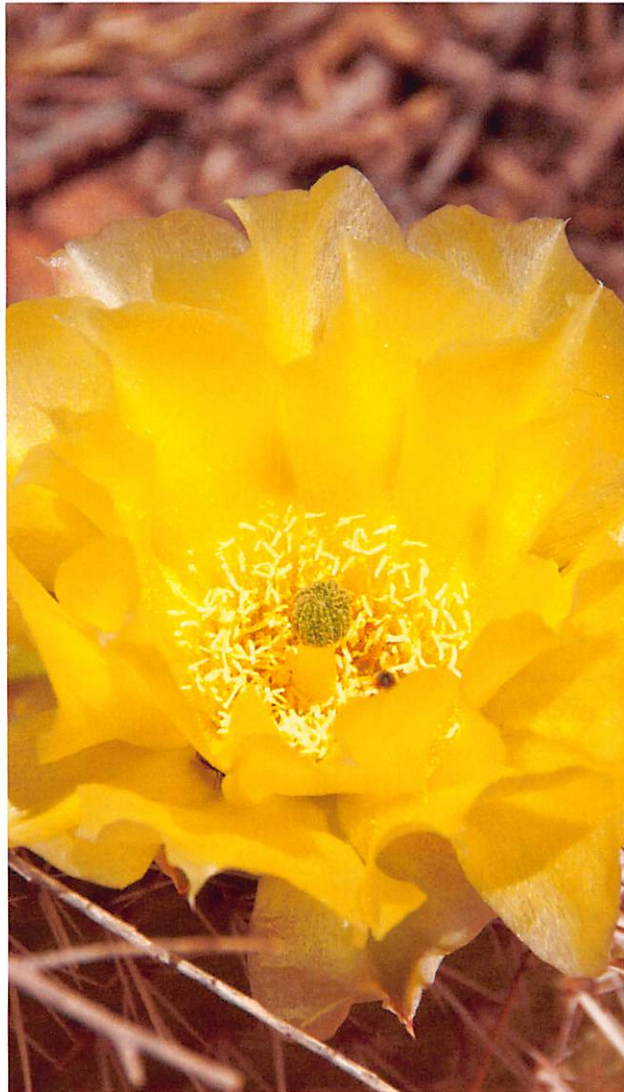
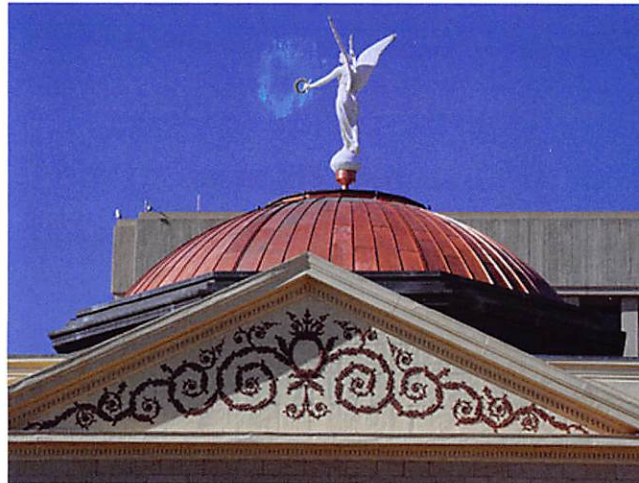


***"Our Outside Medical Consultants are the backbone of our investigative process."***

*Patricia McSorley, Executive Director*



**The Board receives over 1300 complaints annually related to Arizona licensed physicians.**



#### **Obligation to Investigate**

The Board is obligated to investigate allegations that are within its jurisdiction and to those falling within the Arizona Medical Practice Act.

### **Compensation**

Medical Consultants are paid \$200 per case review. After receiving a physician's response to a Medical Consultant report involving deviations from the standard of care, Consultants may be asked to provide a short supplemental report addressing the physician's response. The Board will pay another \$200 for the supplemental response. Medical Consultants may also claim one hour CME credit for every hour spent performing a case review.

#### **Allegations regarding Quality of Care**

These allegations are sent to qualified consultants practicing in the **same specialty** as the physician receiving the complaint.



#### **Community**

Our Medical Consultants have the satisfaction of contributing to the medical profession.

### **Where Do I Sign Up?**

Send a request to one of our highly qualified Outside Medical Consultant Coordinators via email at: [OMC@azmd.gov](mailto:OMC@azmd.gov)

Ask them to add your name to our consultant list.

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## Role of the Medical Consultant

- **Medical Consultants have a valuable role in the investigative process.**
- **The Board depends on its Consultants for their expertise and unbiased opinions.**
- **Although the Board is not bound by a medical consultant's review, all reports are carefully considered as part of the total investigative file.**
- **All investigative files are made available to Medical Consultants via a secure website. (Films may be sent separately via US Mail in the format in which they were provided to the Board.)**
- **It is the Medical Consultant's responsibility to ensure that any information you review remains confidential.**
- **Although you may ask colleagues for their hypothetical opinions, Medical Consultants may not share any of the information reviewed with others.**

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## Medical Consultant Qualifications:

You may serve as a Medical Consultant for the Board if you:

- Possess an active license to practice medicine in Arizona and have no prior Board disciplinary history:
- Practice in the same or similar area of specialty as the physician being investigated.
- Are not the subject of a pending investigation, pending disciplinary action, or final disciplinary action by any licensing agency or health care entity, and
- Have been engaged in the practice of medicine for at least five years.



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## Medical Consultants Needed

*The Arizona Medical Board needs Consultants from all medical specialties to assist in Board investigations.*

