

Medical Commission Case Summary

2018-12634

Respondent: Carla Elisse Torres			
County:	Clark	License #:	MD.MD.60514581
Licensed since:	02/18/2015	Expiration:	12/04/2018
License Status:	MILITARY	ABMS Specialty:	Obstetrics and Gynecology
Residency Specialty:	Obstetrics and Gynecology	ABMS Subspecialty:	None

Complainant: US Department of the Air Force

Complaint Summary: The patient presented to the ED with clinical signs of ovarian torsion. OB/GYN Respondent was called twice by the ED physician, but did not present to the ED to evaluate the patient which delayed the diagnosis of ovarian torsion and contributed to the loss of the patient's fallopian tube and ovary.

Single Complaint Process: No.

Companion Cases:

Malpractice Settlement:

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Alleged Issues: Malpractice.

Case Nature: Mandatory Malpractice Reports.

Prior Cases:

2015-12419 – Patient alleges medical negligence by Respondent which resulted in avoidable pain and ultimate loss of left ovary and fallopian tube, as a consequence of not responding appropriately in a timely manner to a request for consultation / intervention from the PA-C at the ED. Patient contends that the Left Salpingo-Oophorectomy performed two days later to remove an Ovarian Cyst might have been avoidable had the Respondent evaluated and treated the Patient earlier.

Closed NCF.



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MEMO FOR: Washington State Department of Health
Medical Quality Assurance Commission
P.O. Box 47866
Olympia, WA 98504

FROM: Surgeon General of the Air Force
AFMOA/SGHQ/ Risk Management Operations
7700 Arlington Blvd, Suite 5154
Falls Church, VA 22042-5154

DATE: 15 August 2018

Subject: Notification of Report to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Title IV of Public Law 99-660 requires that if a malpractice payment is made on behalf of a physician, dentist, registered nurse or any other health care licensed provider, that all appropriate Licensing or Certification Agencies be notified and provided subject identification information on the provider. Enclosed you will find attachments of the Medical Malpractice Payment Report for:

NAME: Carla E. Torres, MD

If you have any additional questions, please contact Mr. Ron Comte at (703) 681-6970 or via e-mail at ronald.n.comte.civ@mail.mil

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiffany Orebeaux".

Tiffany Orebeaux, Contractor
Risk Management Operations
Air Force Medical Operations Agency
Office of the Surgeon General

Attachment:
Medical Malpractice Payment Report (to the NPDB)

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From: [Heye, George \(DOH\)](#)
To: [Babb, Christine L \(DOH\)](#)
Subject: RE: 2018-12634 vs. 2015-12419
Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 2:01:11 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

You can look up the case intake summary on line, dated 12/22/2015. Same case.
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From: Babb, Christine L (DOH)
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 10:58 AM
To: Heye, George (DOH)
Cc: Burkholder, Adam J (DOH); Waterman, Chris A (DOH)
Subject: 2018-12634 vs. 2015-12419

Hi Dr. Heye,

Chris has requested the hard file for 2015-12419 to determine if it is the same case as 2018-12634. I will keep you posted if we will be closing or continuing with the investigation.



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Waterman, Chris A (DOH)

From: Babb, Christine L (DOH)
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 8:28 AM
To: Pace, Freda (DOH); Glein, Rick J (DOH); Burkholder, Adam J (DOH); Gault, Joe (DOH); Waterman, Chris A (DOH); Heye, George (DOH)
Subject: 2018-12634 vs. 2015-12419

Good morning everyone,

Dr. Heye has determined that case 2018-12634 is the same case as 2015-12419. I have changed the decision code to BT 8 on the 09/12/2018 CMT minutes. The case was decided to be closed administratively at CMT yesterday if the two cases were the same. Please let me know if I need to do anything else to close this case administratively.

Thank you,



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Chris,

Both cases deal with the same incident. The 2015 case was a complaint by the patient and the 2018 case was a report of a malpractice settlement.

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9-17-2018



September 13, 2018

Carla Elisse Torres

23 LicenseeAddress

Case Number: 2018-12634

Credential Number: MD.MD.60514581

Dear Carla Elisse Torres, MD:

The Washington Medical Commission received a report against you alleging unprofessional conduct. A panel of at least three Commissioners reviewed this report and determined that it did not meet the criteria for authorizing an investigation. Therefore, this complaint has been closed. This complaint will not be posted on our website. The existence of this complaint is only releasable to the public if they make a formal written records request.

You have the right to request any publicly disclosable information contained in the file. To do so, your request must be submitted in writing to the Department of Health, Public Disclosure & Records Center, PO Box 47865, Olympia, WA 98504-7865; fax to (360) 586-2171; or email PDRC@doh.wa.gov. Please include the case number listed above.

After seeing what the file contains, you can submit a written statement for us to include in the file. Please remember that your statement will become part of the file and will be disclosed in any future disclosure requests. If you choose to submit a statement, please send it to us at PO Box 47866, Olympia, WA 98504 and include the case number listed above.

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