# **BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

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5	In The Matter of Charges and	)	Case No. 11-7218-1
5	Complaint Against	)	
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/	EUGENE YU-TZE CHEN, M.D.,	)	JAN 1 9 2012
8	Degrandant	)	NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
9	Respondent.	)	MEDICAL EXAMINERS

# FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, composed at the time of filing of Theodore B. Berndt, Chairman, M.D., Valerie J. Clark, 14 BSN, RHU, LUTCF, Member, and Michael J. Fischer, M.D., Member, by and through Bradley O. Van Ry, Deputy General Counsel, having a reasonable basis to believe that Eugene Yu-Tze Chen, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Respondent", has violated the provisions of NRS Chapter 630, hereby issues its formal Complaint, stating the Investigative Committee's 18 charges and allegations, as follows:

19 1. Respondent is currently licensed in active status (License No. 6251), and has been 20 so licensed since July 1, 1991 by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to the 21 provisions of Chapter 630 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

On June 21, 2004, a complaint was filed against Respondent and his related 22 2. professional corporation and business corporation. He was charged with violating the federal 23 False Claims Act. The allegations arose from, and were related to, the Respondent's medical 24 25 practice and consultation services provided.

26 3. On March 25, 2009, a jury in federal district court found Respondent liable for the 27 allegations of the complaint.

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4. On June 4, 2009, a final judgment was entered against Respondent in the amount of \$1,267,586.60 that included treble damages, civil penalties and costs.

5. Significantly, Respondent failed to disclose the investigation and/or the formal charges against him to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as required by Nevada law on two (2) separate license renewal forms. He failed to do so in 2005 and 2007.

6. On his license renewal form dated 5-2-07, Respondent answered no to questions concerning criminal investigations and charges as well as that concerning governmental entities investigating and/or charging Respondent with violating the law.

7. On his license renewal form dated 2-5-05, Respondent answered no to questions concerning criminal investigations and charges as well as that concerning governmental entities investigating and/or charging Respondent with violating the law.

8. Further, Respondent entered into an "Agreed Order" with the Texas Medical Board on August 21, 2009 as a result of the judgment entered against him by the jury in Nevada federal district court. The "Agreed Order" related to Respondent's medical license in Texas. Respondent did not disclose this "Agreed Order" to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners at anytime.

#### **Count I**

9. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

19 10. Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.304(1) provides that obtaining, maintaining or renewing or attempting to obtain, maintain or renew a license to practice medicine by bribery, 20 fraud or misrepresentation or by any false, misleading, inaccurate or incomplete statement is 21 grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee. 22

23 11. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State 24 Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

Count II

26 12. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated as if fully set 27 forth herein.

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13. Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.301(9) provides that the engaging in conduct 1 2 that brings the medical profession into disrepute is grounds for initiating discipline against a 3 licensee.

14. Medicare's billing investigation of Respondent and formal charges against Respondent, as well as failure to disclose the foregoing to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, constitute conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute.

By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State 15. Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

## **Count III**

16. 10 All of the above allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

17. Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.3062(1) provides that the failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.

18. Medicare's billing investigation of Respondent and formal charges against Respondent arise from and/or are related to incomplete and inaccurate medical records of patients 16 and the diagnosis, treatment and care of patients.

19. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State 18 19 Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

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### **Count IV**

20. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated as if fully set 21 22 forth herein.

21. 23 Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.306(2)(a) provides that engaging in any 24 conduct which is intended to deceive is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.

22. 25 Respondent's aforementioned activities constitute conduct which was intended to 26 deceive.

27 23. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State 28 Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

1	<u>Count V</u>				
2	24. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated as if	fully set			
3	forth herein.				
4	25. Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.306(11) provides that failure to rep	ort any			
5	disciplinary action to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners within thirty (30)	days is			
6	grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.				
7	26. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Neva	la State			
8	Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.				
9	<u>Count VI</u>				
10	27. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated as if t	ully set			
11	forth herein.				
12	28. Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.301(3) provides that any disciplinary	action			
13	taken by another state is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.				
14	29. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevao	la State			
15	Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the Nevada Revised Statute	5.			
16	WHEREFORE, the Investigative Committee prays:				
17	1. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners give Respondent notice	e of the			
18	charges herein against him and give him notice that he may file an answer to the Complain	herein			
19	as set forth in Section 630.339 of the Nevada Revised Statutes within twenty (20) days of	service			
20	of the Complaint.				
21	2. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners set a time and plac	e for a			
22	formal hearing after holding an Early Case Conference pursuant to NRS §630.339(3);				
23	3. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners determine what sance	tions it			
24	agrees upon to impose if it finds and concludes that there has been a violation or violation	s of the			
25	Medical Practice Act (Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 630) committed by Respondent; an	đ			
26	4. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners make, issue and serve or				
27	Respondent its findings of facts, conclusions of law and order, in writing, that include	les the			
28	sanctions imposed; and,				

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That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners take such other and further 5. action as may be just and proper in these premises. DATED this  $\frac{18^{-4}}{18^{-4}}$  day of January, 2012. THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS By: Bradley O. Van Ry, Esq. Deputy General Counsel and Attorney for the Investigative Committee Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners 1105 Terminal Way #301 Reno, Nevada 89502 (775) 688-2559 

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#### VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA COUNTY OF WASHOE

): SS. )

Dated this <u>19</u><sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Nevada that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the foregoing Complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered during the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, that he believes the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate, and correct.

Ale dure B. Berndt, M.D.

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	1 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING					
	2	I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and				
	3	that on 19 <sup>th</sup> day of January 2012; I served a file copy of the FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT,				
	4	via USPS e-certified mail to the following:				
	5	Eugene Chen, M.D.				
	6	3230 E. Flamingo Rd., #334 Las Vegas, NV 89121				
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	8	Dated this 19 <sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.				
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