



Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine Physician Profile

Donald E. Kirton, M.D.

I. Physician Information

(The information in sections I - VI has been provided by the physician.)

License Status: Active

License Issue Date: 3/16/2011

Accepting New Patients: No

Accepts Medicaid: No

Primary Work Setting: None Reported

Business Address: 759 Chestnut St.
Springfield, MA 01199

Phone: (413) 794-5321

Translation Services Available: None Reported

Insurance Plans Accepted: None Reported

Hospital Affiliations: Baystate Medical Center
Wing Memorial Hospital

II. Education & Training

Medical School: Tufts University School of Medicine

Graduation Date: 2007

Post Graduate Training: Baystate Medical Center - Intern - Obstetrics and Gynecology (7/1/2007-6/30/2008)
Baystate Medical Center - Resident - Obstetrics and Gynecology (7/1/2008-6/30/2011)

III. Specialty

Area of Specialty: Obstetrics and Gynecology

IV. Board Certifications

None Reported

V. Honors and Awards

VI. **Professional Publications**

This physician has reported no publications.

VII. **Malpractice Information**

Some studies have shown that there is no significant correlation between malpractice history and a doctor'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 physician's specialty and the physician's history of payments. The Board has placed payment amounts into three statistical categories: below average, average, and above average. 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 doctor 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 compares doctors only to the members of their specialty, not to all doctors, in order to make individual doctor's history more meaningful.
- This report reflects data for the last 10 years of a doctor's practice. For doctors practicing less than 10 years, the data covers their total years of practice. You should take into account how long the doctor has been in practice when considering malpractice averages.
- 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 doctors work primarily with high risk patients. These doctors 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.

You may wish to discuss information provided in this report, and malpractice generally, with your doctor. The Board can refer you to other articles on this subject.

Dr. Kirton has not made a payment on a malpractice claim in Massachusetts in the past ten years.

VIII. **Disciplinary and/or Criminal Actions**

A. **Criminal Convictions, Pleas and Admissions:**

The information in this section may not be comprehensive. The courts are now required by law to supply this information to the Board.

Dr. Kirton has had no criminal convictions in the past ten years.

B. Hospital Discipline:

This section contains several categories of disciplinary actions taken by Massachusetts hospitals during the past ten years which are specifically required by law to be released in the physician's profile.

Dr. Kirton has no record of hospital discipline in the past ten years.

C. Board Discipline:

This section includes final disciplinary actions taken by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine during the past ten years.

Dr. Kirton has not been disciplined by the Board in the past ten years.

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