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[**Doctor, Wife Convicted in Medi-Cal Scheme**](http://articles.latimes.com/1990-03-24/local/me-550_1_medi-cal-claims)

March 24, 1990

A Huntington Park doctor has been convicted of filing false Medi-Cal claims and allowing unlicensed workers to practice medicine and dispense narcotics in a facility that specialized in caring for walk-in patients. A Norwalk Superior Court jury Thursday found Dr. Suresh Gandotra, 50, guilty of all 17 charges, which also included forgery and furnishing dangerous drugs at the Coast Urgent Care Medical Clinic in Huntington Park.

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[**Huntington Park : 5 to Be Tried on Charges of Filing False Medi-Cal Bills**](http://articles.latimes.com/1989-05-11/news/hl-3396_1_dr-suresh-gandotra-carlos-cuellar-rita-gandotra)

May 11, 1989

A Huntington Park doctor, his wife and three former employees have been bound over for trial in Superior Court on numerous felony and misdemeanor charges of false Medi-Cal billing and practicing medicine without a license, a prosecutor said. Dr. Suresh Gandotra, 40; Rita Gandotra, 38; Carlos Cuellar, 34; Ricardo Santos, 36; and Shirley Riles, 41; are to be arraigned May 19 in Southeast Superior Court in Norwalk, Deputy Atty. Gen. Richard Rojo said. Southeast Municipal Court Commissioner Sanford A. Warner ordered the five bound over on 21 felony counts and five misdemeanor counts, Rojo said.

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[**O.C. Doctor Investigated in Abortion Death**](http://articles.latimes.com/1994-12-15/local/me-9282_1_san-diego-abortion-clinic)

December 15, 1994 | From Associated Press

California's medical board is investigating a doctor who lives in Orange County and has a history of criminal convictions because of the death of a Tijuana, Mexico, woman after an abortion at his clinic here. Magdalena Ortega-Rodriquez, 23, died Thursday at a San Diego area hospital after being rushed by paramedics from the south San Diego abortion clinic. After her death, state officials began their investigation of Dr.

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[**Doctor, Wife Convicted of Fraud at Clinic**](http://articles.latimes.com/1990-03-23/local/me-806_1_clinic-records)

March 23, 1990 | MICHELE FUETSCH, TIMES STAFF WRITER

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[**Doctor, Aides Accused of Unlawful Medical Practice, Billing Fraud**](http://articles.latimes.com/1989-01-07/local/me-199_1_medical-practice)

January 7, 1989 | RICK HOLGUIN, Times Staff Writer

A Huntington Park doctor and two employees have been accused of numerous felony and misdemeanor counts alleging that the physician filed false Medi-Cal claims and the employees practiced medicine without a license, a state official said Friday. Dr. Suresh Gandotra, 39, Carlos Cuellar, 34, and Ricardo Santos, 35, were arrested by state officials Thursday morning at Gandotra's Coast Urgent Care Medical Clinic in Huntington Park.

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[**Medical Board Needs to Intervene Faster : \* Revamped System of Policing Health-Care System, Setting Priorities Is Long Overdue**](http://articles.latimes.com/1995-04-16/local/me-55305_1_medical-board)

April 16, 1995

The latest outrage by the Medical Board of California, involving a woman who might not have died had the disciplinary process functioned well, shows that the governmental agency that is supposed to police the state's health-care establishment still has a way to go on the road to reform. The board should be able to avoid egregious errors such as the case of Dr. Suresh Gandotra.

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[**Doctor Gets 16 Months in Prison for Medi-Cal Fraud**](http://articles.latimes.com/1990-06-07/news/hd-1373_1_medi-cal-fraud)

June 7, 1990 | RICK HOLGUIN, TIMES STAFF WRITER

A doctor who headed a Huntington Park clinic has been sentenced to 16 months in prison and fined $347,000 on 17 felony and misdemeanor charges, including collecting false Medi-Cal claims and aiding employees who practiced medicine without a license. Dr. Suresh Gandotra, 41, was taken into custody after sentencing last week. Gandotra's wife, Rita, 39, was sentenced to 180 days in County Jail, five years' probation and fined $10,000 on five felony counts of Medi-Cal fraud and grand theft.

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[**Doctor Jailed for Medi-Cal Fraud**](http://articles.latimes.com/1990-06-08/local/me-774_1_medi-cal-fraud)

June 8, 1990 | RICK HOLGUIN, TIMES STAFF WRITER

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## [Handful of Abortion Clinics Put Poor at Risk](http://articles.latimes.com/1998/apr/05/news/mn-36399)

April 5, 1998 | JULIE MARQUIS and LEE ROMNEY, TIMES STAFF WRITERS

In an era when abortion is widely considered safe, thousands of Southern California women--primarily low-income, often Latina--are obtaining abortions from a handful of high-volume doctors who have repeatedly run into trouble with the state licensing board and in some cases run afoul of the law. In scattered offices and storefront clinics throughout the region, these doctors quietly perform a procedure--sometimes late in the pregnancy--that many other physicians shun.

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