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LAKEWOOD — Obstetrician-gynecologist [Dr. Flavius Thompson](#) will not be practicing medicine in New Jersey until he has cleared his name of charges against him. The suspension of his medical license will remain in effect pending the outcome of a trial for improper disposal of medical waste at the clinic he owns on East County Line Road.

A hearing had been scheduled by the state Board of Medical Examiners on Feb. 9. However, a press release from the Division of Consumer Affairs indicated an agreement had been reached in which Thompson agreed to voluntarily surrender his license. Thompson owns and operates the **Pleasant Women's Pavilion**. H

e was charged Jan. 19 with illegal storage of Class 4 medical waste (syringes and needles), since his license to generate medical waste had expired; causing the disposal of medical waste that included blood products, and violation of the Clean Water Act for disposing of aborted materials into the sanitary sewer system, which flows into the Metedeconk River after being treated by the Ocean County Utilities Authority.

All the criminal charges carry possible jail time and a fine if Thompson is found guilty, according to Detective Larry Doyle of the Lakewood Police Department, who investigated the matter.

In addition to improper disposal of medical waste, the administrative complaint filed by the state cited unsafe and unsanitary conditions at the clinic as well as failure to comply with certain provisions of the board's in-office anesthesiology regulations.

The Board of Medical Examiners was prepared to convene the hearing had the agreement not been reached, according to the news release.

"The allegations in our complaint against Dr. Thompson directly touch on patient safety," Attorney General Peter C. Harvey said in the release. "Any suspicion that the safety of patients may be put at risk will result in our swift action to protect the public, as demonstrated in this matter."

Acting Consumer Affairs Director Jeffrey Burstein said in the prepared statement that the Board of Medical Examiners considered failure to follow regulations and procedures serious allegations which the panel would investigate on behalf of the public.

The suspension of Thompson's license remains in effect pending the resolution of all criminal charges against him and until further order of the Board of Medical Examiners.

Thompson is represented by attorney Robert Tarver of Toms River.

The doctor's troubles surfaced after his receptionist, Lakewood resident Liza Berdiel, 24, was arrested and charged Jan. 13 with performing abortions without a medical license, Doyle said.

After Thompson noticed that his drugs were short, he became suspicious that Berdiel was performing abortions herself and pocketing his patients' cash payments, Doyle said. Thompson contacted the authorities and Berdiel was charged with injecting abortion-inducing chemicals in three women whom Doyle said were patients of Dr. Thompson.

Thompson's activities came under scrutiny by authorities after police searched the clinic on Jan. 15 and discovered that the physician also **may have violated the law.**

"During our investigation, we found that medical waste material was being improperly disposed of down the sanitary sewer at that location," said Doyle, referring to the toilet. "He also has a facility in Barnegat, but we have no suspicion that any further illegal activity is going on at that location at this time."

Thompson was arrested and released on his own recognizance.

A recorded message left by Thompson on the clinic's answering machine said the office would be closed until March and to call back at that time.

According to Jeff Lamm, a spokesman for the state Division of Consumer Affairs, no date has been set for an administrative hearing or to lift the suspension on Thompson's medical license. He said he did not anticipate that the matter would be resolved by March.

Abortion medical waste put down sanitary sewer

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Doctor Voluntarily Ceases Practice Pending Hearing Next Month

NEWARK — A Lakewood doctor who is facing criminal charges that he improperly disposed of medical waste has agreed to voluntarily cease practicing medicine pending the outcome of a hearing next month before the State Board of Medical Examiners (BME), Attorney General Peter C. Harvey and Acting Consumer Affairs Director Jeffrey Burstein announced.

Following his January 19 arrest and the filing of criminal charges by the Lakewood Township Police Department, Dr. Flavius Thompson agreed to comply with the State's demand that he cease practicing medicine pending action by the BME. The board has scheduled a Feb. 9 hearing on an administrative complaint filed by the State against Thompson concerning the criminal charges as well as allegations of unsafe and unsanitary conditions at Thompson's medical office.

The State's allegations against Thompson include failure to have required medical equipment on hand; improper disposal of regulated medical wastes; having expired medications in an emergency medical kit; and violations related to the administration of conscious sedation.

"Our primary concern is the safety of patients," said Attorney General Harvey. "Given the serious allegations against Dr. Thompson, we demanded that he immediately stop practicing medicine pending further action of the Board of Medical Examiners."

"If proper procedures are not followed, patients are potentially put in danger," said Acting Director Burstein. "That is wholly unacceptable. The Board of Medical Examiners expects its licensees to adhere to legal and professional standards of conduct, as does the public."

The State's complaint seeks to have Thompson's license temporarily suspended pending a full hearing before the BME. Deputy Attorney General Tara Adams Rogovin is representing the State in this matter.

Abortion doctor Flavius Thompson voluntarily ceded his medical license after he was charged with improper disposal of aborted fetuses at his clinic known as Pleasant Women's Pavilion.

Detective Larry Doyle of the Lakewood Police Department stated that, "During our investigation we found that medical waste material was being improperly disposed of down the sanitary sewer at that location," referring to the toilet there.

According to reports, the charges against Thompson included:

Violating the New Jersey Water Pollution Act, by flushing products of abortions into the sanitary sewer.

Dumping regulated medical waste, mainly human blood products and items soiled with blood, into the trash to be carted to a place not authorized to accept medical waste.

Storing medical waste without a state permit for a time exceeding more than a year and having an expired regulated medical waste generator's permit.

The NJ State department of consumer affairs suspended his license pending resolution of all criminal charges against him:

They stated, "Dr. Thompson was charged inter alia, with maintaining his medical office in a dangerous manner by improper disposal of medical waste and with failure to comply with certain provisions of the Board's In-office anesthesia regulations."

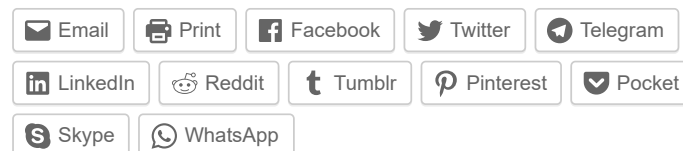
Attorney General Peter C. Harvey Said this in a [press release](#):

"Our primary concern is the safety of patients. Given the serious allegations against Dr. Thompson, we demanded that he immediately stop practicing medicine pending further action of the Board of Medical Examiners."

The state of New Jersey also alleged that Flavius Thompson failed to have required medical equipment on hand; He was charged Jan. 19 with illegal storage of Class 4 medical waste (syringes and needles), since his license to generate medical waste had expired; causing the disposal of medical waste that included blood products, and violation of the Clean Water Act for disposing of aborted materials into the sanitary sewer system, which flows into the Metedeconk River.

Other charges alleged that he had expired medications in an emergency medical kit; and violations related to the administration of conscious sedation. In 2006, the board allowed Thompson to renew his license.

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Melissa Starick Says:
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For the past 9 years I thought this doctor was no longer practicing medicine! This Doctor performed a abortion on me in 2000. He punctured a hole in my uterus which left me sick and hospitalized for 8days. When I went to see him after being discharged he laughed in my face and said it just wasn't possible.

5 years later in 2005 my sister had gone to get a abortion without my knowledge. She was contacted by a Lakewood detective because his secretary performed her abortion. When she went to the hospital to get medically checked out, she was still pregnant. Therefore had to go through the whole difficult and emotionality painful process all over again. This doctor is a disgrace and should not be practicing any kind of medicine!

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