



# 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**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.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., dentists, nurses, counselors). Information about disciplinary action taken against medical doctors and physician assistants can be found on the [Washington Medical Commission \(WMC\) website](#). Questions about WMC disciplinary actions can be sent to [media@wmc.wa.gov](mailto:media@wmc.wa.gov).

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](http://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 September 2019 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Jazmin Magdalena Amador** (NC60210737) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that in 2018 Amador applied to reactivate her credential. In 2017 she was convicted of one count of shoplifting. In 2018 she was convicted of first-degree criminal trespass.

### Clark County

In September 2019 the secretary of health reinstated the registered nursing assistant credential of **Rigoberto Prieto-Lozano** (NA60250868). His license was suspended in 2016 after he couldn't be found at a residential care facility during his shift.

### Franklin County

In September 2019 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacist **Serina L. Ferrer** (PH60172317) with unprofessional conduct. Ferrer allegedly misused alcohol before and during her shift at a pharmacy, and was impaired by alcohol while working.

### **King County**

In August 2019 the Massage Therapist Program charged massage therapist **Lakisha Dickens** (MA60240321) with unprofessional conduct. Dickens allegedly altered and practiced with an expired credential.

In September 2019 the Osteopathic Board filed an amended statement of charges against osteopathic physician assistant **Sean Patrick Pearson** (OA60635098). Pearson's physician assistant credential was suspended in June 2019 in connection with a determination that he was unable to safely practice that profession.

### **Lewis County**

In September 2019 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Stephanie J. VonMoos** that requires her to cease and desist from practicing animal massage therapy without a license, and to pay a \$1,000 fine. VonMoos operated a business offering equine sport massage. She doesn't have an animal massage therapist license.

### **Snohomish County**

In September 2019 the secretary of health ended probation for respiratory care practitioner **Monica Lynn Sault** (LR60452856).

### **Spokane County**

In August 2019 the secretary of health denied a chemical dependency professional credential to **Dorothy Jean Wormell** (CP60895214). On her application, Wormell attested she'd never had action taken against a health care credential. Her chemical dependency professional trainee credential was suspended in 2018 because of sexual misconduct.

In September 2019, the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse and registered nurse **Robert Bruce Van Horn** (LP00039581, RN00112595) with unprofessional conduct. While working at a hospital, Van Horn allegedly replaced spilled medication with water before disposing of it. He allegedly tested positive for alcohol after his eyes appeared red and glassy, and he looked pale.

### **Walla Walla County**

In September 2019, the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Melissa A. Cross** (RN60154735) with unprofessional conduct. Cross allegedly was under the influence of alcohol when she drove a vehicle with two of her children in it. Her vehicle allegedly hit a parked vehicle.

### **Out of State**

**Oregon:** In September 2019 the secretary of health ended conditions on the respiratory care practitioner credential of **Justin Earl Jones** (LR60851681).

**Oregon:** In August 2019 the secretary of health denied a certified nursing assistant credential to **Abdi Al Sherif** (NC60950756), who surrendered his Oregon massage license in 2016.

**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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