



# News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Benton County

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Leigh A. Bromley** (RN00133967) with unprofessional conduct. Bromley allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In January 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Susan Hartzell** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. She doesn't have a veterinary technician license and allegedly performed the duties of a veterinary technician.

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kathleen Fay Lalka** (RN00106448) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Lalka moved out of an apartment and left behind a bag containing prescription medications belonging to at least four residents in the facility where she worked. She hasn't responded to a commission investigator's inquiry.

In January 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional credential to **Jamie Aleo Wilkinson** (CP60507312), who must continue to comply with conditions placed on her chemical dependency professional trainee credential in 2011.

## Chelan County

In January 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registered nursing assistant

credential of **Maria Elena Vasquez** (NA60168663) and placed her on probation for at least one year. Her license was suspended in 2010 for borrowing money from a patient and not repaying the loan.

### **Clallam County**

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Mindy L. Hinsdale** (RN00167145) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Hinsdale didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract that she agreed to after she tested positive for drugs and alcohol that impaired her at work.

### **King County**

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Lynda Irene Qualls** (RN60270131) with unprofessional conduct. In 2014 the California board ordered Qualls to comply with terms and conditions to avoid revocation of her California license after she failed to account for patients' medications.

In January 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Cristian Cornel Babalai** (NA60119021) with unprofessional conduct. In 2014 Babalai was convicted of five counts of first-degree robbery.

In January 2015 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **Carl J. Brodie** (MD00027570) that places his license on probation for at least five years and fines him \$35,000. Brodie must complete courses in boundaries and in prescribing opioids, and undergo a psychodiagnostic evaluation. He may not treat or prescribe medications for himself, for his romantic partner, or for his family members and his romantic partner's family. Brodie had sexual relationships with three patients, one of whom he married. He continued to treat and prescribe medication for the patients. Brodie kept inadequate records for those and other patients. He allowed employees to perform tasks they weren't licensed for and prescribed drugs for himself and for the daughter of a patient with whom he had a sexual relationship. He hired a patient, invited patients to parties at his home and to social events, and practiced outside his scope by issuing prescriptions for a patient's dog.

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Mia Christine Uy** (RN60026041) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't comply with a stipulation requiring her to inform the commission when she is employed as a nurse.

In January 2015 the Physical Therapy Board conditionally granted a physical therapist assistant credential to **Dmitriy Andrushchenko** (P160505759), who must undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2012 he was convicted of driving while intoxicated.

In January 2015 the Occupational Therapy Board ended conditions on the credential of occupational therapy assistant **Eskinder Birku Abasseran** (LA60478138).

In January 2015 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacist and pharmacist preceptor **Roshan U. Siddiqui** (PH00011835, PH60008903) with unprofessional conduct. Siddiqui

allegedly gave a patient a higher dose of medication than the prescription called for, and bypassed the pharmacy's bar code scanning procedure. When the unused medication was returned to the pharmacy, charges say, Siddiqui put it in a storage cabinet, and it was given to another patient.

In January 2015 the Chiropractic Commission entered an agreement with chiropractor **Jeffrey M. Suver** (CH00033763) that required him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. For nearly a year, Suver misused drugs and alcohol.

### **Kitsap County**

In January 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a certified nursing assistant credential to **David Warren Mills** (NC60508421). He must continue to comply with the substance abuse monitoring program that he agreed to when he received a registered nursing assistant license.

### **Snohomish County**

In January 2015 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Marie-Josee Harimenshi** (LP60108692) with unprofessional conduct. Harimenshi allegedly didn't comply with continuing education requirements in a 2014 stipulation. Later in January 2015 the commission entered an agreement with Harimenshi that placed her license on probation for at least five years, and she must comply with certain terms and conditions.

In January 2015 the Naturopathy Board amended a statement of charges against naturopathic physician **Katherine R. Dahlgren** (NT00001623) to expand on legal references, and then entered an agreement that places her license on probation for at least three years. Dahlgren may not have a solo practice during that time, must complete continuing education in professional law and ethics, and pay a \$500 fine. Dahlgren and a patient exchanged dozens of inappropriate emails that included phrases such as "I miss your hugs," "I have much more fun ways to torture you," and "Thank you for comforting me yesterday." One email included an image of Dahlgren in a bathing suit, and made a reference to changing seat assignments for a plane trip. Dahlgren signed the majority of the emails with "Love." She admitted committing sexual misconduct.

### **Spokane County**

In December 2014 the secretary of health denied a certified medical assistant credential to **Alisha Renee Laney** (CM60500641). In 2009 Laney was convicted in Oregon of driving while intoxicated. In 2011 she was convicted in Idaho of driving while intoxicated and possession of drug paraphernalia — use or possess with intent to use.

In January 2015 the Physical Therapy Board denied a physical therapist assistant credential to **Jesse Tae Dykstra** (P160500207). He was convicted in Montana of one felony and three gross misdemeanors between 2003 and 2006 and in federal court of conspiracy with intent to distribute cocaine in 2008. He was also convicted in Washington of reckless driving in 2014.

### **Whatcom County**

In January 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Lisa M. Castro** (NC10100470) with unprofessional conduct. In 2014 Castro was convicted of five counts of forgery and one count of second-degree identity theft.

### **Whitman County**

In January 2015 the Chiropractic Commission reinstated the chiropractor credential of **Dirck Dewitt** (CH00001537), placed him on probation for at least two years, fined him \$1,000, and ordered him to complete continuing education in documentation, law, and ethics. Dewitt's license was suspended in 2014 after he didn't respond to charges that patient treatment notes weren't adequate, and he didn't respond in a timely manner to an insurance company's request for patient records.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In January 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted an emergency medical technician credential to **Zachary Donnell Peebles** (ES60515487) and placed him on probation for at least one year. In 2010 Peebles was convicted of displaying a weapon.

**Nebraska:** In January 2015 the Occupational Therapy Board charged occupational therapist **Steve Michael Salinas** (OT00004520) with unprofessional conduct. In 2014 Salinas applied to activate his expired license. Between 2000 and 2003 Salinas was convicted twice in Nebraska of driving under the influence of alcohol. In 2009, charges say, cocaine was found in his car during a traffic stop in California; he admitted using cocaine and was arrested. In 2011 his California license was placed on probation. In 2012, charges say, Salinas was arrested and convicted in California of driving while intoxicated. Subsequent tests showed alcohol and cocaine in his system. Salinas surrendered his California license in 2012 after he tested positive in random drug and alcohol tests, according to charges.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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