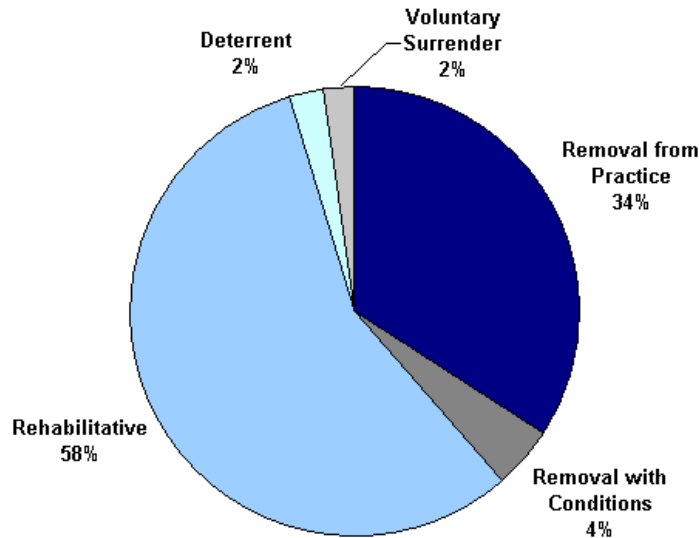


Types of Discipline



DOH reports disciplinary actions and sanctions to the [Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank](#) (HIPDB). DOH reported 1,525 sanctions during the 2005-2007 Biennium. We have divided sanctions into five categories: removal from practice, removal from practice with conditions, rehabilitative, deterrent, and voluntary surrender of the credential.

Removal from Practice: The health care provider's credential is revoked or indefinitely suspended.

Removal from Practice with Conditions: The health care provider's credential is suspended for a specified period. Conditions for rehabilitation and reinstatement must be met before the credential can be returned to good standing.

Rehabilitative Sanctions: These include probation of license, substance abuse treatment and monitoring, counseling, and limitations or restrictions on the practice. The health care provider continues to practice with conditions imposed.

Deterrent Sanctions: These include compliance requirements, reprimands and fines.

Voluntary Surrender: The health care provider voluntarily relinquishes the right to practice. This type of sanction is only permitted, once a complaint is filed, through a stipulation to informal disposition or a formal order.

Source: Washington State Department of Health. Data compiled from licensing, complaint, discipline and other information. See also, *2005-2007 Biennial Report*, Health Professions Quality Assurance and Regulatory Activities. June 2008.

Note: Periods are based on the biennium, which includes the two-year state budget cycle. For example, 05-07, would be July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007.