



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**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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

### Clark County

In July 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Huaimei Li** to cease and desist from the practice of massage, and to pay a \$1,000 fine. Li provided massage treatment to a client without having a credential.

### Douglas County

In July 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Judith Gonzalez** (NA60001326) with unprofessional conduct. Gonzalez allegedly used another person's Social Security number when she submitted her application. In 2015 she was convicted of making a false or misleading statement to a public servant.

### Franklin County

In June 2015 the Medical Commission ended probation for physician assistant **Patricia Hernandez** (PA10003590).

### Island County

In June 2015 the Medical Commission charged physician **Lena Friend** (MD60281106) with

unprofessional conduct. She allegedly hasn't fully responded to inquiries about her separation from the U.S. Army.

### **King County**

In June 2015 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **John Chih-Yeh Chen** (MD00035600) that places his license on probation for at least five years. Chen must complete an intensive course in medical ethics, undergo practice reviews, and pay a \$1,000 fine. In 2014 Chen was convicted in federal court on the charge of possession of an authentic feature with intent to use it to defraud the United States. Chen possessed a Medicare Health Insurance Claim Number for a patient and intended to use that information to submit Medicare claims for services he did not render.

In June 2015 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **Gavin M. Dry** (MD00035648) that places his license on probation for five years. Dry must continue to comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract, abide by drug use restrictions, and log medications he takes. He may not use alcohol and must register with the Washington Prescription Monitoring Program. Dry must complete courses in ethics, opioid prescribing and record-keeping, and pay a \$5,000 fine. He will be subject to practice audits and personal appearances. Dry forged another physician's signature on more than 250 prescriptions. He filled prescriptions in the names of his family members, and then diverted the medication for his own use. Dry also didn't comply with U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency requirements and surrendered his DEA registration. He agreed to pay \$125,000 in a federal settlement.

In June 2015 the Medical Commission entered an interim agreement with physician **Philip A. Young** (MD00044851) that restricts the type of surgery he may perform. Restrictions also involve anesthesia and staffing requirements. Young is charged with not meeting the standard of care in treating surgery patients.

In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Yoyo Zhou** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say Zhou has no massage practitioner license, but operated a business that advertised foot massages and employees weren't licensed.

In July 2015 the Osteopathic Board charged osteopathic physician **Susan Lee Mercer** (OP00001089) with being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Charges say a psychological examination indicated Mercer can't practice safely.

In July 2015 the Podiatric Board ended conditions on the credential of podiatric physician **John H. Brunsmann** (PO00000246).

### **Kitsap County**

In June 2015 the Medical Commission withdrew a statement of charges against physician **Scott T. Ekin** (MD00037347).

### **Pierce County**

In July 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional credential to **Derek Shea Utrup** (CP60546575). He must continue to abide by conditions imposed when he received a chemical dependency professional trainee credential in 2013.

### **Skagit County**

In July 2015 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Russell F. Borneman** (DE00004832) with unprofessional conduct. Borneman allegedly didn't properly document a patient's treatment, and allowed an unlicensed person to perform a screening of the patient.

### **Snohomish County**

In July 2015 the Nursing Commission reinstated the licensed practical nurse credential of **Jolene D. Larsen**, also known as Jo D. Nelson (LP00047976). Her license was suspended in 2012 after she was convicted in federal court of tampering with consumer products. Larsen admitted diverting narcotics intended for patients for her own use. She took morphine from bottles and replaced it with water.

In June 2015 the secretary of health denied a massage practitioner credential to **Margaret Zheng Sutton**, also known as Mei Zheng. She owned and operated businesses where employees provided massages, but had no license.

### **Spokane County**

In June 2015 the Medical Commission ended probation for physician **Steven L. Pugh** (MD00039278).

In June 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with licensed practical nurse **Blaine John Stone** (LP60311753) that requires him to re-enter a substance abuse monitoring program. Stone didn't comply with a previous substance abuse monitoring contract.

### **Thurston County**

In June 2015 the Pharmacy Commission ended revocation on the credential of pharmacy assistant **Victoria L. Safford** (VB00053607).

In July 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted an X-ray technician credential to **Audrey Pastore** (XT60564047), who must continue to abide by conditions imposed on her licensed practical nurse credential in 2014.

## **Whatcom County**

In June 2015 the Pharmacy Commission ended conditions on the credential of pharmacist **Michael Alexander Glen** (PH60216257).

In July 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Dwayne Ennis Henry** (NA60352115) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Henry was convicted of third-degree assault — domestic violence.

## **Out of State**

**Arizona:** In July 2015 the Pharmacy Commission conditionally granted a pharmacist intern credential to **Bradley Ray Bingham** (IR60552407) and ordered him to undergo a substance abuse evaluation. In 2006 and 2009 Bingham was convicted in Arizona of driving while intoxicated.

**California:** In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Baoqiang Gao** under which she agrees to cease and desist from the practice of massage. Gao must pay a \$1,000 fine. She was observed providing massage treatment to a client with no massage practitioner license.

**California:** In June 2015 the secretary of health withdrew a notice of intent to issue a cease-and-desist order against **Kyo Chin Oh**. In July 2015 the secretary of health vacated a final order of default against Oh.

**California:** In July 2015 the Medical Commission charged physician **Yolanda Wai Ng** (MD60150783) with unprofessional conduct. Ng allegedly misused cannabis.

**Ohio:** In June 2015 the Medical Commission modified an agreement with physician **Jessop M. McDonnell** (MD00024539) under which he voluntarily surrendered his credential. McDonnell told the commission his health left him unable to comply with a 2013 agreement.

**Oregon:** In July 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Jing Chang** under which she agrees to cease and desist from the practice of massage, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Chang provided massage treatment to a client without having a massage practitioner license.

**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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