

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the License to Practice  
as a Physician and Surgeon of:

**MENDEL M. GORDIN, MD**  
License No. MD.MD.00028756

Respondent.

**No. M2022-363**

**STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS  
AND SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE**

The Executive Director of the Washington Medical Commission (Commission), on designation by the Commission, makes the allegations below, which are supported by evidence contained in Commission file numbers 2021-7892 and 2022-9771. The patients referred to in this Statement of Allegations and Summary of Evidence are identified in the attached Confidential Schedule.

**1. ALLEGATIONS**

1.1 On July 9, 1991, the state of Washington issued Respondent a license to practice as a physician and surgeon. Respondent is not board-certified. Respondent's license is currently active.

**Patient A**

1.2 On or about June 1, 2021, Respondent saw Patient A for a psychiatric evaluation.

1.3 During the appointment Respondent made an inappropriate comment to Patient A to the effect of, "You remind me of someone I used to date, she had a pelvis like you."

1.4 Respondent stepped out of the exam room during the appointment and took a phone call regarding another patient. Patient A could hear the personal details of the other patient's call.

1.5 Respondent also experienced several brief episodes, during the appointment with Patient A, where Respondent either fell asleep or lost consciousness.

**Patient B**

1.6 On August 18, 2022, a mandatory reporter alleged that on May 1, 2022, Respondent made several inappropriate comments to Patient B and misdiagnosed her.

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1.7 On September 8, 2022, the Commission sent a Letter of Cooperation to Respondent requiring Respondent to provide a complete explanation covering the matter contained in the complaint within twenty-one (21) days from receipt of the letter. Respondent did not comply with the Commission's Letter of Cooperation.

1.8 On September 8, 2022, the Commission sent a request for medical records to respondent, requiring Respondent to furnish copies of Respondent's medical records for Patient B within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the letter. Respondent did not comply with the Commission's request for records.

## 2. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

- 2.1 Respondent's statement to the Commission, dated November 15, 2021.
- 2.2 Complaint, dated June 4, 2021.
- 2.3 Complaint, dated August 18, 2022.
- 2.4 Letter of Cooperation, dated September 8, 2022.
- 2.5 Request for Medical Records, dated September 8, 2022.

## 3. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

3.1 The facts alleged in Section 1, if proven, would constitute unprofessional conduct in violation of RCW 18.130.180(4), (8)(a) and (b), (24), and WAC 246-919-640(1)(a), which provide in part:

**RCW 18.130.180 Unprofessional conduct.** The following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute unprofessional conduct for any license holder under the jurisdiction of this chapter:

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(4) Incompetence, negligence, or malpractice which results in injury to a patient or which creates an unreasonable risk that a patient may be harmed. The use of a nontraditional treatment by itself shall not constitute unprofessional conduct, provided that it does not result in injury to a patient or create an unreasonable risk that a patient may be harmed;

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(8) Failure to cooperate with the disciplining authority by:

(a) Not furnishing any papers, documents, records, or other items;

(b) Not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation covering the matter contained in the complaint filed with the disciplining authority;

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(24) Abuse of a client or patient or sexual contact with a client or patient;

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**WAC 246-919-640 Abuse.**

(1) A physician commits unprofessional conduct if the physician abuses a patient. A physician abuses a patient when he or she:

(a) Makes statements regarding the patient's body, appearance, sexual history, or sexual orientation that have no legitimate medical or therapeutic purpose;

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**4. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT**

4.1 The Commission has determined that this case may be appropriate for resolution through a Stipulation to Informal Disposition pursuant to RCW 18.130.172(2). A proposed Stipulation to Informal Disposition is attached, which contains the disposition the Commission believes is necessary to address the conduct alleged in this Statement of Allegations and Summary of Evidence.

4.2 If Respondent agrees that the disposition imposed by the Stipulation to Informal Disposition is appropriate, Respondent should sign and date the Stipulation to Informal Disposition and return it within **twenty-eight (28) days** to the Washington Medical Commission at P.O. Box 47866, Olympia, Washington 98504-7866.

4.3 If Respondent does not agree that the terms and conditions contained in the Stipulation to Informal Disposition are appropriate, Respondent should contact Rick Glein, Staff Attorney for the Washington Medical Commission, P.O. Box 47866, Olympia, Washington 98504-7866, (360) 236-2769 within **twenty-eight (28) days**.

4.4 If Respondent does not respond within **twenty-eight (28) days**, the Commission will assume Respondent has declined to resolve the allegations by means of a Stipulation to Informal Disposition.

4.5 If Respondent declines to resolve the allegations by means of a Stipulation to Informal Disposition pursuant to RCW 18.130.172(2), the Commission may proceed to formal disciplinary action against Respondent by filing a Statement of Charges, pursuant to RCW 18.130.172(3).

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4.6 The cover letter enclosed with this Statement of Allegations and Summary of Evidence was mailed to the name and address currently on file for Respondent's license. Respondent must notify, in writing, the Commission if Respondent's name and/or address changes.

DATED: March 15, 2023.

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION



MELANIE DE LEON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



RICK GLEIN, WSBA NO. 23692  
COMMISSION STAFF ATTORNEY

**CONFIDENTIAL SCHEDULE**

**This information is confidential and is NOT to be released without the consent of the individual or individuals named herein. RCW 42.56.240(1)**

Patient A



Patient B