



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

October 27, 2011

**Medical Board of California Accusation leads to surrender
of former Newport Beach physician's license**

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation of misconduct by the Medical Board of California, former Newport Beach physician, Jonathan Sadai surrendered his license to practice medicine. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

In July 2008, after receiving negative results to allergy testing performed by a physician at Kaiser Permanente, a patient presented to Sadai for a second opinion. Sadai examined the patient and drew blood, explaining to the patient he would be sending her test results to an outside laboratory that was using a new testing method. A few weeks later, the patient requested her test results, and Sadai sent her a form listing several food and environmental allergens and her reaction to each. The results were listed as +1 through +4, showing the patient to be severely reactive to more than 50 allergens. Because of the discrepancy the patient returned to her Kaiser doctor for retesting. The results were again negative for the food and environmental allergens tested. The patient requested a copy of the actual lab results from Sadai.

In the meantime, the patient consulted with another non-Kaiser physician for allergy testing, and the results were again negative. The patient again requested from Sadai a copy of the actual laboratory test results. Sadai sent an incorrectly dated chart note and another copy of the previously sent form results. In November 2008, after receiving a complaint from the patient, the Medical Board sent Sadai a request for a certified copy of his medical records for this patient. The Board received a certification, signed under penalty of perjury, accompanied by a letter stating the laboratory report was included, a copy of a letter sent to the patient, a two-sided copy of the patient's test results, and a two-sided copy of his incorrectly dated chart notes for his examination of the patient in July 2008. In December, Sadai sent the patient what he described as the "actual lab report." It was the same template as the first test results; however, this one used a range of numbers from 50 – 730 in place of the +1 through +4 numbers.

The Board initiated an investigation in June 2009. During the investigation, Sadai told a Board investigator that the patient's testing was done on a machine in the back of a van in his parking lot. Sadai also stated he did not know the qualifications of the person performing the testing. Sadai stated the machine did not provide a printout of the test results and that he had written the results down from a screen on the machine. Sadai provided the Board with a phone number for the person who performed the testing; however, the phone number had been out of service since 1998, and Sadai was unable to provide any other information.

At the completion of their investigation, the Medical Board filed an Accusation, dated 11/17/10. The Board accused Sadai of violating Business and Professions (B&P) Code sections 2234(e) (Dishonesty or Corruption); 2262 (Fraudulent Medical Records); 2261 (False Medical Records); 2234(b) (Gross Negligence); 2234(c) (Repeated Negligent Acts); 2234(d) (Incompetence); 2266 (Failure to Maintain Adequate and Accurate Medical Records); 2225.5 (Failure to Provide Medical Records to Patient and Failure to Provide Medical Records to the Board); and 2234 (General Unprofessional Conduct).

The Accusation filed by the Board alleges the following: Sadai did not perform any allergy testing, he charged for services he did not perform, he created false documents of the test results, he created additional false documents when the patient was not satisfied with the first set, telling the patient they were the actual test results, he told a Medical Board investigator he had performed the tests on a machine in his office, and also that the allergy testing was done on a machine in the back of a van. He allowed the testing to be performed by a person for which he had no knowledge of their qualifications, licensure, or competency, or any knowledge of the reliability of the equipment, and he falsely stated, under penalty of perjury, that he had provided a true and complete copy of his records for the patient.

In July 2011, Sadai stipulated to the surrender of his medical license. The Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order was adopted by the Medical Board, effective October 27, 2011.

The public record documents in this case can be accessed on our Web site at www.mbc.ca.gov under the heading "Enforcement Public Documents."

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

October 21, 2011

**Medical Board of California revokes license
of former Yuba City physician**

SACRAMENTO — The medical license of Ifeanyi Charles Igwegbe was revoked by the Medical Board of California following a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

Shortly before 8:20 a.m., on May 25, 2010, while on his way to Fremont-Rideout Memorial Hospital where he was scheduled to perform medical procedures, Igwegbe was involved in a two-car collision, injuring the other motorist. After police officers arrived, Igwegbe was arrested and charged with two felony counts of Driving Under the Influence (DUI). Nearly two hours after the accident, Igwegbe's blood-alcohol level was .13%. He denied drinking alcohol that morning and claimed he had consumed one or two glasses of wine the night before.

On July 16, 2010, the Medical Board filed for an Interim Order of Suspension of Igwegbe's medical license. The Administrative law Judge found "the only reasonable conclusion to be drawn from all the evidence is that respondent was intoxicated on May 25, 2010, when he was involved in the motor vehicle accident. He would have been intoxicated at the time of any medical procedure performed at 9:00 a.m. that same morning." The Interim Order was granted in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. The Order provided Igwegbe with the very narrow opportunity to continue practicing medicine with conditions including daily breathalyzer testing, submission to random urine testing, and preclusion from serving in an on-call capacity. Effective July 21, 2011, the Interim Suspension Order was lifted.

The Medical Board filed an Accusation on August 2, 2010, alleging Igwegbe violated Business and Professions Code section 2239 (Use of Alcohol in a Dangerous and Injurious Manner), when he tested positive for alcohol after causing an accident and injuring another motorist on May 25, 2010.

A full hearing on the Accusation was held July 18-19, 2011, with arguments from both sides. Witnesses testified they were driving northbound, directly behind Igwegbe's Honda on the morning of May 25, 2010, when they saw him swerving in and out of the center median on State Route 99 at least four times during a period of four minutes. Additional witnesses testified they saw Igwegbe's vehicle accelerate across the median and collide with a vehicle traveling southbound before disappearing into an irrigation canal. Witnesses who had stopped to render assistance testified they had smelled alcohol on Igwegbe's breath and body. Igwegbe testified on his own behalf. He denied being intoxicated when he caused the collision on May 25, 2010. Igwegbe also denied having any problem with alcohol and consequently had not sought such treatment. His attorney argued that Igwegbe had been "punished enough," and he had been unable to find work for over a year and a half. The Medical Board argued that Igwegbe's behavior on May 25, 2010, showed he posed a serious risk to the public and his patients. It was important that he demonstrate rehabilitation to the extent he can practice without the restrictions imposed on him, and Igwegbe had failed to show any rehabilitation efforts.

The judge found it was established by clear and convincing evidence that on May 25, 2010, Igwegbe used alcoholic beverages to the extent and in such a manner as to be dangerous to himself and to the public. Finding Igwegbe used alcoholic beverages to the extent as to impair his ability to practice medicine safely; Igwegbe's medical license was ordered revoked, effective October 21, 2011.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

August 19, 2011

**News Release Correction:
Medical Board of California investigation leads to arrest and
conviction for practicing medicine without a license**

SACRAMENTO — In a news release issued August 18, 2011 by the Medical Board of California, the spelling of the individual's first name was incorrect. The correct spelling is Katharine McCall.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

August 19, 2011

Medical Board of California investigation leads to arrest and conviction for practicing medicine without a license

SACRAMENTO — Medical Board of California investigators from Operation Safe Medicine were successful in initiating the arrest and conviction of an unlicensed person in the greater Los Angeles area. On Wednesday, August 17, 2011, in the Los Angeles Superior Court, Katharine McCall (a.k.a. Katie McCall) was found guilty of practicing medicine without a license. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, Executive Director of the Medical Board.

The Medical Board opened an investigation on McCall after receiving a complaint from a witness stating that McCall delivered a baby. The witness complained that McCall appeared to lack knowledge and experience. McCall claimed to be a student midwife. She was not under the supervision of a licensed midwife or physician and surgeon when she delivered a baby. Due to her negligence, there were complications. The investigation also revealed that her actions posed a danger and risk to the consumers of California.

Business and Professions Code section 2514 states that a student midwife who is enrolled or participating in a midwifery program or who is enrolled in a program of supervised clinical training may practice midwifery in California as long as they are under the supervision of a licensed midwife who holds a clear and unrestricted license in this state; who is present on the premises at all times when client services are provided; and who is practicing pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2507 as a physician and surgeon.

The Medical Board encourages consumers to refer to its Web site at www.mbc.ca.gov to verify that their health care provider holds a valid, unrestricted license to practice.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

August 11, 2011

Medical Board of California investigators serve search warrant on medical clinic in West Hollywood

SACRAMENTO — Medical Board of California investigators served a search warrant Tuesday on an unlicensed medical practice in West Hollywood, where medical procedures are being conducted without any licensed medical personnel present. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, Executive Director of the Medical Board.

The Medical Board received complaints that the Calayan Medical Clinic had opened a medical practice in Los Angeles where cosmetic surgical procedures, including laser and Botox treatments, were being performed. The practice was subsequently moved to West Hollywood. Victims reported being injured by the laser treatments.

Investigators from the Board's Operation Safe Medicine conducted surveillance and an undercover investigator, posing as a patient, obtained evidence that an unlicensed female represented herself as a licensed medical doctor, diagnosed a medical condition, and performed laser treatments. Based on this investigation, a search warrant was obtained and served on August 9, 2011.

The case has been referred to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for an alleged violation of Business and Professions Code section 2052 (Practicing Medicine Without a License).

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

August 4, 2011

Former Los Angeles area physician surrenders his medical license

SACRAMENTO — The Medical Board has accepted the voluntary surrender of Roberto Bonilla's license to practice medicine in California, effective July 27, 2011. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Board.

In summary, the Medical Board was notified in June 2008 that a patient had died during a surgery in Bonilla's medical office (a converted single family home located in a residential neighborhood). The Board began an investigation and it was found, among other things, that Bonilla had administered an overdose of an anesthetic agent, causing the patient to stop breathing. Bonilla did not properly address the patient's respiratory arrest, and the patient died. The case was presented to the Office of the Attorney General and the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office for review.

In January 2009, after completion of the Medical Board's investigation, the Board filed an Ex Parte Interim Order of Suspension, and an Administrative Law Judge in the Office of Administrative Hearings granted the suspension, effective immediately. In the Order, Bonilla was restricted from performing or assisting in any surgery outside of a licensed hospital or surgical center until he passed a clinical assessment and clinical education program. A news release was issued on the Interim Suspension Order on March 2, 2011.

The Medical Board filed an Accusation against Bonilla on February 10, 2009, alleging he violated several laws resulting in the loss of human life, and requesting the revocation of his medical license.

A criminal hearing was held in February 2011 in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles and, on February 25, 2011, a jury found Bonilla guilty of Involuntary Manslaughter. Bonilla was remanded to custody and the judge suspended his license indefinitely.

After Bonilla's felony conviction, the Medical Board continued its case to revoke Bonilla's medical license. However, Bonilla agreed to surrender his medical license to the Board, and this Stipulation and Order was adopted by the Medical Board, effective July 27, 2011.

The public record documents in this case can be accessed on our Web site at www.mbc.ca.gov under the heading "Enforcement Public Documents."

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

July 26, 2011

Former Orange County physician surrenders license after Medical Board files Accusation against him

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation of misconduct by the Medical Board of California, former Orange County physician Luong N. Pham surrendered his license to practice medicine. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

Pham's staff privileges were summarily suspended while he was employed at a California state prison in Tehachapi. The correctional facility notified the Medical Board of the suspension, and an investigation was initiated. Following the investigation, the Board filed an Accusation against Pham on September 27, 2010.

In the Board's Accusation, Pham was accused of violating Business and Professions Code sections 2234 (Gross Negligence - 6 Patients); 2234(c) (Repeated Negligent Acts); 2234(d) (Incompetence); and 2266 (Failure to Maintain Adequate Medical Records). The Board alleged Pham, in his treatment of six psychiatric patients, failed to appropriately document that he reviewed patients' prior histories and current symptoms, conduct necessary mental status examinations, monitor medication dosages, and/or consider differential diagnoses for these patients.

Pham stipulated to the surrender of his medical license, which was adopted by the Medical Board. The Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is effective July 26, 2011..

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

July 12, 2011

**Medical Board of California investigation leads to arrest
of spa owner for practicing medicine without a license**

SACRAMENTO — Medical Board of California investigators from the San Jose District Office arrested Cary Silberman at his home and place of business in San Jose yesterday for practicing medicine without a license. The Board's investigators turned him over to San Jose police for transportation and booking. Silberman was charged with one felony count of Practicing Medicine Without a License (Business & Professions (B&P) Code section 2052, one felony count of Grand Theft by Fraud (Penal Code (PC) sections 487 and 484), and one misdemeanor count of Child Endangerment (PC Code section 273(a)(b)), alleging Silberman injured a four-year-old child when he performed laser treatment on the child.

Mr. Silberman is the owner of "Shiny Toes," a spa advertising laser treatment for nail fungus. "Shiny Toes" lists California locations in San Jose, San Francisco, San Ramon, and Beverly Hills. The Medical Board began investigating Silberman in January 2011. An undercover investigator, posing as a patient, obtained evidence that Silberman was diagnosing and treating toe nail fungus and using lasers to treat this ailment.

Mr. Silberman is not licensed in California to practice medicine. Laser treatments are a medical procedure and, as such, only a licensed physician can treat ailments with laser by first establishing a doctor-patient relationship through an appropriate prior examination and medical indication. Laser therapy is part of a treatment plan developed by the physician. Registered nurses, who are properly trained, may perform laser treatments in an organized healthcare system (medical setting) only under the supervision of a medical doctor.

On June 14, 2011, Medical Board investigators executed a search warrant on the San Jose office to seize evidence. A few days later, search warrants were executed on the San Francisco and San Ramon office locations. Investigators from the Office of Safe Medicine checked the Beverly Hills office and found it is no longer in business. With this evidence Medical Board, investigators were able to get the Santa Clara County District Attorney to issue a criminal complaint and a warrant.

At this time, Silberman is in custody in the Santa Clara County jail, pending \$200,000 bail. The investigation is ongoing. The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

June 3, 2011

Medical Board of California obtains Interim Suspension Order temporarily suspending the medical license of Cypress physician

SACRAMENTO — The medical license of Yashwant Giri, M.D., was fully suspended by a judge of the Orange County Superior Court at the request of the Medical Board. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

On May 6, 2011, the Medical Board received a complaint that Dr. Giri had been arrested by the Placentia Police Department and charged with violating Penal Code (PC) section 243.4(b) for sexual battery on an institutionalized victim and (PC) section 289(d) for sexual penetration with a foreign object on an unconscious patient. After his arrest, Dr. Giri posted \$100,000 bail and was released from jail.

Dr. Giri was arraigned in Orange County Superior Court on June 2, 2011. The deputy attorney general, appearing on behalf of the Medical Board, requested the superior court judge sign a Stipulated Interim Order of Suspension, suspending Dr. Giri's license to practice medicine in California, effective immediately. The superior court judge not only signed the suspension order, but also ruled that Dr. Giri was a public threat and flight risk and increased his bail amount from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000. Dr. Giri was immediately arrested in the courtroom and taken back into custody.

Dr. Giri is prohibited from practicing or attempting to practice as a physician and surgeon, pending a final decision and order by the Medical Board of California. Criminal charges are still pending in Orange County Superior Court.

The public record documents in this case can be accessed on our Web site at www.mbc.ca.gov under the heading "Enforcement Public Documents."

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

June 2, 2011

Medical Board of California Accusation leads to surrender of Seal Beach physician's license

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation, Seal Beach physician Ram P. Ramchandani stipulated to the surrender of his medical license. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

On July 22, 2010, the Medical Board filed an Accusation against Ramchandani, alleging he violated Business and Professions (B&P) Code sections 2234(b) (Gross Negligence), 2234(c) (Repeated Negligent Acts), 2234(d) (Incompetence), and 2266 (Failure to Maintain Adequate and Accurate Records) in his care and treatment of three patients. The Board alleges Ramchandani failed to properly diagnose the illnesses of these patients when he did not do a proper workup for their complaints, failed to order appropriate tests to support his diagnoses, and failed to properly document his findings. Ramchandani ordered medications without documenting medical indication or necessity, failed to explain the medication's side effects to his patients, and failed to order necessary follow-up evaluation required for some of those medications.

Ramchandani stipulated to the surrender of his medical license. The Stipulated Surrender of License and Order was adopted by the Medical Board on May 26, 2011, and the Order is effective at 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 2011.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

June 1, 2011

Medical Board of California revokes license of former Beverly Hills physician

SACRAMENTO — The medical license of former Beverly Hills physician Michael M. Kamrava has been revoked by the Medical Board of California. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

On December 22, 2009, the Medical Board filed an Accusation against Kamrava accusing him of violating Business and Professions (B&P) Code sections 2234(b) (Gross Negligence), and 2234(c) (Repeated Negligent Acts), when he repeatedly transferred an excessive amount of embryos into a patient, resulting in an octuplet pregnancy. Over the course of several years, prior to the transplant of these embryos, Kamrava repeatedly initiated a fresh cycle of oocyte retrieval when frozen embryos were available. Additionally, Kamrava never recommended or referred the patient to a mental health professional, although she was single and already had six children, all conceived through in vitro fertilization (IVF). The Board also accused Kamrava of violating B&P code section 2266 (Inadequate Records) when he failed to maintain adequate records in his care and treatment of the patient.

An Amended Accusation was filed on June 30, 2010, additionally accusing Kamrava of violating B&P Code sections 2234 (b) (Gross Negligence), 2234(c) (Repeated Negligent Acts), 2234(d) (Incompetence), and 2266 (Inadequate Records) in his care and treatment of two other patients. The first patient, in her late forties with three grown children, was married to a man in his early thirties. The patient was using a known donor, and although their situation was complex, Kamrava did not advise or refer them to counseling. Seven embryos were transplanted, resulting in a quadruplet pregnancy. The second patient had an abnormal cytology report, and Kamrava failed to perform testing to rule out ovarian cancer and failed to refer her to a specialist to rule out cancer. The Board also alleged Kamrava failed to appropriately document discussions he had with both patients regarding their treatment, consent, and the abnormal cytology report.

The Board subsequently found Kamrava guilty of gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and inadequate medical records in the first case. In the additional two cases, Kamrava was found guilty of gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in one case and guilty of repeated negligent acts in the other case.

On June 1, 2011, the Medical Board revoked the medical license of Michael Kamrava, effective July 1, 2011.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

May 3, 2011

Medical Board of California revokes license of former Anaheim Hills physician

SACRAMENTO — The medical license of former Anaheim Hills physician David Hung Do has been revoked by the Medical Board of California. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

The Medical Board opened an investigation against Do after learning from the media that he had been arrested and charged with sexually assaulting three female patients during examinations. At the time, Do was working part-time for Kaiser Permanente.

The Medical Board immediately opened an investigation against Do. After completing their investigation, the Board filed an Accusation on December 16, 2009, alleging Do was guilty of violating Business and Professions (B&P) Code section 726 (Sexual Misconduct), when it was found that four women had complained to Kaiser that Do had touched their breasts and vaginas under their clothing while he was examining them. The Board additionally accused Do of violating B&P Code sections 2234 (Gross Negligence); 2234(c) (Repeated Negligent Acts); and 2227 and 2234 (General Unprofessional Conduct).

The Board filed a First Amended Accusation on August 5, 2010, accusing Do of violating B&P Code section 726 (Sexual Abuse and Misconduct) with five female patients and, in addition to the previous charges, also violating B&P Code section 2266 (Failure to Maintain Adequate and Accurate Records).

The case against Do was heard by an Administrative Law Judge who issued a Proposed Decision on February 11, 2011. The judge determined revocation was appropriate in this case. The Proposed Decision was accepted and adopted as the Decision and Order by the Medical Board of California and, effective April 29, 2011, Do's medical license was revoked.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

April 28, 2011

**Berkeley physician agrees to Medical Board of California
Interim Suspension Order of his medical license**

SACRAMENTO — Robert Ke vess, M.D., a campus doctor at University of California (UC), Berkeley, is suspended from the practice of medicine. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

On March 31, 2011, UC Berkeley placed Dr. Ke vess on administrative leave. After an investigation by UC Berkeley police, evidence was obtained supporting sexual misconduct with several university students. This action was reported to the Medical Board on April 1, 2011, and the Board immediately opened their own investigation. On April 27, 2011, a Criminal Complaint was filed in the Alameda County Superior Court, charging Ke vess with 19 felony counts of sexual misconduct. Ke vess surrendered to police and posted bail of \$745,000. Ke vess was arraigned in Alameda Superior Court on these charges today, and the Medical Board received the signed Order of Suspension within the hour.

The Medical Board filed a Petition for Interim Order of Suspension Pursuant to Government Code Section 11529 and Pursuant to Stipulation, alleging Ke vess violated Business and Professions Code sections 726 (Sexual Misconduct) and 729 (Sexual Exploitation). Dr. Keessler agreed to an entry of an Interim Order of Suspension, suspending his license to practice medicine in California, effective immediately. Ke vess is restrained and prohibited from practicing or attempting to practice as a physician and surgeon, pending a final decision and order by the Medical Board of California. Criminal charges are currently pending in Alameda County Superior Court.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

April 19, 2011

Medical Board of California Accusation leads to surrender of former Oakland physician's license

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation of sexual misconduct by the Medical Board of California, former Oakland physician Ernest Lee Simms surrendered his license to practice medicine. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

Simms was arrested by the Alameda police department on January 4, 2011, and charged with sexual battery of a 28-year-old woman who was under his care. The patient claimed Simms, after asking the patient to remove her bra, grabbed her breasts and squeezed them in a manner inconsistent with a legitimate medical examination.

The Medical Board received a complaint against Simms on January 11, 2011, and an investigation was opened.

On January 28, 2011, the Medical Board asked the Court to issue an immediate Order prohibiting Simms from practicing medicine. The judge did not suspend Simms's medical license, but did issue an Order prohibiting Simms from practicing medicine without the presence of a third party present when examining a patient.

The Medical Board filed an Accusation against Simms on March 11, 2011, accusing him of violating Business and Professions Code sections 729 (Sexual Exploitation); 822 (Mental/Physical Illness); and 2234 (Unprofessional Conduct) and requesting Simms's license be revoked. On March 22, 2011, Simms stipulated to the surrender of his medical license, which the Medical Board accepted. The revocation is effective April 19, 2011. The criminal charges are currently pending in Alameda County Superior Court.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

April 6, 2011

Medical Board of California revokes license of former Pebble Beach physician

SACRAMENTO — The medical license of former Pebble Beach physician Frederick Ralph Miranda has been revoked by the Medical Board of California. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

In 2008, Miranda was placed on five years' probation for unprofessional conduct and gross negligence in his care and treatment of a patient. An investigation by the Medical Board found Miranda's conduct in his care of a cosmetic surgery patient was an extreme departure from the standard of care. As one of the conditions of his probation, Miranda was ordered to enroll in a clinical training program within 60 days of the Order, and to not practice cosmetic surgery until his successful completion of the program.

On December 29, 2009, the Medical Board filed A Petition to Revoke Probation, because Miranda allegedly failed to comply with certain terms of his probation. An Accusation and Amended Petition to Revoke Probation was filed on September 2, 2010, additionally alleging Miranda was guilty of violating Business and Professions Code sections 2234(a) (Dishonesty) and 2264 (Unprofessional Conduct /Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Practice), when it was found Miranda had authorized his office manager to refill prescriptions for his previous patients after the Medical Board obtained a Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (C.U.R.E.S.) Prescriber Prescription History Report, showing Miranda was the prescriber of 48 prescriptions between June 1, 2008, and January 20, 2009. Miranda denied prescribing or calling in prescriptions to the pharmacy after he closed his office in May 2008.

Miranda had signed two Quarterly Declarations, under penalty of perjury, that he had ceased practicing medicine when he closed his practice in May 2008. However, in an interview with Miranda's former office manager, she stated Miranda had kept and paid for his office telephone line to remain open, which she maintained at her home, and he had authorized the prescription refills.

The Medical Board requested Miranda's probation be revoked and impose the disciplinary order that was stayed, thereby revoking his medical license. An administrative law judge issued a Proposed Decision, which was adopted by the Medical Board as its Decision, to revoke the license of Miranda, effective April 6, 2011.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

March 2, 2011

**Medical Board of California obtains Order to prohibit
Los Angeles physician from practicing medicine after his found
guilty of Involuntary Manslaughter**

SACRAMENTO — At the request of the Medical Board of California, the medical license of Roberto Ramon Bonilla, M.D., was suspended indefinitely by a Los Angeles Superior Court judge on February 28, 2011. The Order is effective immediately. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Board.

In June 2008, the Board received notice from the Inglewood Police Department that a patient had died during an attempted surgery in Dr. Bonilla's medical office. The Board opened an investigation. The case was subsequently sent to the Office of the Attorney General and the Los Angeles County District Attorneys Office for review.

On January 26, 2009, the Board filed an Ex Parte Interim Order of Suspension, after it was alleged Dr. Bonilla was guilty of gross negligence and incompetence, when he performed a major surgery in his private office without the necessary medical equipment or medical personnel (including an anesthetist), administered an overdose of an anesthetic agent, which caused the patient to stop breathing, and did not properly address the patient's respiratory arrest. He performed CPR for over two hours and did not call emergency personnel for help. The Board's request was granted on January 27, 2010, when an Administrative Law Judge in the Office of Administration Hearings agreed to an Order of Interim License Restriction. The Order was effective immediately. In that Order, Dr. Bonilla was restricted from performing or assisting in any surgery outside of a licensed hospital or surgical center until he passed the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program offered at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine, and could only perform surgery after first obtaining from the facility a copy of their current and valid license certification.

On February 10, 2009, the Board filed an Accusation against Dr. Bonilla alleging he violated Business and Professions (B&P) Code section 2234(b) (Gross Negligence), which resulted in the loss of human life, when he attempted to repair a hernia and remove a gallbladder from a patient in his medical office under local anesthesia; B&P Code section 2234(d) (Incompetence), in that he lacked the education, knowledge, and experience to discharge the duties of his license, resulting in the loss of human life; and B&P Code section 2234(c) (Repeated Negligent Acts) when he committed repeated negligent acts during his care, treatment, and management of the patient.

In February 2011, a criminal hearing was held in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. On February 25, 2011, a jury found Dr. Bonilla guilty of Involuntary Manslaughter. Dr. Bonilla was remanded to custody, and the judge suspended his license indefinitely. His sentencing is scheduled for March 25, 2011.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

February 2, 2011

Medical Board of California obtains Order to prohibit Thousand Oaks physician from practicing medicine

SACRAMENTO — At the request of the Medical Board, the medical license of Barry Lefkovitch, M.D., was fully suspended by a Ventura Superior Court judge on February 1, 2011. The Order is effective immediately. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

Dr. Lefkovitch was arrested by Ventura sheriffs on December 22, 2010, after they received a complaint of sexual abuse by one of his patients. Dr. Lefkovitch was booked into East County Jail and charged with two felony counts of forced sexual penetration and one felony count of sexual battery. The sheriff's department issued a news release, and three additional potential victims were identified. On December 30, 2011, bail was set at \$250,000, under the condition Dr. Lefkovitch not see female patients without an additional third party medical professional present.

At his arraignment on February 1, 2011, Lefkovitch entered a plea of not guilty and, at the Medical Board's request, the judge ordered Lefkovitch to immediately cease and desist from practicing medicine on any and all patients. A preliminary hearing in this matter is scheduled for March 25, 2011.

Investigators are concerned there may be other victims. If you believe you are a victim or have more information, please contact Detective Jason Robarts at (805) 494-8229.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

January 26, 2011

Medical Board of California Accusation leads to surrender of Anaheim physician's license

SACRAMENTO — After being served with a Second Amended Accusation, and Petition to Revoke Probation, Anaheim physician Andrew Rutland stipulated to surrender his medical license. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

Rutland's license was already on probation for previous misconduct, when the Medical Board of California filed a new Second Amended Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation on July 28, 2010. The Board accused Rutland of violating Business and Professions (B&P) Code sections 2234(b) (Gross Negligence-Homicide); 2234(c) (Repeated negligent Acts); and 2234(d) (Incompetence), when his patient was injected with lidocaine during preparation for an abortion, and she reacted to the medication. The patient was in full cardiac arrest when paramedics arrived, and the patient died six days later. The facility where the procedure was to be performed was found to be inadequately equipped to handle emergencies. The emergency medical kit did not meet the standard of care and contained expired medications, no personnel on site was currently certified in CPR, and Rutland failed to recognize lidocaine toxicity and respond in a timely manner in performing appropriate resuscitative measures. There was a significant delay between the time of his patient's reaction to the medication and the time emergency personnel were called.

Additionally, the Board accused Rutland of violating B&P Code section 2216.2(a), for his failure to obtain malpractice insurance; B&P Code section 2250(a)(b) and (f) for his failure to report to the Medical Board that his patient was transferred to a hospital emergency room and then failed to report the death of the patient to the Medical Board.

While awaiting a hearing in this matter, Rutland stipulated to the surrender of his medical license, and the Stipulated Surrender was adopted by the Medical Board of California on January 20, 2011, and is effective February 11, 2011.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

January 13, 2011

Medical Board of California arrests Rancho Mirage physician at his medical office

SACRAMENTO — Undercover agents from the Medical Board of California arrested Michael Platt, M.D., today at his medical office in Rancho Mirage. Dr. Platt was charged with practicing medicine without a license. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Linda Whitney, executive director of the Medical Board.

Dr. Platt's medical license was already suspended under an Interim Suspend Order on August 6, 2010, for previous misconduct and failure to complete his original terms of probation. An administrative law judge determined that permitting Dr. Platt to continue practicing medicine would endanger the public. Dr. Platt's license was immediately suspended until a full hearing could be held in the matter.

In October 2010, the Medical Board received a complaint that Dr. Platt was still practicing medicine. An undercover agent from the Medical Board went to Dr. Platt's place of business twice, posing as a patient. The Medical Board undercover agent was diagnosed and treated by Dr. Platt. Platt then led the agent to a naturopathic doctor, Nichole Gardner, and recommended she prescribe medications to the agent.

Platt and Gardner were both arrested and booked into the Indio County Jail. Platt was charged with the unlicensed practice of medicine. Gardner was charged with aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine. The Medical Board is asking the district attorney's office to file criminal charges.

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