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Gynecologist Dr. Muffley's License Suspended After Naughty Fb Posts

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Sexually explicit Facebook messages get Columbus obstetrician in trouble

The Ohio State Medical Board voted yesterday to suspend the license of a Columbus obstetrician who exchanged sexually explicit Facebook messages with a patient.

In the Facebook case, Dr. Patrick E. Muffley, 43, who runs a solo practice called Embody Wellness Obstetrics and Gynecology, will have 30 days to care for existing patients before a minimum suspension of 60 days.

Muffley, who delivered the woman's twins and treated her postpartum depression, later accepted her "friend" request. Their conversations quickly took a sexual turn. Both said they never had a physical relationship.

The board regularly sees cases involving inappropriate physician-patient relationships, but this was the first involving social media.

“I failed to appreciate the danger of the slippery slope I placed myself upon” by accepting a friend request from a patient, Muffley told the board. Board members agreed that his actions amounted to sexual misconduct.

http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2013/11/13/Docs_in_trouble.html