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## **Clark Co. doctor's license restricted for sexual misconduct and overmedicating**

**OLYMPIA** — The Medical Commission has immediately restricted the medical license of a Vancouver physician for allegedly having a sexual relationship with a patient while providing her with harmful steroid and nerve block injections, often using heavy, unmonitored sedation.

Charges state Michael W. Gilliland (MD00042973) had a close personal and sexual relationship with a patient he had been treating for several years for chronic pain. Gilliland provided the patient with a large cumulative volume of nerve blocks and steroid injections, causing adrenal insufficiency. During these steroid injections and nerve blocks, Gilliland is alleged to have sedated the patient with high dose narcotic medication without appropriate monitoring.

Under the immediate restriction, Gilliland cannot treat the patient and can no longer use nerve block therapy or steroid injections on any patient until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and to request a hearing.

The documents in this case 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. That number can also be used to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Medical 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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