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Richland doctor suspended on allegations of malpractice and abuse

OLYMPIA — The Medical Quality Assurance Commission has immediately suspended the medical license of a Richland physician Alexander M. Ortolano (MD00043823) based on charges of unprofessional conduct.

The allegations include malpractice, including unnecessary postpartum surgeries, and patient abuse.

Ortolano cannot 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 in 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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