



Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST FOUR PHYSICIANS

At its quarterly meeting on December 2 & 3, 2005, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners took disciplinary action against four licensed medical doctors:

Tarek R. Greiss, M.D.

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners found Tarek R. Greiss, M.D. guilty of the three counts of the complaint filed against him: one count of inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety because of illness, a mental or physical condition or the use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics or any other substance, a violation of NRS 630.306(1); one count of being habitually dependent on controlled substances and/or alcohol, a violation of NRS 630.306(10); and one count of willfully failing to comply with a condition for licensure imposed by the Board, to wit: participation in the diversion program, a violation of NRS 630.3065. The Board revoked Dr. Greiss' license to practice medicine in Nevada, and ordered that he pay all administrative costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case against him, payable within 90 days of the Board's order.

Michael Kaplan, M.D.

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners found that Michael Kaplan, M.D. committed malpractice for failing to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient, a violation of NRS 630.301(4). The Board ordered that Dr. Kaplan receive a public reprimand and pay all administrative costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case against him, payable within 90 days of the Board's order.

Rustica Bernardino, M.D.

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners accepted and approved the Stipulation for Settlement of its Complaint against physician Rustica Bernardino, M.D. Dr. Bernardino admitted to one count of malpractice, relating to the diagnosis, treatment

and care of a patient, a violation of NRS 630.301(4), and was ordered to complete 12 hours of continuing medical education on the issue of treatment of deep vein thrombosis (DVT), to include thrombolytic prophylaxis, as well as the management of a patient with DVT, in addition to any other continuing medical education required as a condition of licensure. In addition, Dr. Bernardino was ordered to pay the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the matter.

Catherine Goring, M.D.

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners accepted and approved the Stipulation for Settlement of its Complaint against physician Catherine Goring, M.D. Dr. Goring admitted to one count of malpractice, relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient, a violation of NRS 630.301(4), and was ordered to complete 10 hours of continuing medical education on the issue of psychotropic medications, in addition to any other continuing medical education required as a condition of licensure. In addition, Dr. Goring was ordered to pay the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the matter.

At its quarterly meeting on December 2 & 3, 2005, the Board ratified licensure of 114 physicians, 29 physician assistants and 19 practitioners of respiratory care, and requested personal appearances of 14 applicants for licensure – 11 physicians, 2 physician assistants and 1 respiratory therapist.

Of the 14 applicants who were requested to personally appear, the Board denied the applications of one physician and one physician assistant:

Gary Page, M.D.

The Board denied the application for licensure in the state of Nevada of Gary Page, M.D., pursuant to NRS 630.304(1) and NRS 630.306(3), based upon his false, misleading and/or inaccurate statements on his application for licensure, and his past problems with prescribing of controlled substances.

George Ilouno, P.A.-C

The Board denied the application for licensure in the state of Nevada of George Ilouno, P.A.-C, pursuant to NAC 630.310, based upon concerns that he is not qualified to practice medicine as a physician assistant because he has not practiced since receiving his degree in 1999, and evidence that he is not of good moral character or reputation.

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Of the remaining applicants, 1 physician assistant and 1 respiratory therapist were granted licenses, 1 physician applicant withdrew his application and the other 9 physician applicants were granted licenses, 4 subject to conditions and 1 by endorsement.

From January 1, 2005 through November 30, 2005, the Board has licensed 540 physicians administratively, that is, applicants who met all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for licensure. This includes 26 physicians who were issued special purpose licenses and 90 who were issued limited licenses as residents, and does not include the applicants who appeared before the Board at the December meeting.