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## **King County naturopath suspended for sexual misconduct with patients**

**OLYMPIA** — A King County naturopathic physician has been immediately suspended on charges of engaging in sexual misconduct with five patients.

The action by the Board of Naturopathy and the Washington State Department of Health means Daniel N. Hurne (NATU.NT.60063068) cannot practice until the charges are resolved. The action is based on charges that Hurne provided massages that quickly became more sexual than therapeutic, massaging patients' breasts and buttocks. Hurne allegedly did not properly drape patients during massages, exchanged non-clinical text messages with one patient, and engaged in sexual relationships with two other patients.

Hurne has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges.

The charging documents can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#). Copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. The number can also be used to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Board of Naturopathy regulates naturopathic physicians in Washington. The program establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms and discipline. Rules, policies and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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