

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

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

Case No.: 23-12762-1

6 **Against:**

**FILED**

7 **SAMUEL RODOLFO CHACON, M.D.,**

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8 **Respondent.**

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
By: 

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10                                   **ORDER OF SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

11                                   The Investigative Committee<sup>1</sup> (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners  
12 (Board) hereby **IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDS** the license of Samuel Rodolfo Chacon, M.D.  
13 (Respondent) from the practice of medicine, pursuant to the Board's authority to regulate the  
14 practice of medicine in the State of Nevada pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS)  
15 Chapter 630.

16                                   The IC issues this Order of Suspension (Order) based on its determination that  
17 Respondent's acts place the health, safety, or welfare of the public at risk of imminent harm  
18 pursuant to NRS 630.326(1).

19                                   Prior to the preparation of this Order, Board Staff presented to the IC the following:

20                                   1.       Respondent is a medical doctor licensed to practice medicine in the State of  
21 Nevada (License No. 9105). Respondent was originally licensed by the Board on July 27, 1999,  
22 with a specialty listed as Obstetrics/Gynecology since 2003.

23                                   2.       On November 22, 2022, Respondent lost his hospital privileges at Renown  
24 Regional Medical Center (Renown) following a voluntary surrender of his clinical privileges  
25 while under, or to avoid, an investigation relating to his professional competence or conduct.

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<sup>1</sup> The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners is composed of Board members Aury Nagy, M.D., Chairman, Nicola (Nick) M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., and Ms. Maggie Arias-Petrel.

1           3.       Following Respondent's November 22, 2022, surrender of hospital privileges at  
2 Renown, Respondent held no hospital privileges, and therefore could not deliver any of his  
3 prenatal patients.

4           4.       Patient A<sup>2</sup> was a prenatal patient of Respondent when he surrendered his hospital  
5 privileges at Renown.

6           5.       On September 8, 2022, Patient A was diagnosed with a twin pregnancy. Patient  
7 A's pregnancy was classified as high-risk due to her twin pregnancy and gestational diabetes.

8           6.       From October 26, 2022, until March 30, 2023, Patient A was seen by a high-risk  
9 pregnancy specialist on no less than five (5) occasions for high-risk pregnancy and prenatal care  
10 including performance of ultrasounds. Due to the fetal growth restriction of Twin A, Patient A  
11 was recommended by the high-risk pregnancy specialist to be induced between thirty-six (36)  
12 weeks and thirty-six weeks and three days (36.3) weeks gestation.

13          7.       Despite Patient A's classification as a high-risk pregnancy, Respondent failed to  
14 refer her to an appropriate care provider who could deliver Patient A, nor did he make  
15 arrangements with another physician group who could assume the prenatal care of Patient A for  
16 delivery services.

17          8.       On March 31, 2023, Respondent, unable to induce labor or deliver Patient A,  
18 instructed her to present to the emergency department at Renown when she went into labor. This  
19 resulted in exposure of Patient A and her twin children to unnecessary danger and great risk of  
20 harm, as Patient A would not be induced as recommended by the high-risk pregnancy specialist.

21          9.       Board investigations reveal that Respondent is continuing to offer prenatal care to  
22 other established patients and advertise for and accept new prenatal patients, despite his lack of  
23 hospital privileges and his inability to deliver his patients, and without any relationship with  
24 another provider or practice group to whom he could transfer his patients for delivery services.

25          10.       Based on the foregoing, the IC finds that the health, safety, and welfare of the  
26 Respondent's patients and the public are at imminent risk of harm if Respondent is permitted to  
27 continue practicing medicine, and that an immediate suspension of Respondent's license to  
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<sup>2</sup> Patient A's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Order.

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practice medicine in the State of Nevada is necessary for the protection of the Public. *See* NRS 630.326(1).

**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the License of Samuel Rodolfo Chacon, M.D. (9105) is **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED** until further order of the IC or Board, and Respondent is **prohibited** from engaging in any acts that constitute the practice of medicine pursuant to NRS 630.020; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a hearing on this matter is set for the **12th day of October, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the Board's office located at 9600 Gateway Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521, to determine whether this suspension may continue, unless the parties mutually agree in writing to a different date and/or time. *See* NRS 630.326(2).

DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:



AURY NAGY, M.D.  
*Chairman of the Investigative Committee*