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Docinfo Tool Provides Consumers Physician Licensure, Disciplinary Data

*Free online resource from the Federation of State Medical Boards
provides consumers with physician disciplinary, licensure and
medical specialty information*

Eules, Texas (August 19, 2015) – The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) announced today that it has launched a free online resource to provide consumers with important background information on the more than 900,000 actively licensed physicians in the United States, including whether or not a physician has been disciplined by a state medical board.

The Docinfo physician search tool (www.docinfo.org) draws data from the FSMB's Physician Data Center, the nation's most comprehensive database of physician licensure and disciplinary information. The Data Center is regularly updated with information provided to the FSMB by its membership of 70 state medical and osteopathic boards, which license all U.S. physicians, and discipline several thousand physicians each year for unprofessional conduct, incompetence and other issues. The tool also includes data on thousands of physician assistants regulated by state medical boards.

"The FSMB has supported state medical boards for more than a century in their mission to protect the public," said Michael Dugan, FSMB Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer. "The Docinfo tool provides a valuable public service by providing consumers important information about their physicians."

Originally launched by the FSMB more than 10 years ago, Docinfo was recently revamped with a modernized technical platform and simplified navigation. The tool is easy to use – consumers simply enter their physician's name and state to receive a report including this information:

- Whether or not the physician has been disciplined by a state medical board
- States in which the physician is actively licensed
- Medical school

- Location information (City, State)
- Specialty Certification information (provided by the American Board of Medical Specialties and the American Osteopathic Association)

If a medical board has sanctioned a physician, the report will provide a link to the appropriate state medical board website for specific details about the disciplinary action.

Docinfo also features helpful information about the 70 medical boards within the United States and its territories that license and discipline allopathic and osteopathic physicians and, in some jurisdictions, other health care professionals.

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About the Federation of State Medical Boards

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is a national non-profit organization representing all medical boards within the United States and its territories that license and discipline allopathic and osteopathic physicians and, in some jurisdictions, other health care professionals. The FSMB serves as the voice for state medical boards, supporting them through education, assessment, research and advocacy while providing services and initiatives that promote patient safety, quality health care and regulatory best practices. To learn more about FSMB, please visit www.fsmb.org. You can also follow FSMB on Twitter (@theFSMB and @FSMBPolicy).