

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine

Karen L. Lifford, M.D.

Physician Information

License Number	154485	Accepting New Patients
License Status	Active	Accepts Medicaid
License Issue Date	4/1/1998	Translation Services Available
License Renewal Date	5/9/2013	Insurance Plans Accepted
Primary Work Setting	Not currently practicing	Hospital Affiliations
Business Address	None Reported	NPI Number
Business Telephone	None Reported	

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	Harvard Medical School
Graduation Date	6/30/1994
Post Graduate Training	Brigham & Women's Hospital, Resident:OB/GYN (6/1/1994 - 6/30/1998) Mass General Hospital, Resident:OB/GYN (6/1/1994 - 6/30/1998) Harvard School of Public Health, Fellow:Epidemiology (6/1/1999 - 5/30/2004)

Specialty

Area of Specialty	Obstetrics and Gynecology
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Board Certifications

American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)

Board Name	General Certification	Subspecialty
Obstetrics & Gynecology	Obstetrics and Gynecology	

Honors and Awards

2002 Brigham and Women's Hospital Faculty Teaching Award for Gynecological Surgery.

2001 Council on Resident Education in Obstetric and Gynecology National Faculty Teaching Award.

2000 Council on Resident Education in Obstetric and Gynecology National Faculty Teaching Award.

1998 Winner of ACOG/Zeneca Resident Educational Program.

1990 NYU College of Arts & Sciences Valedictorian.

Professional Publications

Obstetrics & Gynecology. 103(2):254-60, 2004 Feb.

Am J of Obstetrics & Gynecology. 189(2):428-34, 2003, Aug.

Urol Clin N Am. 2002;29:637-647.

Common Gynecological Programs: a Guide to diagnosis & treatment. BWH;2002

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 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 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 compares physicians only to the members of their specialty, not to all physicians, in order to make individual physician's history more meaningful.
- This report reflects data for the last 10 years of a physician's practice. For physicians practicing less than 10 years, the data covers their total years of practice. You should take into account how long the physician 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 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.

You may wish to discuss information provided in this report, and malpractice generally, with your physician.

Details for Payments in Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialty

Date	Category of Payment
4/13/2007	Below Average
4/29/2004	Above Average

1141 physicians are licensed in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Massachusetts. **187 of these 1141 physicians (16.39%)** have made malpractice payments in Massachusetts in the last ten years.

2 payments have been made by this physician in the Obstetrics and Gynecology specialty.

Disciplinary and/or Criminal Actions

Criminal Convictions, Pleas and Admissions

The data used to create Profiles contains no information that Dr. Lifford has been convicted of any felony or serious misdemeanor within the past ten years.

Hospital Discipline

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

Board Discipline

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

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.

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