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Physician Profile

Heather Z. Sankey, M.D.

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Physician Information

Except for the License information, this information has been reported by Dr. Sankey.

License Number	71927	Accepting New Patients	Yes
License Status	Active	Accepts Medicaid	Yes
License Issue Date	11/15/1989	Translation Services Available	Spanish, Upon Request
License Expiration Date	2/8/2019	Insurance Plans Accepted	Aetna, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, Health New England, Inc., Masshealth, Numerous Plans Accepted
Primary Work Setting	Hospital	Hospital Affiliations	Baystate Medical Center
Business Address	Baystate Medical Ctr-OB/GYN 759 Chestnut Street Springfield, MA 01199 United States of America	NPI Number	1407943012
Business Telephone	(413) 794-7045		

Both The Joint Commission and the National Committee on Quality Assurance consider the Massachusetts Board of Registration to be a primary source provider for license status information.

Education & Training

The Education and Training information was verified as of the License Issue Date above.

Medical School	Hahnemann University School of Medicine
Graduation Date	6/30/1988
Post Graduate Training	Baystate Medical Center, Intern:Obstetrics and Gynecology (7/1/1988 - 6/30/1989) Baystate Medical Center, Resident:Obstetrics and Gynecology (7/1/1989 - 6/30/1992)

Specialty

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Area of Specialty	Obstetrics and Gynecology
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Board Certifications

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American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)		
Board Name	General Certification	Subspecialty
Obstetrics & Gynecology	Obstetrics and Gynecology	

Honors and Awards

This information has been reported by Dr. Sankey.

CREOG National Faculty Award.
 Apgo/solvay Educational Scholars Program.
 Tufts University School of Medicine Excellence in Teaching Citation
 Judith Fleming Henshaw Award, Jane Fund of MA
 Tufts Univ School of Medicine Excellence in Teaching Citation
 Sandoz Award for Outstanding Contribution in Service to Hahnemann(1988)
 Resident Teaching Award
 Eliz Blackwell Mem Prize,Outstanding Sr.Woman

Burroughs Wellcome/AMA Leadership Award
APGO/CREOG Annual Mtg Third Prize Oral Abstract(2010)

Professional Publications

This information has been reported by Dr. Sankey.

PROLOG: Patient Management in the Office, Sixth Edition. 2012

Making It Work Successful Collaborative Practice. Obstet Gynecol. 2011 Sept; 118 (3): 683-686

The Am J Addict, 22:54-59,2013

Rosal MC, Wang ML, Moore Simas TA, Bodenlos JS, Crawford SL, Leung K, Sankey HZ. Predictors of Ge DeJoy, SA, Sankey HZ, Dickerson, AE, Psaltis, A, Galli, A, Burkman, RT. The Evolving Role of Mid Wang ML, Arroyo J, Druker S, Sankey HZ, Rosal MC. Knowledge, Attitudes and Provider Advice by Pre Oncken C, Feinn R, Covault J, Duffy V, Dornelas E, Kranzler HR, Sankey HZ. Genetic Vulnerability Dornelas E, Oncken C, Green J, Sankey HZ, Kranzler HR. Major Depression and PTSD in Pregnant Smo

Malpractice Information

Some studies have shown that there is no significant correlation between malpractice history and a physician's competence. At the same time, the Board believes that consumers should have access to malpractice information. In these profiles, the Board has given you information about both the malpractice history of the physicians currently practicing in the physician's specialty and the individual physician's history of payments. The Board has placed payment amounts into three statistical categories: below average, average, and above average, based on the payments made by physicians currently practicing in the physician's specialty. To make the best health care decisions, you should view this information in perspective. You could miss an opportunity for high quality care by selecting a physician based solely on malpractice history.

When considering malpractice data, please keep in mind:

- Malpractice histories tend to vary by specialty. Some specialties are more likely than others to be the subject of litigation.
- This report reflects malpractice payments made in Massachusetts reported to the Board by Massachusetts medical malpractice insurers. You should take into account how long the physician has been in practice when considering the number of payments made.
- The incident causing the malpractice claim may have happened years before a payment is finally made. Sometimes, it takes a long time for a malpractice lawsuit to move through the legal system.
- Some physicians work primarily with high risk patients. These physicians may have malpractice histories that are higher than average because they specialize in cases or patients who are at very high risk for problems.
- Settlement of a claim may occur for a variety of reasons which do not necessarily reflect negatively on the professional competence or conduct of the physician. A payment in settlement of a medical malpractice action or claim should not be construed as creating a presumption that medical malpractice has occurred.

The payment average(s) below reflect payments made by physicians currently practicing in the specialty. You may wish to discuss information provided in this report, and malpractice generally, with your physician.

The categorization of malpractice payments reflects how that payment compares with payments made in that specialty by physicians with an active license, not physicians licensed at the time the payment was made.

Details for Payments in Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialty

Date	Category of Payment
12/20/2002	Average

1189 physicians currently hold an active license with a reported specialty of Obstetrics and Gynecology.
295 physicians have malpractice payments in the specialty of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Disciplinary and/or Massachusetts Criminal Actions

Massachusetts Criminal Convictions, Pleas and Admissions

The Board has no record of felony or serious misdemeanor convictions regarding Dr. Sankey.

Health Care Facility Discipline

The Board has no record of health care facility discipline regarding Dr. Sankey.

Massachusetts Board Discipline

Dr. Sankey has not been disciplined by the Board.

Out of State Board Discipline

The Board has no record of out of state discipline regarding Dr. Sankey.

Instructions for obtaining public information about a physician are available at our [public information page](#). Questions about a physician's Profile may be submitted to ma_profiles@state.ma.us. You may also contact the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine, 200 Harvard Mill Square, Suite 330, Wakefield, MA 01880. Phone 781-876-8200 for public information about a physician or questions about a physician's Profile. Detailed information about Massachusetts Board disciplinary actions on physicians may be found at our [Disciplinary and Other Board Action](#) page.

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