

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In the Matter of Charges and Complaint

Case No. 25-11896-4

Against:

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VINCENT PETER NALBONE, M.D.,

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Respondent.

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: 

COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee¹ (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), by and through Ian J. Cumings, Senior Deputy General Counsel and attorney for the IC, having a reasonable basis to believe that (Respondent) violated the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 630 (collectively, the Medical Practice Act), hereby issues its Complaint, stating the IC's charges and allegations as follows:

1. Respondent was at all times relative to this Complaint a medical doctor holding an active license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada (License No. 8303). Respondent was originally licensed by the Board on July 11, 1997.

2. Patient A² was a twenty-two (22) year-old male at the time of the events at issue.

3. Patient A presented to Respondent on May 18, 2021, with complaints of difficulty breathing, nasal congestion, snoring, facial pain, headache, and post-nasal drip for more than a year with minimally improved symptoms.

4. Patient A was recommended to take Zyrtec, Rhinocort, Allegra, along with Nasocort and was scheduled to follow-up on June 1, 2021.

¹ The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, at the time this formal Complaint was authorized for filing, was composed of Board members Victor M. Muro, M.D., Aury Nagy, M.D. and Ms. Maggie Arias-Petrel.

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 5. On June 1, 2021, during Patient A's follow-up visit, Respondent documented
2 Patient A as having no significant improvement with antihistamines and steroids. Patient A
3 underwent a Computed Tomography (CT) scan which showed "significant disease" and was
4 scheduled for a balloon sinuplasty, septoplasty, along with a turbinate and swell body reduction
5 ("Surgery").

6 6. On June 25, 2021, Patient A presented for the Surgery at Respondent's practice. At
7 8:47 a.m., Patient A was given 10 mg of Valium, a benzodiazepine, and 1 mg of Xanax, a fast-
8 acting benzodiazepine. Following this dose of benzodiazepines, Patient A began to experience a
9 bad reaction to the medications. Approximately thirty (30) minutes after the first dose of
10 benzodiazepines at 9:22 a.m., Patient A was given a second dose of 10 mg of Valium, and 1 mg of
11 Xanax. Approximately one (1) hour after the first dose of benzodiazepines, Patient A was given a
12 third dose of 10 mg of Valium, and 1 mg of Xanax. At 10:11 a.m. Patient A was noted to have
13 had violent movements upon attempted insertion of cotton into the nasal cavity and was given a
14 fourth dose of 10 mg of Valium, and 1 mg of Xanax. At this time, the total amount of
15 benzodiazepines given to Patient A, within an hour and a half, was 40 mg of Valium and 4 mg of
16 Xanax. Patient A began showing signs of benzodiazepine overdose and a negative reaction. After
17 the final dose of benzodiazepines, Respondent performed the Surgery on Patient A and completed
18 the operation at 11:20 a.m.

19 7. After the Surgery, at 11:26 a.m. and again at 11:46 a.m., Patient A was
20 administered Flumazenil, a reversing agent for benzodiazepines. Patient A left Respondent's
21 practice and later presented to the emergency room with complaints of anxiety and head pain.

COUNT I

NRS 630.301(4) - Malpractice

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

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

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

4 11. As demonstrated by, but not limited to, the above-outlined facts, Respondent failed
5 to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances when
6 rendering medical services to Patient A by administering an excessive dose of benzodiazepines to
7 Patient A during outpatient surgery, which required Flumazenil for reversal.

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

10 **WHEREFORE**, the Investigative Committee prays:

11 1. That the Board give Respondent notice of the charges herein against him and give
12 him notice that he may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in
13 NRS 630.339(2) within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint;

14 2. That the Board set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early
15 Case Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);

16 3. That the Board determine what sanctions to impose if it determines there has been
17 a violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act committed by Respondent;

18 4. That the Board award fees and costs for the investigation and prosecution of this
19 case as outlined in NRS 622.400;

20 5. That the Board make, issue and serve on Respondent its findings of fact,
21 conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions imposed; and

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1 6. That the Board take such other and further action as may be just and proper in these
2 premises.

3 DATED this 30th day of April, 2025.

4 INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
5 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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VERIFICATION


STATE OF NEVADA)
: ss.
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 30th day of April, 2025.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:


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