



## Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine Physician Profile

**Joan E. Lister, M.D.**

### I. Physician Information

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

<u>License Status:</u>	<b>Active</b>
<u>License Issue Date:</u>	9/21/1978
<u>Accepting New Patients:</u>	Yes
<u>Accepts Medicaid:</u>	Yes
<u>Primary Work Setting:</u>	Partnership or Group Practice
<u>Business Address:</u>	Gynecology Services-Berkshires 2 Park Street Adams, MA 01220
<u>Phone:</u>	(413) 743-1263
<u>Translation Services Available:</u>	Portuguese Russian Spanish
<u>Insurance Plans Accepted:</u>	Blue Cross Blue Shield Health New England, Inc. Neighborhood Health Plan Numerous Plans Accepted Tufts
<u>Hospital Affiliations:</u>	Berkshire Medical Center

### II. Education & Training

<u>Medical School:</u>	Tufts University School of Medicine
<u>Graduation Date:</u>	1977
<u>Post Graduate Training:</u>	University Hospitals, Clev OH - Rotating Internship, Ob/Gyn (7/1/1977-6/30/1978) Tufts Affiliated Hosp/Boston - OB/GYN Residency (7/1/1979-6/30/1982)

### III. Specialty

<u>Area of Specialty:</u>	Gynecology
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### IV. Board Certifications

#### American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>General Certification</u>	<u>Subspecialty</u>
Obstetrics & Gynecology	Obstetrics and Gynecology	

### V. Honors and Awards

This physician has reported no 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.

<u>Dr's Specialty:</u>	Gynecology
<u>Number of MA Physicians Licensed in this Specialty:</u>	188
<u>Number Who Made Malpractice Payments in the Last Ten Years:</u>	37 (19.6 %)
<u>Number of Payments for this Doctor:</u>	1
<u>Payment Details for this Doctor:</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Category of Payment</u>
	8/5/2004    Below Average

## 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. Lister 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. Lister 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. Lister has not been disciplined by the Board in the past ten years.**

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