

# Physician and Surgeon Database

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## Data Dictionary

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This document details the tables and fields found in the Medical Board of California's Physician and Surgeon Access 2007-2010 database. The database is designed to allow organizations access to a large amount of Physician and Surgeon data in a batch/offline environment. While the Board believes the information to be reliable, human or mechanical error remains a possibility, as does delay in the posting or updating of information. The information in this database is equivalent to the information available via the Medical Board of California's License Lookup System.

# License Tables:

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**License Table** – Contains information related to the license itself. When combined, the License Type and License Number create a unique license record.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
LicenseType	Text	First part of unique license record identifier which indicates pathway to licensure.
LicenseNumber	Text	Second part of unique license record identifier.
PrimaryStatus Code	Text	Code indicating the primary license status. Code values can be found in the "REF_PrimaryStatusCode" Table. Note: the primary status of 'Delinquent' is not updating to 'Canceled' when the license has been delinquent for 5 years.
LastName	Text	The last name of licensee.
FirstName	Text	The first name of licensee.
MiddleName	Text	The middle name or initial of licensee.
NameSuffix	Text	The name suffix of licensee.
PreviousLast Name	Text	The previous last name of licensee.
PreviousFirst Name	Text	The previous first name of licensee.
PreviousMiddle Name	Text	The previous middle name of licensee.
PreviousName Suffix	Text	The previous name suffix of licensee.
Sex	Text	Gender Indicator Null=Declined to disclose F= Female M= Male
OriginalIssued Date	Date/Time	Original date license was issued by the Medical Board of California.
ExpirationDate	Date/Time	Date license will expire if not renewed. The license to practice medicine in California must be renewed every two years. No practice is permitted with an expired license. The license expires at midnight on the expiration date. <b>NOTE:</b> When the license status becomes revoked, surrendered, deceased or canceled, the expiration date is not included.
SchoolCode	Text	Code indicating medical school from which licensee graduated. Code values can be found in the "REF_SchoolCode" Table.
GraduationDate	Date Time	Year licensee graduated from medical school. The month and date of graduation may not be available. In this instance it will be displayed as '01/01/YYYY' where YYYY represents the year of graduation.
AddressOfRecord Line1	Text	First line of address of record provided by licensee for mailing and public information purposes.

**License Table – Continued**

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
AddressOfRecord Line2	Text	Second line of address of record, if applicable.
AddressOfRecord Line3	Text	Third line of address of record, if applicable.
AddressOfRecord City	Text	City of address of record.
AddressOfRecord CountyCode	Text	Code indicating county of address of record. Code values can be found in the “REF_CountyCode” Table.
AddressOfRecord State	Text	State of address of record.
AddressOfRecord Country	Text	Country of address of record, if applicable. Null=United States
AddressOfRecord ZipCode	Text	Zip Code of address of record. (+4 if available)

**LicenseSecondaryStatusCodeModifiers Table** – Contains information related to the secondary status of a license, if applicable. Not all licenses will have secondary status information.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
SecondaryStatus CodeModifier	Text	Code indicating the secondary license status/public record action. Code values can be found in the “REF_SecondaryStatusCodeModifier” Table.

**LicenseFeeExemptModifiers Table** – Contains information related to the fee exempt status of a license, if applicable. Not all licenses will have fee exempt information.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
FeeExempt ModifierCode	Text	Code indicating the fee exempt status. Code values can be found in the “REF_FeeExemptModifier” Table.

# License Survey Response Tables:

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Survey information is self-reported by the physician and the Board does not verify the information. Therefore, the Board makes no guarantee as to the accuracy, completeness, timeliness, currency, or correct sequencing of the information. Neither the Board, nor any of the sources of the information, shall be responsible for any errors or omissions, or for the use or results obtained from the use of this information.

**LicenseSurveyPracticeLocationResponse Table** – Contains practice location information provided by the licensee from the Physician Survey.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
SurveyID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related survey records from multiple tables.
PatientCare PrimaryZipCode	Text	Patient care primary practice location zip code.
PatientCare Primary CountyCode	Text	Patient care primary practice location county code. Code values can be found in the “REF_SurveyCountyCode” Table.
PatientCare Secondary ZipCode	Text	Patient care secondary practice location zip code.
PatientCare Secondary CountyCode	Text	Patient care secondary practice location county code. Code values can be found in the “REF_SurveyCountyCode” Table.
Telemedicine PrimaryZipCode	Text	Telemedicine primary location zip code.
Telemedicine Primary CountyCode	Text	Telemedicine primary location county code. Code values can be found in the “REF_SurveyCountyCode” Table.
Telemedicine Secondary ZipCode	Text	Telemedicine secondary location zip code.
Telemedicine Secondary CountyCode	Text	Telemedicine secondary location county code. Code values can be found in the “REF_SurveyCountyCode” Table.

**LicenseSurveyResponseCodes Table** – Contains information provided by the licensee from the Physician Survey. The data collected includes: activities in medicine, primary and secondary specialties and board certifications, training status, ethnic background, and foreign language fluency.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
SurveyID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related survey records from multiple tables.
SurveyResponse Code	Text	Code indicating a Survey Response value. Code values can be found in the “REF_SurveyResponseCode” Table.

## Public Disclosure Tables:

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**AdministrativeActionTakenByOtherStateOrFederalGovernment Table** – Contains information provided by another state/federal government agency. The Medical Board of California may take administrative action based on the action imposed by another state/federal government agency. For more information or verification, contact the jurisdiction listed that imposed the action.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
Jurisdiction	Memo	State or Federal Governmental agency responsible for action against licensee.
Description	Memo	Description of action taken.
DateOfAction	Date/Time	Date of action taken.

**AdministrativeCitationIssued Table** – Contains information related to the issuance of a citation and/or fine that has been issued for a minor violation of the law. This is not considered disciplinary action but is an administrative action. Payment of the fine amount represents resolution of this matter.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
FineAmount	Currency	Amount required to be paid by licensee. Payment of fine amount represents resolution of the matter. If the fine amount is \$0.00, the licensee was required to comply with an order of abatement.
DateResolved	Date/Time	Date citation resolved.
DateCitation Issued	Date/Time	Date citation issued.
Cause	Memo	Description explaining the reason the citation was issued.

**AdministrativeDisciplinaryAction Table** – Contains information of Administrative Disciplinary Action taken against a licensee by the Medical Board of California. Please note the Medical Board of California’s public disclosure screens are updated periodically as new information becomes available.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
CaseNumber	Memo	Unique number issued by the Medical Board of California used to identify each disciplinary case.
Description	Memo	Description of action taken.
EffectiveDate	Date/Time	Date of action taken.

**ArbitrationAward Table** – Contains information related to an arbitration award against a licensee. An arbitration award is a payment for damages and does not necessarily reflect that the physician’s medical competence is below the standard of care. The Medical Board reviews all such reported arbitration awards and action is taken only if it is determined that a violation of the Medical Practice Act occurred. The Medical Board is prohibited by law from releasing a copy of the arbitration award report or any other information concerning the award.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
DateOfAction	Date/Time	Date of action taken.
AmountOfAward	Currency	Monetary award for damages.
Arbitrator	Memo	Person or agency that served as neutral third party for the arbitration.
DocketNumber	Memo	Number assigned by the court to identify the case.

**CourtOrder Table** – Contains information related to a court order against a licensee. This information would be provided if a physician’s practice has been temporarily restricted or suspended pursuant to a court order.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
DescriptionOf Action	Memo	Description of action taken.
DateOfAction	Date/Time	Date action taken.

**FelonyConviction Table** – Contains information related to a Felony Conviction, reported to the Board, against a licensee. The information provided only includes felony convictions that are known to the Board. All felony convictions known to the Board are reviewed and administrative action is taken only if it is determined that a violation of the Medical Practice Act occurred. For more information, contact the court of jurisdiction listed.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
DescriptionOf Action	Memo	Description explaining the conviction.
EffectiveDateOf Action	Date/Time	Date convicted.
Court	Memo	Court that presided over case.
Docket	Memo	Number assigned by the court to identify the case.
Sentence	Memo	Description of the sanction ordered by the court.

**HospitalDisciplinaryAction Table** – Contains information related to action taken by a health care facility against a licensee for a medical disciplinary cause or reason. The Medical Board is authorized by law to disclose only revocations and terminations of staff privileges. The Board is prohibited by law from releasing a copy of the actual report or any other information.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
DescriptionOf Action	Memo	Description of action taken by health care facility.
HealthCare Facility	Memo	Facility that took action.
EffectiveDateOf Action	Date/Time	Date action taken.

**MalpracticeJudgment Table** – Contains information related to a malpractice judgment against a licensee. A malpractice judgment is a payment for damages and does not necessarily reflect that the physician's medical competence is below the standard of care. The Medical Board reviews all such reported judgments and action is taken only if it is determined that a violation of the Medical Practice Act occurred. The Medical Board is prohibited by law from releasing a copy of the judgment report or any other information concerning the judgment. For more information, contact the court of jurisdiction listed.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
DateOfAction	Date/Time	Date action taken.
Judgment Amount	Currency	Monetary payment for damages.
Court	Memo	Name of court that presided over case.
Docket	Memo	Number assigned by the court to identify the case.

**MisdemeanorConviction Table** – Contains information related to a misdemeanor conviction against a licensee. California Business and Professions Code section 2027 (A) (7) states effective 1/1/07, any misdemeanor conviction that results in a disciplinary action or an accusation that is not subsequently withdrawn or dismissed shall be posted on the internet.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
DescriptionOf Action	Memo	Description explaining the conviction.
EffectiveDate	Date/Time	Date convicted.
Court	Memo	Court that presided over case.
Docket	Memo	Number assigned by the court to identify the case.
Sentence	Memo	Description of the sanction ordered by the court.

**ProbationaryLicenseIssued Table** – Contains information of probationary licenses issued by the Medical Board of California.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
CaseNumber	Text	Unique number issued by the Medical Board of California used to identify each probationary license case.
Description	Memo	Description of the probationary license terms and conditions.
EffectiveDate	Date/Time	Decision effective date.

**PublicLetterOfReprimand Table** – Contains information related to a non-disciplinary Public Letter of Reprimand issued at time of licensure. The Medical Board of California has concurrently issued the applicant a medical license and a Public Letter of Reprimand for a minor violation that does not require probationary status or warrant denial. The issuance of a Public Letter of Reprimand is not considered disciplinary action and is not reported to the National Practitioner Databank or the Federation of State Medical Boards.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
Description	Memo	Description of action taken.
EffectiveDateOf Action	Date/Time	Date of action taken.



**VoluntaryLimitation Table** – Contains information related to Voluntary Limitations on Practice by licensee. The licensee has voluntarily agreed to limit his or her practice in a manner prescribed by his or her reviewing physician. This is not disciplinary action. The Medical Board is prohibited by law from releasing any further information related to the reasons(s) for the practice limitation(s).

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
LicenseID	Text	Unique Identifier used for linking together related license records from multiple tables.
EffectiveDate	Date/Time	Date in which voluntary limitations were placed on license.
Description	Memo	Description of the voluntary limitations.

Note: Malpractice Settlements Table - Although the Medical Board is required by law to disclose certain information related to the existence of multiple settlements made on or after January 1, 2003 in an amount of \$30,000 or more, the information is currently unavailable from the Access database.

# Reference Tables:

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**REF\_CountyCode Table** – Contains a listing of all County Codes and a description of each as used in the Address of Record from the License Table.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
CountyCode	Text	Code used to indicate county. CountyCode is unique by State, codes may be duplicated for multiple States.
Name	Text	Name of county.
State	Text	Name of state in which county is located.

**REF\_FeeExemptModifier Table** – Contains a listing of all Fee Exempt Modifier Codes and a description of each.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
FeeExempt ModifierCode	Text	Unique code used to indicate a particular fee exempt status.
ShortDescription	Text	Short description of fee exempt status code.
LongDescription	Memo	Long description of fee exempt status code.

**REF\_PrimaryStatusCode Table** – Contains a listing of all Primary Status Codes and a description of each.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
PrimaryStatus Code	Text	Unique code used to indicate a particular primary status.
ShortDescription	Text	Short description of primary status code.
LongDescription	Memo	Long description of primary status code.

**REF\_SchoolCode Table** – Contains a listing of all approved Medical School Codes and a description of each.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
SchoolCode	Text	Unique code used to indicate medical school from which licensee graduated.
Name	Memo	Name of medical school from which licensee graduated.
StateCode	Text	Code used to indicate in which State the medical school is located.
StateName	Text	Name of the State in which the medical school is located.
CountryCode	Text	Code used to indicate in which Country the medical school is located.
CountryName	Text	Name of the Country in which the medical school is located.

**REF\_SecondaryStatusCodeModifer Table** – Contains a listing of all Secondary Status Code Modifiers and a description of each.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
SecondaryStatus ModifierCode	Text	Unique code used to indicate a particular secondary status.
ShortDescription	Text	Short description of secondary status code.
LongDescription	Memo	Long description of secondary status code.

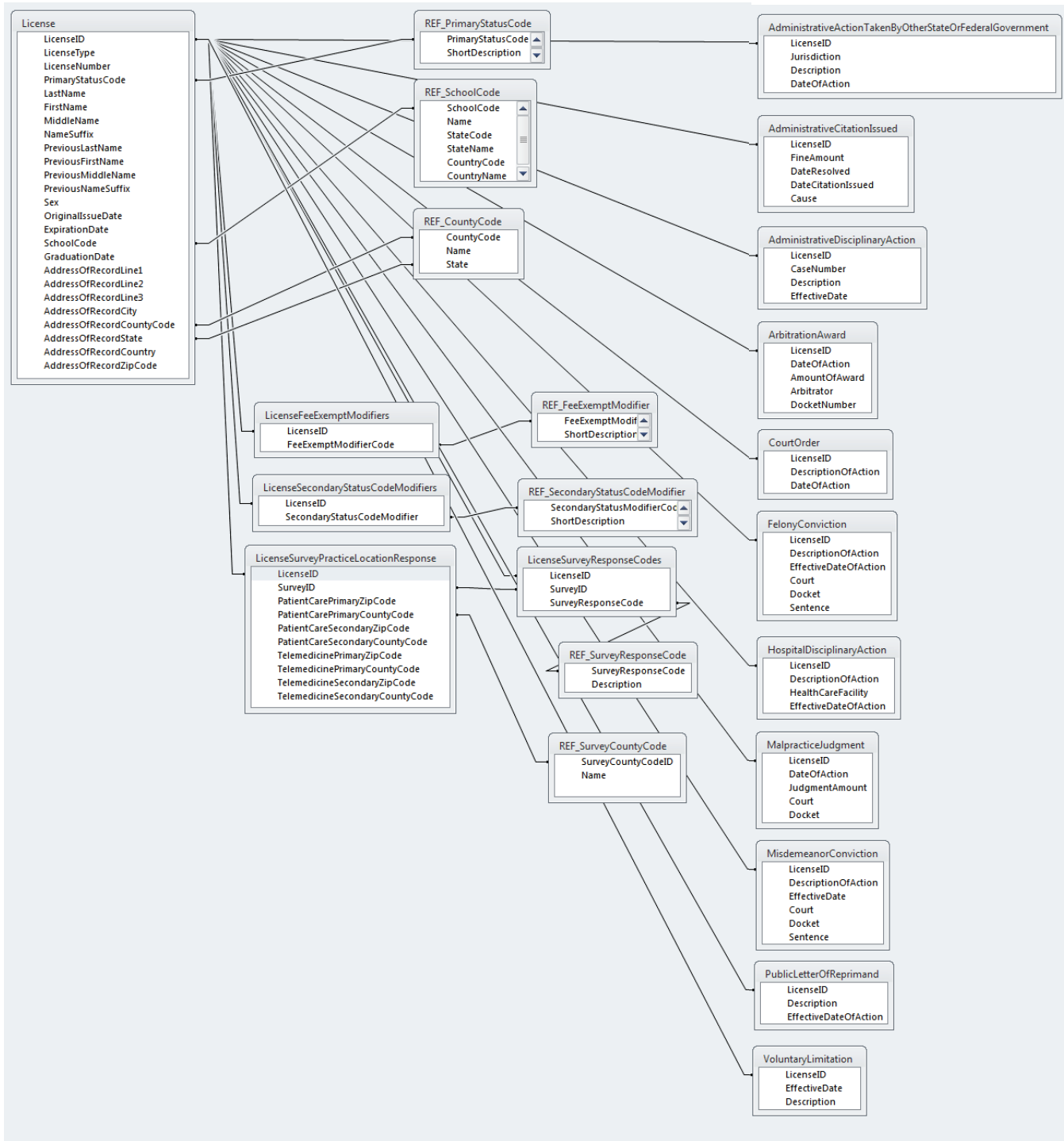
**REF\_SurveyCountyCode Table** – Contains a listing of all County Codes and a description of each as used in the Practice Location Responses in the LicenseSurveyPracticeLocationsResponse Table.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
SurveyCounty CodeID	Text	Unique code used to indicate county.
Name	Text	Name of county.

**REF\_SurveyResponseCode Table** – Contains a listing of all Survey Response Codes and a description of each.

FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
SurveyResponse Code	Text	Unique code used to indicate a particular survey response.
Description	Text	Description of survey response code.

# Relationships:



# Queries:

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**CurrentWithoutInactiveRetiredDisabled** – Generates a dataset of licenses in “Current” (20) or “CurrentTemp - FamilySupport” (22) Primary Status without the presence of Secondary Status Code Modifier “Inactive” (9) or Fee Exempt Modifiers “Retired” (RETI) or “Disabled” (DIS). This dataset is considered to be eligible to practice medicine unless otherwise specified.