



# 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**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 health care 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 March 2015 the Dental Commission ended probation for dental assistant **Diana S. Shelby** (D160136948).

## Chelan County

In March 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Andrea L. Watson** (RN00173703) that requires her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Watson diverted controlled substances from her workplace and didn't comply with a previous substance abuse monitoring contract. In 2014 she was convicted of unlawful possession of a legend drug.

## Clallam County

In March 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Brian L. Andersen** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say Andersen practiced as a nursing assistant with an expired license.

### **Clark County**

In March 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for registered nursing assistant **Mayra I. Garcia** (NA00195349).

In March 2015 the Medical Commission placed physician **Zbigniew M. Grudzien** (MD00039350) on probation for at least five years. The commission found major areas of concern in Grudzien's treatment of multiple patients. Concerns include management of cardiac conditions, neuropsychiatric conditions, vitamin and mineral infusions, unjustified laboratory tests, and charting and billing issues. Grudzien has one year to enroll in a clinical skills assessment and education program, or face suspension.

### **Jefferson County**

In March 2015 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a registered nurse credential to **Kim Ceann Danner** (RN60502210) and ordered her to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program. On her application, Danner disclosed a history of alcohol abuse that included participating in California's nursing substance abuse monitoring program. In 2013 she was convicted in California of driving under the influence of alcohol.

### **King County**

In March 2015 the Dental Commission ended probation for dental assistant **Latrece Mechell Bynum** (D160079089).

In March 2015 the Dental Commission restricted dentist **Samson S. Derebe** (DE00008442) from performing oral surgery or prescribing controlled substances until he completes a skills assessment and remediation program. Derebe provided substandard care, didn't keep adequate patient records, and prescribed controlled substances without taking adequate patient histories.

In March 2015 the Naturopathy Board charged naturopathic physician **Steven Paul MacPherson** (NT00000643) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly created weight loss treatment plans for patients that involved the use of a drug not approved for weight loss by the Food and Drug Administration. MacPherson interviewed patients over Skype, and didn't conduct adequate examinations or provide patients sufficient information about the drug.

### **Kitsap County**

In March 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional credential to **Tina Louise Posadas** (CP60520147), who must abide by conditions imposed when she received a chemical dependency professional trainee credential in 2013.

### **Pierce County**

In March 2015 the Dental Commission entered an agreement with dentist and dental moderate sedation permit holder **April Loraine Ziegele** (DE00007932, D360372280) that restricts her ability to provide crowns and bridges until she completes a remedial education program. Ziegele

must pay a \$5,000 fine. Her treatment of a patient involving implants, bridges, and crowns didn't meet the standard of care.

In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Leakey Wachira Ngigi** (NC60077761) that reinstates his expired credential and requires him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Twice in 2010 and twice in 2013 Ngigi was convicted of driving while intoxicated. He was also convicted of criminal assault in 2010.

### **Skagit County**

In March 2015 the secretary of health vacated a 2014 agreement to practice with conditions for interim medical assistant **Crystal Kay Hall** (CM60490392).

### **Snohomish County**

In March 2015 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Massoud Khami** (DE00007413) with unprofessional conduct. Khami allegedly didn't keep adequate patient records.

In March 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **James Brian Slusher Sr.** (CO60425031).

In March 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Mutinta Madubansi Kawinga** (RN60239304) with unprofessional conduct. Kawinga allegedly didn't follow a physician's instructions about treatment of a tracheotomy patient.

In March 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program reinstated the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Kaya Maraya Silkiss-Hero** (CO60254921), which was suspended when she didn't comply with a 2012 agreement. Silkiss-Hero must continue to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

### **Spokane County**

In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Maneshaia R. Bruton** (NA60184295) with unprofessional conduct. In 2014 Bruton was convicted of third-degree malicious mischief. Charges say she was arrested after arriving at a pharmacy to pick up a forged prescription, and she diverted controlled substances from an adult family home where she worked.

### **Thurston County**

In March 2015 the Nursing Commission filed an amended statement of charges against registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Aleta J. Miller** (RN00094400, AP30003231) to add allegations involving treatment of three patients.

### **Whatcom County**

In March 2015 the Dental Commission filed an amended statement of charges against dentist **Faith R. Bult** (DE00009293) to include allegations of record-keeping deficiencies.

In March 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for health care assistant and certified nursing assistant **Patricia S. Walden** (HC60286514, CM60382670).

### **Out of State**

**California:** In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Shawn A. Ferreira** (NC10072710) that reinstates his credential and places him on probation for at least two years. Ferreira's credential was suspended in 2009 after he accepted money from vulnerable adult patients.

**Idaho:** In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Dorothy Lou Wessels** (NC10018884) that reinstates her credential and requires her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Wessel's license was suspended in 2011 after she was convicted of four drug dealing or drug delivery offenses.

**Oregon:** In March 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for registered nursing assistant **Francisca Cruz** (NA60167072).

**Montana:** In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Shannon Leigh Shannon** (NA60274193) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't respond to a Department of Health investigator's inquiry about a complaint filed against her.

**Texas:** In March 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Yon Sun Bracken** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Bracken, who has no massage practitioner credential, allegedly provided massage treatment to a client.

**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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