



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

October 1, 2009

**Medical Board of California Accusation leads to surrender
of former Anaheim Hills physician's license**

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation of misconduct by the Medical Board of California, former Anaheim Hills physician Harrell Edward Robinson surrendered his license to practice medicine. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

The Medical Board filed an Accusation against Robinson on December 5, 2005. Four subsequent Amended Accusations were filed on March 13, 2008, March 3, 2009, April 21, 2009, and June 3, 2009. The Board accused Robinson of violating Business and Professions (B&P) Code section 2234(b)(c) (gross and repeated negligent acts) for his care and treatment of five patients who each saw Robinson for cosmetic surgery procedures, and Robinson failed to either perform the surgeries correctly or failed to provide the proper follow up after the surgeries; violating B&P Code section 2234(d) (incompetence) because he repeatedly demonstrated his lack of knowledge to perform the procedures, making it necessary for him to perform several more procedures to correct the problems; violating B&P Code section 2234(e) (acts of dishonesty and/or corruption), when he borrowed substantial amounts of money from a patient, made numerous false entries in that patient's medical records, and attempted to have the patient sign a statement that she would not sue him. Robinson also lied on two occasions before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals when he provided false documents and fabricated letters to the court, and he gave false information when renewing his DEA license.

The Accusation also charged Robinson with violating section 2261 (altering and/or modifying medical records), for generating three operative reports for a patient when all surgeries took place on the same day, with two of the reports being inconsistent; violating section 2242 (furnishing dangerous drugs without examination) when he repeatedly prescribed a steroid to a patient without evaluating the patient and without medical indication; and violating section 726 (sexual misconduct), when Robinson forcibly kissed a patient.

Additionally, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) suspended Robinson's DEA certificate on February 26, 2009, for purchasing large amounts of dangerous drugs and distributing those drugs to an unregistered individual for money, thereby posing an imminent threat to public safety.

The stipulated surrender of Robinson's license was approved by the Medical Board of California, effective September 30, 2009.

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News Release — September 24, 2009



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

September 24, 2009

Medical Board of California revokes license of former Palm Springs physician

SACRAMENTO — The medical license of former Palm Springs physician Robert Stuart Keenan has been revoked by the Medical Board of California. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

Keenan had already been on probation for previous misconduct, when the Medical Board filed an Accusation against him on June 18, 2009. The Board accused Keenan of violating Business and Professions (B&P) Code section 726, alleging he committed acts of sexual misconduct with two patients. The Board also accused Keenan of violating B&P Code sections 2234 for unprofessional conduct and 2234(e) for lying to investigators during an interview. Additionally, cause existed to revoke Keenan's license because of his failure to "obey all laws," a condition of his previous probation. Keenan did not file a Notice of Defense to the Board's Accusation against him; thereby, waiving his right to a hearing. On August 24, 2009, a Default Decision and Order was filed by the Medical Board, revoking Keenan's medical license, effective September 23, 2009.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

September 10, 2009

**Medical Board of California revokes license
of former Riverside physician**

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation of wrongdoing by the Medical Board of California, former Riverside physician Victor Hugo A. Sandy has surrendered his license to practice medicine. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

After an investigation of medical care provided to plan members, PacifiCare ordered Sandy to complete the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) Program offered through the University of California at San Diego School of Medicine. Sandy failed to complete the program by the specified dates.

The Medical Board's investigation of the medical records for four of Sandy's patients found he exhibited many deviations from the standard of care. Among the findings were his failure to diagnose cancer in a timely manner, his inability to manage out-of-control diabetes, failure to provide comprehensive health care, failure to follow a patient's chronic conditions from their medical history, failure to appropriately manage severe hypertension, inappropriate chronic disease management, inappropriate hospital follow-up, misdiagnosis of COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), and lack of preventative health care.

As a result of its investigation, the Medical Board filed an Accusation on October 31, 2008, accusing Sandy of gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in his care and treatment of four patients, violating Business and Professions (B&P) Code, section 2234 (b)(c). Sandy was also charged with violating B&P Code section 2266 for failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records for those four patients.

As a result of the Medical Board's Accusation, Sandy stipulated to a surrender of his license, which was approved by the Medical Board, effective September 8, 2009.

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News Release — September 10, 2009



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

September 10, 2009

Unlicensed Los Angeles woman arrested for writing prescriptions for and selling Vicodin

SACRAMENTO — Investigators from the Medical Board of California, the Health Authority Law Enforcement Task Force, and the Los Angeles Police Department arrested Myrna Flores yesterday at her residence in Los Angeles. A forged prescription and multiple illegal narcotics were found during the service of the search warrant at her home.

Flores, a medical assistant working at a Los Angeles medical facility, had been stealing blank prescriptions and forging a doctor's name on them. The prescriptions were for Vicodin. Once filled, she sold the Vicodin on the street. She has admitted to all charges.

She was booked at Lynwood Jail on \$100,000 bail, and released this morning. She is scheduled to be arraigned in Citrus Municipal Court in West Covina on October 1, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

September 10, 2009

**Medical Board of California revokes license
of former Los Angeles physician**

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation of wrongdoing by the Medical Board of California, former Los Angeles physician Carlos Estiandan has surrendered his license to practice medicine. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

The Medical Board filed an Accusation on February 10, 2009, accusing Estiandan of violating Business and Professions (B&P) Code sections 2234(b)(c)(d) and 725 for engaging in gross negligence, repeated negligence, and incompetence by excessively prescribing narcotic medication to two patients, one of whom died as the result of co-ingestion of alcohol and multiple prescription drugs; violating B&P code sections 2238 and 2242, when he prescribed controlled substances without conducting or documenting an appropriate exam or appropriate follow-up tests, or substantiating a medical reason for the drugs prescribed; violating Health and Safety Code sections 11153 and 11156 for prescribing to a known addict; violating B&P Code section 2266 for his failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records; violating B&P Code section 2234(e) for dishonest or corrupt acts in that he sent incomplete medical records requested by authorities; and general unprofessional conduct, when he failed to inform the proper authorities about the circumstances of an injury sustained by his patient, which occurred as the result of an altercation, a violation of Penal Code sections 11160 and 11161.

The stipulated surrender of Estiandan's license was approved by the Medical Board of California, effective September 9, 2009.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

August 27, 2009

**Medical Board of California issues Interim Suspension Order
for license of former Los Gatos physician**

SACRAMENTO — The Medical Board of California issued an Interim Suspension Order for the medical license of Jose Raul Bolanos, effective August 24, 2009. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

Bolanos specialized in the practice of obstetrics and gynecology at La Femme Health Care clinics in Los Gatos and San Jose. In August 2008, a patient complained to the Los Gatos police that Bolanos had sexually assaulted her in his Los Gatos office during a medical examination. The resulting publicity drew complaints from other women, and criminal charges were filed against Bolanos on September 18, 2008. On November 25, 2008, a Stipulation and Order was issued by the Santa Clara Superior Court, restricting Bolanos from treating female patients without the presence of a chaperone.

The criminal case went to trial before a jury and, on August 14, 2009, Bolanos was found guilty of a misdemeanor violation of Penal Code section 242-243.4(e)(1) (sexual battery), convicting Bolanos of touching a patient against the patient's will, for the specific purpose of sexual arousal or gratification. This conviction also requires Bolanos to register as a sex offender. The Medical Board sought an Interim Suspension Order, which was granted effective August 24, 2009. Bolanos's sentencing is set for September 16, 2009.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

August 12, 2009

**Medical Board of California revokes license
of former Inglewood physician**

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation of misconduct by the Medical Board of California, former physician Armond Tollette Jr. has surrendered his license to practice medicine, effective August 11, 2009. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

On September 14, 2005, the United States Attorney filed an indictment against Tollette, charging him with healthcare fraud and conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud. On January 10, 2007, Tollette pled guilty to the charge of conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud. On June 25, 2008, Tollette was sentenced to 30 months in prison, with three years of supervised release, and ordered to pay \$909,000 in restitution.

The Medical Board filed an Accusation against Tollette on September 21, 2007, for unprofessional conduct for alleged dishonest and corrupt acts (B&P Code, section 2234(e)) in that he defrauded the Medicare system by filing false and fraudulent claims totaling more than \$1 million. Tollette stipulated to surrender his license and the Medical Board adopted this stipulation as its Decision and Order.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

April 29, 2009

**Medical Board of California revokes license
of former Carlsbad physician**

SACRAMENTO — The Medical Board of California revoked the license of former ophthalmologist Seymour P. Kern, effective April 27, 2009, after a charge of dishonesty, gross negligence, and incompetence. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

In November 2004, Medical Board received a complaint, accusing Kern of making false statements when he was hired as an expert witness in a malpractice case against him. The Board filed an Accusation on May 18, 2006. In addition, Kern made a number of false statements in his resume and on his Web site that were brought to his attention during an interview with Board staff. Kern assured a Medical Board investigator that he would remove the false statements from his Web site and resume. He did not, and his failure to do so was part of the evidence presented during his hearing.

The Medical Board's Accusation alleged that Kern violated Business and Professions Code sections 2234(e) in that he committed dishonest or corrupt acts when he lied under oath, and for dishonest statements in his resume, which were published on his Web site; 2234(b) for gross negligence in making untrue and misleading statements under oath; 2234(d) for his lack of basic medical knowledge; and 2234 for engaging in unprofessional conduct. Kern was not qualified to testify as an expert witness in Lasik surgery, he misrepresented his qualifications, and then gave testimony completely unsupported by the medical community or current literature. These dishonest acts were substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a physician and surgeon.

Kern was disciplined in 1995, when he admitted that he knowingly and voluntarily billed insurance companies in a manner that was inaccurate and negligent, and for negligently advertising to the public that radial keratotomy would be covered by health insurance. Kern was placed on probation for five years, with certain terms and conditions, which included passing an oral clinical examination in subjects involving general ophthalmology and/or radial keratotomy, retention of a practice monitor, performance of 100 hours of community service at an ophthalmologic/health facility, and completion of an ethics course.

Administrative Law Judge H. Stuart Waxman determined that Kern's failure to learn from his previous mistakes, his dishonesty, continued gross negligence and incompetence, his failure to offer any evidence of mitigation, extenuation or rehabilitation, and the extensive aggravating factors in this case bode poorly for the health, safety, welfare, and interest of the general public, and that his medical license must be revoked.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

April 21, 2009

Former Colorado physician sentenced in case involving death of Californian to whom he illegally prescribed drugs over the Internet

SACRAMENTO — Christian Ellis Hageseth, III, of Fort Collins, Colorado was sentenced to serve nine months in county jail and pay the Medical Board of California over \$4,000 to reimburse the cost of its investigation of him. Hageseth also was placed on supervised probation for three years.

Medical Board investigators identified Hageseth after receiving information that while not licensed to practice medicine, he prescribed an antidepressant for the treatment of major depressive disorder to a 19-year-old male in California. The man committed suicide fewer than 60 days after receiving the drug. Hageseth prescribed the medication after reviewing information provided by the customer over the Internet.

The Medical Board referred the case for criminal prosecution and Hageseth was charged with violating Business and Professions Code section 2052, a felony, for practicing medicine in California without a license.

Business and Professions Code section 2242.1 became law in 2001, and is intended to protect Californians by penalizing so-called "rogue" Internet sites and the physicians who support them by prescribing drugs for consumers in violation of California law. The Legislature passed the law because it recognized the danger inherent in prescribing drugs without performing an examination, reviewing past medical records and assuring adequate continuity of care. An appropriate examination cannot be accomplished by a review of information sent over the Internet, nor can a clear and safe medical indication for a prescription be confirmed, nor can the patient have access to appropriate follow-up treatment.

This criminal prosecution reminds prescribers that the Internet does not give them a free pass to ignore their responsibilities as health care professionals. Consumers are cautioned not to purchase prescription drugs over the Internet without first being examined in person by a licensed health care provider.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

April 21, 2009

Medical Board of California revokes license of former Los Angeles physician for fraud and violation of probation

SACRAMENTO — The Medical Board of California revoked the license of former physician Nolan Carthell Jones, effective April 20, 2009, for new charges as well as violation of a prior imposed probation. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

On November 13, 1998, an Accusation was filed against Jones alleging he violated Business and Professions Code sections 2234(b) for gross negligence in the care of one patient; 2234(c) for repeated negligent acts in his care of four patients; and 2234(1)(d) for incompetence in his care of those patients. Jones stipulated to probation for four years and suspension from practicing medicine until he successfully completed a clinical training program in obstetrics and gynecology and passed an examination. During the probation period, among other terms and conditions, Jones' practice was to be monitored by another physician in his same specialty, who would provide the Board with periodic reports; complete an additional 40 hours of continuing medical education; and complete an ethics course during his first year of probation.

The Medical Board filed a Petition to Revoke Probation on May 30, 2000, alleging Jones violated three conditions of probation, including failure to ensure that practice monitor reports were filed, failure to obey all laws, and failure to file accurate quarterly reports. Jones stipulated to extend his probation three more years. On June 21, 2002 the Board ordered an additional three years' probation due to these violations. On December 3, 2003, an Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation was filed by the Medical Board, this time alleging gross negligence in his care and treatment of three patients, dispensing an improperly labeled medication, and false advertising; additionally, Jones violated his previous probation by failing to obey all laws. On August 12, 2004, Jones stipulated to extend his probation an additional five years and a suspension of his license to practice medicine for 30 days, among other terms and conditions.

The Medical Board of California filed an Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation on July 17, 2008, and a First Amended Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation on January 7, 2009. The Medical Board alleged that Jones violated Business and Professions Code sections 2234(b) by committing gross negligence; 2234(e) for acts of dishonesty; and 2266 for failure to maintain adequate and accurate records regarding two patients. Jones created false medical records by documenting examinations and evaluations of two "patients" he never "met" "or treated," assisting them in submitting false claims in regards to their motor vehicle accident.

Both "patients" testified at the hearing against Jones; however, Jones failed to appear at his hearing or provide any discernable defense to the Medical Board's allegations. Subsequently, the Decision and Order to revoke Jones's license was accepted and adopted by the Medical Board of California, effective at 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2009.

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News Release — April 9, 2009



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

April 9, 2009

Jan Adams surrenders medical license

SACRAMENTO — Jan Adams, former physician from Los Angeles, has surrendered his license to practice medicine in California, effective April 8, 2009. His decision to do so comes after formal charges of wrongdoing were filed against him by the Medical Board for two criminal convictions of DUI-related cases. Specifically, in 2003 and 2006, he was placed on three and five years' probation, respectively, by the Los Angeles Superior Court after being charged on two separate occasions with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs - both misdemeanors.

"The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

Adams' medical license surrender means he may no longer practice medicine in this state. Under California law, he may petition for reinstatement of his license in three years. However, as with all physicians who lose their licenses in California, for his petition to be granted, he would have to first prove to the Medical Board's satisfaction that he had remediated the problem that led to his license surrender.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

April 1, 2009

Medical Board of California revokes license of former Fountain Valley physician for practicing medicine without a license

SACRAMENTO — The Medical Board revoked the license of Roy Chi Wing Lung, effective March 30, 2009, for, among other things, violation of an Interim Suspension Order issued on January 30, 2008. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

The Medical Board filed an Accusation after investigating two deaths that had come to the Board's attention through mandated reporting of a civil settlement against Lung. In addition, the Board charged Lung with being convicted in 2004 for two counts of burglary, one count of grand theft, and one count of possession of stolen property from Long Beach Memorial Hospital.

The Medical Board filed an ex parte petition for an order of suspension of Lung's license, and an order on Ex Parte Petition for orders of Interim Suspension was issued against Lung on January 30, 2008. Lung was ordered not to practice or attempt to practice any aspect of medicine in the state of California; advertise or hold himself out as practicing or being available to practice medicine or to supervise assistants; be present in any location or office maintained for the practice of medicine, or at which medicine is practiced; or possess, order, purchase, receive, prescribe, furnish, administer, or otherwise distribute controlled substances or dangerous drugs as defined by federal or state law, until after an administrative hearing and decision by the Board. On February 14, 2008, the Ex Parte Order of Interim Suspension was upheld by the judge, continuing suspension of Lung's license.

The Accusation was amended on February 21, 2008, after Lung was arrested at Orange Coast Memorial Hospital on January 11, 2008, and charged with impersonating a doctor with privileges at Orange Coast Memorial and stealing sutures from the hospital. The Accusation was amended a second time on April 15, 2008, when it was discovered Lung was working in violation of the Interim Suspension Order, and alleged 12 separate instances of practice in violation of the Order.

A third amended Accusation was filed on August 20, 2008, to add another act of dishonesty. Lung submitted a renewal application for his DEA registration on April 8, 2008, and lied on the application by answering "no" to the question, "Has applicant ever surrendered (for cause) or had a state professional license or controlled substance registration revoked, suspended, denied, restricted, or placed on probation, or is such action pending?"

On February 27, 2009, the Medical Board of California ordered the revocation of Lung's license, with the Decision effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2009.

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News Release — March 9, 2009



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

March 9, 2009

Clarification: Stay Order Issued

SACRAMENTO — The Medical Board of California on March 5, 2009 issued a news release indicating the medical license of Shahper Khalid, M.D. had been revoked. However, late that afternoon, a stay of the revocation of Dr. Khalid's license was issued by the chief of enforcement of the Medical Board. A Petition for Reconsideration and Request for a Stay of the Order had been filed by Dr. Khalid.

Unless the Board grants this petition, the revocation will become effective March 13, 2009.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

February 24, 2009

**Medical Board of California places practice restriction
on Yorba Linda doctor's license**

SACRAMENTO — On behalf of the Medical Board of California, the Superior Court of California - County of Kern issued an order restricting the practice of medicine for Hoshang M. Pormir, effective February 20, 2009. Pormir is restricted from practicing or attempting to practice any type of medicine, advertising by any means, or holding himself out as practicing or being available to practice medicine. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

Pormir was arrested on February 19, 2009, for elder abuse and assault with a deadly weapon. With the assistance of a nurse and pharmacist, Pormir is accused of forcibly administering psychotropic medication to patients residing at the Kern Valley Nursing Facility, to make it easier and more convenient for staff to deal with them, rather than for the patients' therapeutic interests. It is alleged these actions have resulted in the death of three patients. At this time, Pormir is out of jail on his own recognizance.

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

January 27, 2009

**Former Loma Linda physician surrenders medical license after
Medical Board files Accusation against him**

SACRAMENTO — After being served with an Accusation of misconduct by the Medical Board of California, former Loma Linda physician Donald Lew Bedney has surrendered his California license to practice medicine. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

In March 2006, Bedney was arrested and charged with the following felonies: violation of Penal Code section 487(a), grand theft of property; violation of Welfare and Institutions Code sections 14107(b)(1) and 14107(b)(4)(A), presenting fraudulent Medi-Cal claims and defrauding Medi-Cal; and violation of Penal Code sections 530.5 and 188, unlawfully obtaining personal identification information and committing perjury. In February 2007, the Complaint was amended to add the charge of violating Penal Code section 32, being an accessory to a felony, a misdemeanor. Bedney filed a plea of nolo contendere to the misdemeanor charge of being an accessory to a felony. He was placed on probation for three years, ordered to serve one day in the county jail, pay a court security assessment of \$20, pay a restitution fine of \$100, obey all laws and orders of the court, and have no contact with the Medi-Cal program. All other charges were dismissed.

Following Bedney's conviction, the Medical Board of California filed an Accusation accusing Bedney of violating Business and Professions Code sections 2236 and 490 in that he was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon; section 2234(e) in that he committed dishonest acts; and section 2234 in that he engaged in unprofessional conduct. Bedney agreed that cause existed for discipline and stipulated to surrender his medical license, which the Medical Board accepted as its Decision in the matter, effective January 27, 2009.

The public record documents in this case can be accessed on our Web site at www.mbc.ca.gov under the heading "Enforcement Public Documents."

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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Medical Board of California Accusation leads to revocation of former Los Banos physician's license

SACRAMENTO — The medical license of former Los Banos physician John Brannigan has been revoked by the Medical Board of California, effective January 12, 2009. "The mission of the Medical Board is public protection, and this action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to that mission," said Barb Johnston, executive director of the Medical Board.

Brannigan practiced independently in Los Banos as an ob/gyn, with hospital privileges at Memorial Hospital Los Banos. The Medical Board filed an Accusation against Brannigan on November 28, 2007, accusing him of gross negligence and incompetence in his treatment and care of two patients and for his abandonment of patients in December 2004, when he failed to notify his patients that he was leaving his practice.

After a hospital review of several of Brannigan's surgical cases, in which it was found that Brannigan repeatedly failed to meet the standard of care and had a high number of complications from surgeries he performed, Memorial Hospital of Los Banos filed a Health Facility Reporting Form 805 with the Medical Board, outlining their review, and reported that Brannigan had resigned from its staff following notice of the hospital's impending investigation. The Medical Board filed an Amended Accusation on May 29, 2008, and a Second Amended Accusation on July 2, 2008, accusing Brannigan of unprofessional conduct by violating Business and Professions Code sections 2234(b)(c)(d) for gross negligence, repeated acts of negligence, and incompetence in his treatment of 12 patients; section 2234(b) for abandoning his patients in December 2004 without notice or providing them with an alternative source of care; section 2234(e) for dishonesty in completing an application for staff privileges at another hospital, in which he failed to disclose the investigation at Memorial Hospital Los Banos or that three malpractice judgments had been entered against him; and section 2266 for failing to maintain adequate and accurate medical records of his patients.

The matter against Brannigan was heard by Administrative Law Judge Marilyn A. Woollard in October 2008. There was no appearance by or on behalf of Brannigan. On November 17, 2008, Judge Woollard submitted her Proposed Decision that Brannigan's medical license be revoked. The Medical Board of California adopted the Proposed Decision, and ordered Brannigan's license to be revoked, effective January 12, 2009.

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