



**ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS NOW REQUIRES  
ANNUAL REGISTRATION FOR SOME FORMS OF "OFFICE BASED SURGERY"  
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On October 27, 2011, new rules regarding "Office Based Surgery" and physicians performing surgery or certain procedures in their offices became effective. These new rules require the physicians performing or offering to perform liposuction utilizing infiltration methods such as the tumescent technique and performing or offering to perform any procedure in which "propofol" is administered, given or used, to register as office based surgery/procedures physicians with the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

In addition to the above change, beginning in January 2012, every physician performing office based surgery will be required to register annually with the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. Prior to this change, registration was only required initially.

There has been some confusion as to the interpretation of this new rule and what is meant therein by: (1) Moderate Sedation; (2) Deep Sedation, and (3) General Anesthesia, et al.

For more information see: [www.albme.org](http://www.albme.org).

Click "*Legal*" on the Home Page, then click "Rules".

See *Administrative Rule 540-X-10, Office-Based Surgery*.

Specific questions about the interpretation of this new rule should be directed to Mr. Ed Munson, Investigator with the ABME. Telephone: 334-833-0184.