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State seeks court order to stop unlicensed Pierce County medical practice

Eatonville man was ordered to cease-and-desist in 2005

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has obtained a temporary restraining order in Pierce County Superior Court to stop Sung Min Im from practicing medicine without a license.

The department alleges that Im is practicing medicine without a license in violation of an administrative order to cease-and-desist. The temporary restraining order is the first step in the department's request for a permanent injunction prohibiting Im from practicing medicine without a license.

The department believes that Im owns and operates a facility named, The Cleansing Way Seminar Inc. in Eatonville, which is advertised as a health care facility. In its complaint, the department alleges that Im refers to himself as, "Dr. Im," and uses the designation M.D. with his name. Im doesn't hold a medical license in Washington. Im allegedly conducted physical exams and treated two patients diagnosed with cancer using tea, juice, sea salt, and honey at The Cleansing Way facility.

In 2005 Im signed an agreed order to cease-and-desist the unlicensed practice of medicine and pay a \$25,000 fine.

Anyone who has been medically treated by Im can file a complaint by calling 360-236-4700 or [send the information](#) by e-mail.

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