license in current status at all times.

It is also imperative you keep your address current in our system which will provide an avenue for receiving license updates and other important information concerning your license.

<https://apps.tn.gov/hlrs/begin.jsp>

On Line Renewals

The Division of Health Regulation and Licensing launched a new computer system on April 01, 2015.

All licenses cannot be renewed on line until 70 days prior to the expiration date on the document.

Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board Members

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Knoxville, TN
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VACANT
Medical Technologist - Generalist

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VACANT

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