



# 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**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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 2016 the Dental Commission ended conditions on the dental assistant credential of **Christina Villarreal** (D160402279).

### Grays Harbor County

In March 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Angela Waters** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Waters allegedly advertised massage services despite having no license.

### King County

In March 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Deborah L. O'Brien** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. O'Brien allegedly advertised and performed reflexology services despite having no license.

In March 2016 the Surgical Technologist Program entered an agreement with surgical technologist **Mauri Malta Jr.** (ST60474707) under which Malta's practice will be monitored for at least a year. Malta practiced outside the scope of his credential during a surgical procedure.

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In March 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Barna M. Mucsi** (NA00096782) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Mucsi pleaded guilty to fourth-degree assault — domestic violence.

In March 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Kalid Amiru Mahammed** (NC60102592) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Mahammed was convicted of harassment.

In March 2016 the Dental Commission ended conditions on the dentist credential and conscious sedation permit of **Thoa V. Nguyen** (DE00008172, CS10000405).

In March 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for certified nursing assistant **Eneze Mwende Mwangi** (NC60116972).

In March 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program ended conditions on the certified nursing assistant credential of **Diane Margaret Johnson** (NC60307152).

### **Mason County**

In March 2016 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with licensed practical nurse **Daniel S. Richards** (LP00050976) that places him on probation for at least two years and fines him \$1,000. Richards allegedly left a dementia patient alone at a memory care facility even though the patient had a high risk of falling. The patient did fall.

### **Pierce County**

In March 2016 the Medical Commission charged physician **Richard C. Rooney** (MD00040889) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Rooney pleaded guilty to one federal count of acts affecting a personal financial interest, in exchange, the U.S. government dismissed a 67-count indictment on fraud, money laundering and conspiracy charges involving federal health care programs.

In March 2016 the Dental Commission ended probation for dental assistant **Hilary Elyse Palmer** (D160247364).

In March 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program agreed to reinstate the expired certified nursing assistant credential of **Kadiatu Bangura** (NC60013404) and placed her on probation for at least two years. On her application, Bangura did not disclose that her Virginia certified nurse aide license was revoked in 2013 after she pleaded guilty to credit card fraud of less than \$200.

### **Skagit County**

In March 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Randall Scott Simmons** (CO60585012), placed him on probation and ordered him to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Between 1994 and 2013, Simmons was convicted of nine felonies, 11 gross misdemeanors and two misdemeanors.

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### **Snohomish County**

In March 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted an initial limited dental hygienist credential to **Jennifer Angela Anderson** (IL60620008). Anderson must continue to comply with conditions imposed on her dental hygiene license in Texas, where she failed to disclose an arrest.

In March 2016 the secretary of health ended conditions on the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Kaya Maraya Silkiss-Hero** (CO60254921).

### **Spokane County**

In March 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Katherine Mae Collins** (NC10089694) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Collins applied to reactivate her expired credential. Between 2008 and 2015, she was convicted of five gross misdemeanors.

In March 2016 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional **Jessica Ann Randock** (CO60376097, CP60599946).

### **Thurston County**

In March 2016 the secretary of health reinstated the emergency medical technician credential of **James P. DeGross** (ES00114812), which was revoked in 2003 after he was convicted of two counts of first-degree child molestation and two counts of possession of depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct with sexual motivation.

### **Walla Walla County**

In March 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Maria F. Contreras** (NA00115345) with unprofessional conduct. Contreras allegedly used a false Social Security number on a certified nursing assistant activation application.

In March 2016 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant **Mersadeze Sidney Riojas** (D160300836) with unprofessional conduct. In 2014 Riojas pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated.

### **Whatcom County**

In March 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program amended a notification to **Ping Li**, also known as Yong Hao, Yong Ping Hao and Yong Starkenbury, of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order alleging unlicensed massage practice. The amendments add names by which Li is also known.

In March 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Annelle Norman** under which Norman agreed to stop practicing as a naturopathic physician without a license,

and pay a \$500 fine. Norman doesn't have a Washington health care license, yet she advertised herself as a "licensed homeopath" and advised a patient.

### **Yakima County**

In March 2016 the Osteopathic Board entered an agreement with osteopathic physician **Larry S. Lefors** (OP00000767) under which he'll be monitored for at least two years, during which time he may not treat chronic pain patients with narcotic medication. Lefors kept inadequate and inappropriate records, issued excessive prescriptions, and inadequately dealt with pain management for a patient. The patient died, with the coroner linking the death to drug toxicity from the use of multiple drugs.

In March 2016 the Dental Commission ended conditions on the dental assistant credential of **Jose Manuel Mendoza** (D160338076).

In March 2016 the secretary of health ended probation for registered nursing assistant **Vanessa Marie Ornias** (NA00180043).

### **Out of State**

**Arizona:** In March 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Ranch Pharmacy** under which the company must cease and desist from operating as an unlicensed wholesaler in Washington, and pay a \$500 fine. Ranch Pharmacy has no Washington pharmacy, non-resident pharmacy or wholesaler license, but shipped and received legend or nonprescription drugs to and from Washington pharmacies.

**Florida:** In January 2016 the secretary of health denied a registered nursing assistant credential to **Russell J. Doney** (NA60476278), who didn't comply with a requirement to undergo a mental health evaluation.

**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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