



**NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD  
COMPLAINT FORM**

The New Mexico Medical Board's jurisdiction is limited to the licensing and discipline of medical doctors, physician assistants, naprapaths, sleep techs, genetic counselors, and anesthesiologist assistants only. The Board's jurisdiction is limited to violations of the New Mexico Medical Practice Act, Board Regulations and AMA Code of Ethics.

If you wish to file a complaint against a licensee, please complete the information below:

**Person filing the complaint:**

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**Patient Information:**

Name of Patient: K [REDACTED] A [REDACTED]  
Patient's Date of Birth: [REDACTED] (Required in order for us to obtain medical records)

Please state your relationship to the patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Incident: 1-31-17 to 2-3-17

**Licensee against whom complaint is being filed:**

Full name of Licensee (required): Curtis Boyd  
Office Address: 522 Lomas Blvd NE  
(Street Address)  
City: Albuquerque State: NM Zip Code: 87102

December 15, 2017

Summary of Allegations:

On January 31, 2017, K█████ A█████, a resident of Albuquerque, NM went to the office of Curtis Boyd, MD for an abortion procedure around 24 weeks of pregnancy. This procedure typically takes between 3 and 4 days to complete. On the first day Mrs. A█████ would have received an injection of the medication digoxin into her uterus to cause the fetal demise of her unborn baby. During this visit she would have also undergone the first insertion of laminaria cervical dilators into her cervix to prepare her body for labor in 3 to 4 days as determined by the physician performing the procedure, in this case Curtis Boyd MD. Laminaria cervical dilators are replaced each day leading up the induction of labor and delivery of a stillborn.

On Friday, February 3, 2017, Ms. A█████ returned to Curtis Boyd's office to complete her procedure. However, while at his office she complained of shortness of breath and her oxygen saturation dropped below her baseline. Curtis Boyd's staff made a call to 911 at 12:04 p.m. to have Ms. A█████ transferred to UNM Hospital but that transport request was later cancelled.

Ms. A█████ was pronounced dead at UNM Hospital on February 4, 2017 at 12:10 a.m. This was twelve hours after the initial 911 call was placed from Curtis Boyd's office.

I am asking the New Mexico Medical Board to investigate Curtis Boyd, MD for what I believe is negligent care that lead to Ms. A█████ death based on the following:

1. There was a delay in Curtis Boyd's ability to recognize Pulmonary thromboembolism in Ms. A█████ even though she met the criteria for this condition. Curtis Boyd should have had a high index of suspicion of Pulmonary thromboembolism and made sure that she was transported to UNM Hospital immediately, as early intervention could have saved her life.
2. The 911 call placed on Friday, February 3, 2017 at 12:04 p.m. which was later cancelled contributed to a delay in the emergency care that Ms. A█████ required.
3. Ms. A█████ autopsy states "The lining of the uterus, as well as the maternal surface of the placenta showed acute inflammation, consistent with the clinical picture of a septic abortion." It also states that she had bacteremia, a blood infection.
4. The nature of the multiple day abortion procedure performed outside of a hospital setting, left her body vulnerable to infection. This procedure required that the unborn baby is killed on the first day and remains in the womb until delivery on the 3rd or 4th day. Repeated insertion and removal of laminaria cervical dilators each day can also contribute to infection.

It is my belief and that of medical professionals I have consulted with, that not only did Ms. A█████ not receive timely emergency medical care to identify and treat the Pulmonary thromboembolism, but she also had sepsis (from the abortion) which is a known trigger for Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation (DIC) that I believe lead to Ms. A█████ ultimate cause of death being Pulmonary thromboembolism.

In the interest of public safety I ask that the New Mexico Medical investigate what happened to Ms. A█████ while under the care of Curtis Boyd MD from January 31, 2017-February 3, 2017.

Included is Ms. A█████ autopsy and 911 Computer Automated Dispatch (CAD) report documenting the cancelled emergency transport request from Curtis Boyd MD's office.

Thank you,

Jana Shaver

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Please include my Attorney, Mr. Angelo Artuso, in any correspondence you have with me regarding this complaint.