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## Wenatchee physician suspended for diverting drugs and sexual misconduct

**OLYMPIA** — State health officials immediately suspended the license of a Wenatchee physician after he reportedly diverted drugs and touched the breasts of adult female patients while they were under general anesthesia.

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission’s statement of charges say that John G. Thomas (MD00030424) admitted that he was in treatment for drug use and sex addiction. Thomas diverted hospital drugs for his own use for the last nine years and self-prescribed Vicodin and Ambien for the last four years. He also admitted that he touched the breasts of 15 adult female patients over the past 12 years while working as an anesthesiologist at Confluence Health.

Thomas can’t practice as a physician in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and to request a hearing.

Legal documents for this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or online by clicking the link to “[Provider Credential Search](#)” on the [agency home page](#).

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating physicians’ and physician assistants’ competency and quality. The commission develops rules, policies, and procedures to promote delivery of high-quality health care to state residents.

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