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Medical Disciplinary Actions

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The Medical Board of California licenses physicians and other medical professionals. It also investigates medical complaints and issues disciplinary actions. These are the Los Angeles County medical professionals subject to serious disciplinary actions between May 15, 1991, and Jan . 31, 1992, according to medical board documents. Final actions are published only after all appeals are exhausted.

Doctors

Valentine G. Birds, M.D., North Hollywood. Gross negligence, incompetence and dishonesty in management of AIDS patients, including misrepresentation to hospitals for implantation of catheters in desperate AIDS patients so they could inject themselves with Viroxan, an unapproved substance formulated in a kitchen sink and dispensed by Dr. Birds as an effective AIDS drug. License revoked. Effective Dec. 19, 1991.

Lee Brilliant, M.D., Panorama City. Gross negligence and repeated negligence in the management of pregnancy resulting in the birth of a stillborn infant. Revocation of license stayed; license suspended 30 days; five years' probation. Effective Jan. 10, 1992.

Lelys Campos, M.D., Lake View Terrace. Disciplined by the Department of the Army for practice deficiencies. Revocation of license stayed; five years' probation. Effective July 11, 1991.

Mahlon D. Cannon, M.D., Encino. Gross negligence, incompetence and repeated negligence in the care and treatment of numerous abortion patients at Her Medical Clinic. License revoked. Effective July 10, 1991.

Matthew I. Charms, M.D., Sherman Oaks. Disciplined by Ohio board for chemical dependency. Revocation of license stayed; five years' probation. Effective July 16, 1991.

Reginald A. Coates, M.D., West Hills. Gross negligence in failing to make a diagnosis, follow up or consult for a "shadow" on lung X-rays he first noted three years before ultimate surgery for

lung cancer on a patient he saw often. Revocation of license stayed; five years' probation. Effective Sept. 4, 1991.

Dewitt T. Collier, M.D., Long Beach. Gross negligence, incompetence and repeated negligence in anesthesiology practice. Twice flunked oral clinical exam in anesthesiology. Conviction for battery. Found to have a psychological disorder. Revocation of license stayed; license suspended for 60 days; five years' probation. Effective Aug. 29, 1991.

Marianne L. Delia, M.D., Norwalk. Gross negligence and repeated negligence in obstetrical management. Revocation of license stayed; five years' probation. Effective June 7, 1991.

Jairo Gomez, M.D., Los Angeles. Aided and abetted an unlicensed person practicing medicine in his clinic and pre-signed blank prescriptions for this aide. Revocation of license stayed; license suspended for 60 days; five years' probation. Effective May 29, 1991.

Philip J. Green, M.D., Encino. Conviction for filing false Medi-Cal claim. Revocation of license stayed; five years' probation. Effective Oct. 20, 1991.

Phillip H. Hay, M.D., Beverly Hills. Charged with filing false insurance claim. Not guilty, but is guilty of sloppy record-keeping and billing practice. Received a public reproof from the board, but no action was taken against his license. Effective Jan. 3, 1992.

Michael B. Kamiel, M.D., Culver City. Prescribing of controlled substances in large amounts over a prolonged period to a drug-abusing patient constituted gross negligence and excessive prescribing. Revocation of license stayed; three years' probation. Effective Nov. 6, 1991.

Hameed A. Khan, M.D., Torrance. Employed an unlicensed physician assistant to treat patients. False advertising in listing help as "P.A." or "M.D." when not licensed as physician assistant or physician. Revocation of license stayed; five years' probation. Effective June 30, 1991.

Keith A. Lasko, M.D., Van Nuys. Excessive, unnecessary and unjustified battery of expensive diagnostic tests on elderly patients in nursing homes. Gross negligence, repeated negligence, incompetence, dishonest billings, false claims to insurance. License revoked. Effective Jan. 22, 1992.

James R. Luchs, M.D., Long Beach. Conviction for selling narcotic prescriptions to undercover agents for DEA. Operated a "drug mill" of major proportions in Compton. Failed to maintain inventory records of vast drug supply in office. License revoked. Effective May 30, 1991.

Edward V. Madey, M.D., Woodland Hills. Mental illness. Revocation of license stayed; five years' probation. Effective July 13, 1991.

Arthur N. Sakamoto, M.D., Los Angeles. During a three-year period, wrote more than 150 Dilaudid prescriptions for patients he never examined or, in some cases, even met, and without legitimate medical indication. Revocation of license stayed; license suspended for one year; five years' probation. Effective Sept. 28, 1991.

Lawrence Saks, M.D., San Pedro. Conviction for income tax fraud. Revocation of license stayed, license suspended for 60 days, five years' probation. Effective Nov. 22, 1991.

Russell S. Woodward, M.D., Los Angeles. Aided and abetted unlicensed practice at weight loss clinic. One-year suspension of license stayed; two years' probation. Effective Jan. 3, 1992.

Day Mei Yu-Shieh, M.D., Monterey Park. License obtained by mistake. License revoked. Effective Jan. 16, 1992.

Acupuncturists

Baltazar Dispo, Los Angeles. Conviction for use of "M.D." and "Dr." on cards and signs without a California physician's license. Continued to practice medicine unlawfully by doing physical exams for insurance companies and signing medical reports as "M.D." even after his conviction. The fact he was formerly an M.D. in the Philippines is no defense. License revoked. Effective July 1, 1991.

Los Angeles University, North Hollywood. Acupuncture school failed to file required application for approval with the Department of Education as a vocational school. Certificate of accreditation revoked. Effective Sept. 23, 1991.

Yuin University, Compton. Application for approval as an acupuncture school was disapproved by the Department of Education following an on-site visit by a site-review team. Certificate of accreditation revoked. Effective Sept. 23, 1991.

Hearing Aid Dispenser

Mark Wayne Weir, Palmdale. Conviction for battery and petty theft. License revoked. Effective Aug. 19, 1991.

Physical Therapist

James Leilan Russo, Covina. Gross negligence in molesting and sexually abusing female patients during therapy. License revoked. Effective Aug. 29, 1991.

Physician Assistants

Miguel H. Gomez, Torrance. Unlawful practice of medicine. Practicing without physician supervision and in the absence of written protocols. Insufficient education, training and experience in performing a procedure. License revoked. Effective Sept. 12, 1991.

James R. Roach, Long Beach. Sexual misconduct with female patients. Held self out as a physician. Worked for physician lacking permit to supervise physician assistants. No written guidelines for P.A. supervision. Wrongfully issued prescriptions pre-signed in blank by a physician. Prior discipline. License revoked. Effective Nov. 25, 1991.

Anne Robinson, Inglewood. Conviction for Medi-Cal fraud. Thirty-day suspension of license stayed; two years' probation. Effective May 17, 1991.

Podiatrist

Michael S. Blair, Santa Monica. False records. Gross negligence and incompetence. Excessive prescribing. Revocation of license stayed, license suspended for six months; five years' probation. Effective Oct. 28, 1991.

Psychologists

Alfred A. Bach, Redondo Beach. Conviction for unlawful possession of cocaine. Gross negligence in conducting therapy sessions. License revoked. Effective May 30, 1991.

Jeffrey Marsh, Beverly Hills. Sexual misconduct with female patient. Revocation of license stayed; three years' probation. Effective Aug. 18, 1991.

George Stanley, Santa Monica. Violated patient confidentiality and engaged in conduct deemed to be grossly negligent. Revocation of license stayed; three years' probation. Effective Jan. 9, 1992.

William G. West, Marina del Rey. Aided and abetted unlawful practice by assigning patient to unlicensed help for treatment. Filed false insurance claims for biofeedback treatments never performed, and misrepresented self as an "M.D." Revocation of license stayed; five years' probation. Effective Aug. 16, 1991.

Respiratory Care Practitioners

Odie M. Brown, Palmdale. Aided and abetted the unlawful practice of respiratory care. Dishonestly helped an individual to obtain a false certificate card for use in gaining employment. License revoked. Effective Sept. 11, 1991.

Anthony R. Mauldin, Lancaster. Conviction for rape of a spouse by means of force or fear. Revocation of license stayed; five years' probation. Effective Aug. 10, 1991.

Linda D. Siler, Long Beach. Conviction for sale of rock cocaine. Revocation of license stayed, four years' probation. Effective Nov. 10, 1991.

James G. Stevenson, Compton. Procured license through a false application concealing prior convictions, one involving possession of a controlled substance. Revocation of license stayed; three years' probation. Effective July 5, 1991.

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