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## **Bremerton physician suspended for allegedly groping patients**

**OLYMPIA** — The Medical Quality Assurance Commission has immediately suspended the license of Bremerton physician Darren M. Chotiner (MD.00049050) based on charges that he sexually abused patients.

Charges state that Chotiner abused two patients during September, October, and November of 2014. Charges say he massaged the patients with ungloved hands for long periods of time, while pressing his body against them. He's also accused of touching a patient's genitals during one of the incidents.

Chotiner cannot practice medicine in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond 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 [Department of Health's website](#).

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission protects public health and safety by assuring the competency and quality of physicians and physician assistants. The commission establishes and monitors qualifications for licensure, and consistently enforces practice standards and professional conduct through discipline and continuing education.

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