

1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**
2 **OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

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5 **In the Matter of Charges and Complaint**

Case No. 23-48593-1

6 **Against:**

7 **ABRILL MARIE JONES, M.D.**

8 **Respondent.**

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**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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10 **COMPLAINT**

11 The Investigative Committee¹ (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners
12 (Board), by and through William P. Shogren, Deputy General Counsel and attorney for the IC,
13 having a reasonable basis to believe that Abrill Marie Jones, M.D. (Respondent) violated the
14 provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC)
15 Chapter 630 (collectively, the Medical Practice Act), hereby issues its Complaint, stating the IC's
16 charges and allegations as follows:

17 1. Respondent was at all times relative to this Complaint a physician holding an active
18 license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada (License No. 18096). Respondent was
19 originally licensed by the Board on July 16, 2018.

20 2. Patient A² was a twenty-nine (29) year-old male at the time of the events at issue.

21 3. On September 1, 2019, Patient A was transferred from a hospital in Arizona to
22 Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center (Sunrise) in Las Vegas, Nevada, after exhibiting symptoms
23 consistent with spinal cord compression, including urinary incontinence and severe lower back
24 pain accompanied by lower extremity numbness and weakness. Patient A reported that he injured
25 his back on August 30, 2019, after lifting a heavy object.

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27 ¹ The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, at the time this formal
28 Complaint was authorized for filing, was composed of Board members Victor M. Muro, M.D., Chowdhury H. Ahsan,
M.D., Ph.D., FACC, and Ms. Pamela J. Beal.

² Patient A's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient
Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

1 4. Patient A was specifically transferred from the Arizona hospital to Sunrise for a CT
2 myelogram and further evaluation of Patient A's back pain accompanied by lower extremity
3 weakness and numbness.

4 5. Upon arrival at Sunrise on September 1, 2019, an Emergency Department
5 physician ordered magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of Patient A's lumbar spine.

6 6. After presenting to the Emergency Department at Sunrise, Patient A was admitted
7 to the care of Respondent on September 2, 2019.

8 7. On September 2, 2019, at or about 4:23 p.m., Respondent performed a physical
9 examination of Patient A, including a test of motor strength. Respondent noted that Patient A
10 moved all his extremities, except his lower left extremity. Respondent further noted that,
11 according to the Arizona hospital, Patient A had urinary retention.

12 8. According to Respondent's notes from the September 2, 2019, physical
13 examination, Respondent did not document Patient A's rectal sphincter tone via digital rectal
14 exam, perineal sensation, or a neurological examination consisting of palpation of the spine,
15 reflexes, sensation gait, and straight leg testing.

16 9. Respondent's notes from the physical examination further do not indicate that
17 Respondent contacted a neurosurgeon on September 2, 2019, despite Patient A's history of urinary
18 retention and lower extremity weakness.

19 10. An MRI of Patient A's lumbar spine was taken later on September 2, 2019. The
20 MRI report, written at or about 10:01 p.m., showed cauda equina compression at the L2-L3 disc
21 level.

22 11. On September 3, 2019, Respondent again evaluated Patient A, and requested a
23 neurosurgery consultation after learning of the MRI report.

24 12. On September 4, 2019, Patient A was evaluated by a neurosurgeon. Patient A then
25 received surgery to decompress his spinal cord on the same day.

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COUNT I

NRS 630.301(4) - Malpractice

13. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

14. NRS 630.301(4) provides that malpractice of a physician, is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.

15. NAC 630.040 defines malpractice as “the failure of a physician, in treating a patient, to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances.”

16. As demonstrated by, but not limited to, the above-outlined facts, Respondent failed to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances when rendering medical services to Patient A. After Patient A presented to Respondent with back pain, lower left leg numbness and weakness, and a history of possible urinary retention; Respondent failed to conduct a thorough examination of Patient A in order to rule out the possibility of spinal cord compression. The examination should have included the documentation and performance of measuring Patient A’s rectal sphincter tone via digital rectal exam, testing his perineal sensation, and conducting a neurological examination consisting of palpation of the spine, reflexes, sensation gait, and straight leg testing. Respondent further failed to timely contact a neurosurgeon once Respondent discovered Patient A’s lower extremity weakness, and failed to aggressively follow up on the results of Patient A’s MRI taken on September 2, 2019.

17. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT II

NRS 630.3062(1)(a) - Failure to Maintain Appropriate Medical Records

18. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA)
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COUNTY OF CLARK)

Chowdhury H. Ahsan, M.D., Ph.D., FACC, having been duly sworn, hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the Complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered in the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, he believes that the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate and correct.

DATED this 17th day of November, 2023.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:



CHOWDHURY H. AHSAN, M.D., Ph.D., FACC
Chairman of the Investigative Committee

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am employed by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on the 20th day of November, 2023, I served a file-stamped copy of the foregoing **COMPLAINT and PATIENT DESIGNATION** via U.S Certified Mail to:

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DATED this 20th day of November, 2023.



MERCEDES FUENTES
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