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Benton Co. physician's license suspended on allegations of overprescribing

OLYMPIA -- The Medical Commission immediately suspended the license of Kennewick physician Victor O. Brooks (MD00024811) pending further legal proceedings.

Charges say Brooks committed unprofessional conduct by practicing beyond the scope of his hospital privileges, violating the state's Pain Management Rules in treating chronic noncancerous pain, and prescribing excessive amounts of controlled substances. The combined effects of the alleged misconduct by Brooks present an imminent danger to the safety and welfare of the public. Dr. Brooks 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.

The legal documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link to "[Provider Credential Search](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

The Medical Commission promotes patient safety and enhances the integrity of the profession through licensing, rule-making, discipline, and education. Learn more about the commission: doh.wa.gov/medical and follow the Medical Commission on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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