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**9.6.25**

**Virginia Department of Health Professions  
Enforcement Division  
Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, VA 23233-1463**

**Dear Physician Complaint Dept.,**

**My complaint is against the license of William Fitzhugh, license number 0101017922. He has been licensed since Sept. 1, 1966.**

**His practice location is at:**

**118 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard  
Richmond, VA 23220**

**and**

**1119 2nd St. SW  
Roanoke, VA 24016**

**and**

**10758 Jefferson Ave. # A  
Newport News, VA 23601**

**He has been disciplined previously.**

**He does 2nd trimester abortions up to 22 weeks.**

**My complaint is that he has Jill Abbey as the Laboratory Director. She is not a licensed professional. She is not a nurse, physician assistant nor physician. She has no educational background to fulfill this important role. Women and teenage girls' health and safety are at risk. Patients deserve better.**

**As a reminder this licensee was disciplined in the past for allowing a nonprofessional, unlicensed staff employee to give drugs to patients for anesthesia. He lacks moral character still evidently. He is cutting corners and charging patients for unprofessional person doing what a licensed person should be doing. He is putting profit before health. This should not be allowed to happen.**

**Also he is old now actually around 85 years old. He is evidently incompetent. I'm asking for a competency test to be done on this octogenarian. He doesn't seem to be thinking clearly by having any jane doe do lab work.**

**This elderly man's mental health is declining evidently. Any licensed professional would not install a nonmedical person as laboratory director. This is unacceptable.**

**This old fossil should be asked to recite the alphabet backward. I believe this licensee would fail this test right then and there.**

**Since he is an octogenarian, his ability to perform complex procedures that require a high level of hand-eye coordination is impaired, which will translate into even more complications than is reported in the literature.**

**I would ask that the Complaint Department not put a band-aid on this complaint but take quick action.**

**Perhaps it's time to re-evaluate all their waivers too.**

**As a reminder he has been sued before.**

**On June 2, 1989, Margaret went to Richmond (VA) Medical Center For Women to have an abortion performed by this licensee. After she was dismissed, she started experiencing pain and bleeding, and called the facility about her symptoms. They did not advise her to seek medical care. Two days later, she sought medical treatment at a local hospital and was told that she had a perforated uterus and retained fetal tissue. A D&C was performed to complete the abortion and due to the infection a hysterectomy was also necessary. Unfortunately, in spite of all efforts to save her life, Margaret died of the complications of her abortion, leaving her husband and one-year-old son behind. (Richmond City Circuit Court Case No. LU-441-1, Virginia Certificate of Death #89-020384)**

**Richmond City Circuit - Civil Division**

**CL11000831-00            Defendant: FITZHUGH, WILLIAM G  
Plaintiff: PARRISH, KAYLA S; INF**

**CL87K00792-00      Defendant: FITZHUGH, WILLIAM G.  
Plaintiff: RYNECKI, REBECCA K.;INFANT**

**CL87K00793-00      Defendant: FITZHUGH, WILLIAM G.  
Plaintiff: RYNECKI, REBECCA;INFANT    Witnesses**

**CL89R03326-00      Defendant: FITZHUGH, WILLIAM G.  
Plaintiff: SCHURMAN, BRENDA WITTERN**

**CL92U00441-00      CLODFELTERS  
ESTATE/CLODFELTER, MARGARET v. Fitzhugh**

**Please check if he has kept up with his educational credits.**

**He has accepted drug company benefits/monies of \$312.26 previously. I hope he's not being bought, bribed and paid for by them to promote their drugs and products. Please be on the lookout for any kickbacks to her as he seems susceptible. Is this a conflict of interest? This licensee seems to have no moral compass.**

**It is unknown how many previous ambulance and paramedic rescues have occurred at his facilities also.**

**He lacks qualified staff to do laboratory work for his patients.**

**It is unknown how many previous complaints there are against his license.**

**This facility is a direct threat to the women and teenagers' health and safety.**

**This is a lack of quality care. This licensee's practice was not planned, staffed, equipped, and operated with the individual patient's welfare and safety to be of paramount concern. The feelings, sensibilities, and comfort of the patient was not fully respected and given meticulous attention by all personnel.**

**Inaction by the state indicates the state could be held liable if a lawsuit is submitted to the court or a DEATH happens.**

**Please let me know the final outcome of my complaint.**

**Thank you very much.**

**Enclosures:**

**Lab director document**

**Profile**

**Openpayments**

**Complaint form filled out**

**cc: Others**