



# News Release

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## Medical Board of California Revokes License of Porterville Urologist for Gross Negligence and Assault Conviction

(Sacramento, California) – The Medical Board of California (Board) has revoked the license of Richard Samuel Fightlin, who was recently sentenced to probation for assaulting his office employee and the boyfriend of one of his patients.

In addition to two misdemeanor battery charges, the Board's accusation against Fightlin outlines unprofessional conduct, gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, and inaccurate and incomplete medical records.

"The revocation of Fightlin's license demonstrates the Board's commitment to protect California consumers," said Kimberly Kirchmeyer, the Board's Executive Director.

According to the accusation, in June 2016 Fightlin grabbed his office employee's arm and hit her in the back of her head with his cell phone. Fightlin was upset that a different employee did not show up for work.

In a separate incident that occurred about a month prior to the above assault, Fightlin became verbally abusive to one of his patients after her medical file was lost. The patient went home upset about how she was treated and her boyfriend went to Fightlin's office to ask him why he treated her badly. Fightlin became verbally abusive to the boyfriend and stabbed him in his left forearm with a pen.

In the criminal case, Fightlin was sentenced to three years of probation, 30 days in jail, and an anger management program in relation to the battery.

The Board's accusation against Fightlin also details acts of gross negligence involving six patients, which can be read by visiting Fightlin's [physician's profile page](#). For more general information about the Board, please visit [www.mbc.ca.gov](http://www.mbc.ca.gov)

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