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Two weeks before a Queens doctor apparently performed an abortion that led to a woman's death, he was informed by the New York State Department of Health that his license would be revoked because of "negligence and incompetence," a Health Department official said yesterday.

The doctor, who first practiced as Elyas Bonrouhi but changed his name to Dr. David Benjamin, appealed that decision, the official said. State law allows a doctor to continue practicing during an appeal.

The official said that the charges against Dr. Benjamin resulted from his treatment of six women between 1990 and 1992. The revocation of Dr. Benjamin's license was first reported on Friday in New York Newsday.

Preliminary reports of the abortion that led to the death last week of Guadelupe Negron, 33, indicate that her uterus was perforated, causing her to bleed to death in the Metro Women's Center on Roosevelt Avenue in Corona.

When paramedics responded to the scene, the doctor standing by Ms. Negron's body refused to give his name. But Health Department officials have said they are fairly certain that the man was Dr. Benjamin.

The latest charges against Dr. Benjamin resulted in the second time the Health Department tried to have his license revoked. In 1985, the state charged him with dozens of counts of negligence and unprofessional conduct in the cases of 11 women. He was found guilty of all the charges, but the state Board of Regents, which had final say on appeals at the time, reduced the penalty to a three-month suspension of his license.

The Board of Regents no longer hears appeals in medical disciplinary cases. The system was changed last year, largely in response to charges that the old system was too lenient.

Both the state Health Department and the Queens District Attorney are investigating Ms. Negron's death. Dr. Benjamin could not be reached for comment yesterday. For the last three days, there has been no answer at the clinic where Ms. Negron died. Shortly after her death, neighbors near Dr. Benjamin's home in Bayside, Queens, said the family had been seen packing their belongings into a car.

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