

Quarterly Management Report

THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

THIRD QUARTER—FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

The Florida Department of Health Recognizes Dietitians and Nutritionists

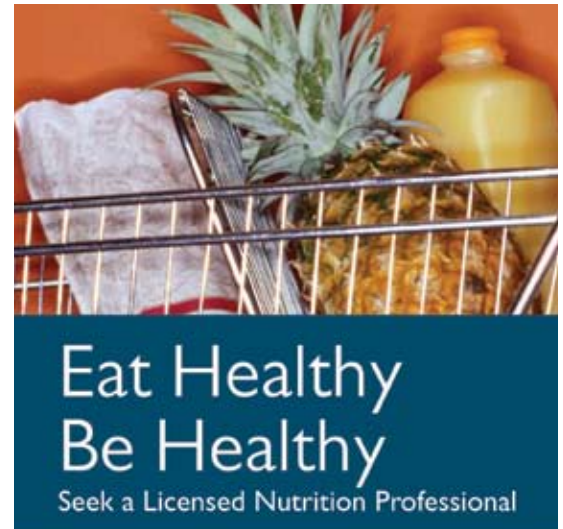
In connection with Registered Dietitians Day on March 10, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) recognized the registered dietitians and licensed dietitians/nutritionists who help Floridians live healthier lives through the promotion of healthy eating and physical activity.

“We appreciate the nutrition expertise, compassion, and dedication of registered dietitians and licensed dietitians/nutritionists as they help individuals make specific, positive lifestyle changes to improve health,” said DOH Family Health Services Division Director Annette Phelps, A.R.N.P., M.S.N. “With obesity rates throughout the country rising, their work is more critical than ever. The education and healthy living they promote are valuable to everyone.”

Registered dietitians and licensed dietitians/nutritionists complete a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in nutrition and an internship, pass a national exam, and obtain ongoing professional education. These nutrition experts evaluate current nutrition science information and determine how it can be used to address an individual’s unique nutrition needs. They offer vital nutrition education, consultation, and guidance to Florida’s citizens – from the most vulnerable, frail, or ill in our society to those who want to improve their food intake in order to maximize health and strength.

Their expertise and guidance assist:

- pregnant and breastfeeding women to help them have healthy babies
- infants and young children to promote healthy growth and development
- children to encourage healthy eating and physical activity habits
- adults to prevent the onset or advancement of obesity and chronic diseases
- patients with wasting diseases or injury to rebuild or strengthen them
- teenagers with eating disorders to provide guidance to them
- elderly who need information on drug-nutrient interactions or hydration
- athletes who want to improve sports performance



DOH Investigation Leads to Arrest in Miami

The Florida Department of Health’s (DOH) South Florida Unlicensed Activity (ULA) Unit announced that their joint investigation with the Miami-Dade Police Department’s Medical Crimes Unit (MDPD-MCU) has led to the arrest of Mr. Singh Damdindorj, for the unlicensed practice of a healthcare profession (medicine) which is a third degree felony that is punishable by up to five years in prison.

In August of 2007, a concerned citizen notified DOH that Damdindorj was promoting himself as a “Master Doctor of Tibetan Medicine” and claiming to be able to treat a wide variety of medical conditions. A subsequent ULA investigation revealed that Damdindorj was in fact holding himself out to be a medical doctor in his advertisement and was offering medical diagnoses and treatments in several major cities throughout the country. Typically the fifty-four year old Damdindorj (who claims to have received one of his six degrees from a university in Moscow) would advertise these services in Russian language newspapers. Potential customers would then schedule appointments through local a contact, and Damdindorj would see them in his hotel room during brief visits to each city. Other than Miami, Damdindorj is believed to have provided services in New York, Washington D.C., Boston, San Francisco, Cleveland, and Philadelphia.

The joint operation that resulted in Damdindorj’s arrest was conducted on Tuesday January 8, 2008. Detectives from the MDPD-MCU, along with DOH ULA investigators, called and set an appointment with Damdindorj at a Miami hotel. Damdindorj provided an extensive consultation/diagnosis for an undercover detective who was complaining of chronic migraines. The entire operation was monitored using audio surveillance equipment. After his arrest, Damdindorj admitted that he did not possess a medical license in Florida. Damdindorj was subsequently transported to a Miami-Dade jail for processing

DOH has several resources to combat unlicensed activity:

- Consumers are encouraged to use DOH’s Web site www.flhealthsource.com where they can conveniently view the license information of their health care practitioner.
- Complaints may be filed anonymously by completing and mailing the complaint form on the DOH Web site or calling 1-877-HALT-ULA or 1-877-425-8852.

Third Quarter ULA Statistics	
Complaints Received	248
Referred for Investigation	240
Investigations Completed.	126
Cease and Desists Issued	57
Referrals to Law Enforcement.	72
Arrests	44

**To Report Unlicensed Activity call:
1-877-HALT-ULA**



Practitioner Regulation Quarterly Summary • January 1, 2008 – March 31, 2008

BOARD	COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	LEGALLY SUFFICIENT	INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED	CITATIONS ISSUED	DISMISSED BY PANEL	PC FOUND	PC FOUND DISMISSED	FINAL ORDERS	CONSUMER SERVICES	INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES	LEGAL SERVICES	TOTAL SERVICES
ACUPUNCTURE	12	8	3	0	6	0	0	1	6	9	19	34
ANESTHESIOLOGY ASSISTANTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ATHLETIC TRAINERS	1	0	3	5	2	1	0	0	1	0	4	5
CERTIFIED NURSING ASST	455	159	191	20	99	75	12	72	82	126	457	665
CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHIROPRACTIC MEDICINE	170	52	49	2	11	22	6	22	31	41	161	233
CLINICAL LAB PERSONNEL	4	3	5	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	8	9
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS	44	9	11	0	6	0	0	4	4	8	21	33
DENTAL HYGIENISTS	4	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	13	1	8	22
DENTAL LABORATORIES	7	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	3	8	12	23
DENTISTRY	294	93	96	0	36	17	1	15	157	104	258	519
DIETETICS AND NUTRITION	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	4	9
DRUGS, DEVICES & COSMETICS	88	76	77	0	55	0	0	60	3	44	191	238
ELECTROLYSIS	8	4	6	0	2	0	0	1	5	4	9	18
ELECTROLYSIS FACILITIES	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECH	38	5	55	0	10	12	0	10	8	8	93	109
HEARINGAID SPECIALISTS	36	18	10	0	0	2	0	0	20	8	30	58
MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS	4	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	4	6
MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS	86	45	30	2	11	8	0	9	14	25	75	114

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MASSAGE THERAPY	117	66	32	2	18	23	0	19	80	55	144	279
MEDICAL PHYSICIANS	3	4	2	27	0	1	0	5	1	0	2	3
MEDICINE	3,130	434	394	54	455	80	23	42	2,112	565	1,078	3,755
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS	23	7	12	0	8	6	0	2	8	6	22	36
MIDWIFERY	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	1	9
NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NURSING - ARNP	157	116	21	16	20	11	2	9	52	22	84	158
NURSING - LPN	218	140	144	10	89	74	6	25	281	95	380	756
NURSING - RN	421	240	239	16	117	119	9	46	147	138	640	925
NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS	56	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	40	2	38	80
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	67	122	10	163	5	2	0	0	37	1	26	64
OPTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25
OPTICIANRY	4	4	4	0	0	2	0	3	2	1	13	16
OPTOMETRY	49	61	5	12	4	1	1	0	9	8	18	35
OPTOMETRY BRANCH OFFICES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ORTHOTISTS & PROSTHETISTS	5	2	3	0	0	6	0	0	1	2	68	71
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE	457	83	54	5	29	4	0	15	233	51	106	390
PARAMEDICS	28	13	38	0	2	3	0	11	15	9	134	158
PHARMACIES	98	71	56	0	63	2	3	0	5	86	104	195

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PHARMACISTS	88	74	79	8	53	15	4	18	76	59	166	301
PHYSICAL THERAPY	140	124	6	3	3	3	0	1	62	9	20	91
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS	81	58	16	11	14	6	0	2	41	20	32	93
PODIATRIC MEDICINE	174	46	33	25	15	3	1	9	133	10	68	211
PSYCHOLOGY	27	16	11	0	7	3	0	3	5	9	41	55
RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY	25	11	12	0	1	15	0	19	11	1	33	45
RESPIRATORY CARE	9	10	12	10	3	6	0	10	10	10	55	75
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY	27	22	1	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	8
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATH/AUDIO	11	4	4	0	3	3	0	2	5	2	13	20
TOTAL FOR ALL BOARDS	6,675	2,216	1,739	396	1,147	527	69	441	3,724	1,559	4,668	9,951

Board and Council Appointments • January 1, 2008 – March 31, 2008

Name	Board or Council
Edwin Shreve	Certified Nursing Assistants
Christie King	Certified Nursing Assistants
Roderick Jones	Chiropractic
Bradley Levine	Medicine
Rebecca Del Moral	Optometry
Terrance Naberhaus	Optometry
Timothy Underhill	Optometry