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

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In the Matter of Charges and

**Complaint Against** 

Binh M. Chung, M.D.,

Respondent.

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**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF** MEDICAL EXAMINERS

# **COMPLAINT**

The Investigative Committee<sup>1</sup> (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) hereby issues this formal Complaint (Complaint) against Binh M. Chung, M.D. (Respondent), a licensed physician in Nevada. After investigating this matter, the IC has a reasonable basis to believe that Respondent has violated provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) chapter 630 and the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) chapter 630 (collectively Medical Practice Act). The IC alleges the following facts:

- 1. Respondent is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Nevada (License No. 11281). He was originally licensed by the Board, pursuant to the Medical Practice Act, on January 3, 2005. His licensure status is currently Suspended-Indefinitely.
- 2. Respondent's practice location is 8785 W. Warm Springs Road, Ste. 109, in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- On June 4, 2015, a minor female<sup>2</sup> filed a police report with the Las Vegas 3. Metropolitan Police Department (LVMP). Per the police report, the minor female was being treated at Respondent's medical office for an acne problem when Respondent injected the minor

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners is composed of Board members Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., Chairman, Valerie J. Clark, BSN, RHU, LUTCF, Member, and Michael J. Fischer, M.D., Member.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The identity of the minor female is not disclosed in this Complaint to protect her identity, but her identity is disclosed in the Patient Designation contemporaneously served on Respondent with this Complaint.

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female with a medication that caused her to become groggy. As the minor female was phasing in and out of consciousness, she realized her legs were propped up in stirrups and her pants were off. Fearing that something was happening to her, the minor female began to cry. At this point, Respondent came between the legs of the minor female and began to abuse her. The minor female immediately passed out. The minor female also remembered another time during this encounter when she awoke and vomited. Ultimately, Respondent revived the minor female and informed her that she had a bad reaction to the acne treatment. Respondent also asked the minor female to remain silent about the alleged bad reaction she had to the acne treatment. Subsequently, Respondent took the minor female home. At this time, the minor female knew something was very wrong.

- 4. The police report also asserts that the wife of Respondent found multiple videos on Respondent's personal computer and/or flash drive that showed Respondent, in his medical office, having sex with women who appeared to be unresponsive.
- Between June 4, 2015 and June 20, 2015, detectives for LVMP served several search warrants on Respondent. These search warrants resulted in the following items being seized from Respondent's residence and/or medical practice: Ketamine computers/electronics, hard drives and/or storage devices containing hundreds of pornography videos, and at least 10 child pornography videos.
- 6. On June 20, 2015, Respondent was arrested and booked on one Class A felony count of using or permitting the use of a minor, age 14 or older, in the production of pornography or as a subject to produce porn, one violation of NRS 200.710 and NRS 200.750, and 10 Class A felony counts of possession of visual pornography of a person under age 16, 10 violations of NRS 200.730.
- 7. On June 23, 2015, the Board summarily suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine in Nevada.
- 8. Based on the foregoing, the IC charges Respondent with the following violations of the Medical Practice Act:

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### Count I

- 9. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- The IC may initiate disciplinary action against a licensee when a licensee engages 10. in any sexual activity with a patient who is currently being treated by the licensee. NRS 630.301(5).
- 11. Based on the foregoing factual allegations, Respondent violated NRS 630.301(5) when he sexually assaulted a patient he was treating for acne.
- 12. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

### Count II

- All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by 13. reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 14. The IC may initiate disciplinary action against a licensee when a licensee engages in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute. NRS 630.301(9).
- 15. Based on the foregoing factual allegations, Respondent violated NRS 630.301(9) when he sexually assaulted a patient he was treating for acne.
- 16. Based on the foregoing factual allegations, Respondent also NRS 630.301(9) when he sexually assaulted multiple unresponsive women in his medical office.
- 17. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

## WHEREFORE, the IC prays:

- 1. That the Board give Respondent notice of the charges herein against him and give him notice that he may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in NRS 630.339(2) within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint;
- 2. That the Board set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early Case Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);

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3.	That the Board determine what sanctions to impose	if it finds and concludes that
there has been	a violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act co	ommitted by Respondent;

- 4. That the Board make, issue and serve on Respondent its findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, in writing, to include sanctions to be imposed; and
- 5. That the Board take such other and further action as may be just and proper in these premises.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: Cu

Erin L. Albright Esq

General Counsel

Attorney for the Investigative Committee

# OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

### VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA	)
	: ss.
COUNTY OF WASHOE	)

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, he believes the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate and correct.

Dated this **97h** day of July, 2015.

Theodore B. Berndt, M.D.