



DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

October 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

RODRIGUEZ, JOSEPH STEVEN - RCP 16595

Committed acts of negligence and unprofessional conduct by failing to perform the weaning parameters to be completed prior to extubation, extubating a patient without prior order or approval of a physician, performing an extubation by unsecuring the endo-tracheal tube and tearing off the pilot balloon, failing to properly monitor the patient post-extubation, and failing to immediately notify the patient's physician of the extubation. Pursuant to a Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, license surrendered effective October 3, 2016.

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SANDEL, BENEDICT INCIONG – RCP 25761

Arrested for possession of a controlled substance and placed on a deferred entry of judgement on two separate occasions. Pursuant to a Default Decision and Order, license revoked effective October 6, 2016.

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ONG, MARIA CRISTINA – RCP 28124

Committed acts of negligence and unprofessional conduct by failing to obtain a pulse oximeter reading, failing to effectively communicate to the MRI technician and patient's nurse about the potential risks and consequences of proceeding with the MRI without a pulse oximeter, and failing to personally assess and monitor a patient when becoming aware that the pressure gauge reading was low. Pursuant to a Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, license surrendered effective October 13, 2016.

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ENCINAS, RICHARD – RCP 36317

Disciplinary action by another State agency. License to practice respiratory care in the State of Arizona was suspended and revoked for fourteen (14) felony counts of sexual conduct with a minor. Pursuant to a Default Decision and Order, license revoked effective October 26, 2016.

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EXPLANATION OF DISCIPLINARY LANGUAGE AND ACTIONS

Effective date of decision:

The date the disciplinary decision goes into operation.

Default Decision:

A decision based on the licensee's failure to respond to formal charges after it has been served, or failure to appear at an Administrative Hearing. All charges are deemed true. The decision results in the revocation of the license.

Disciplinary Order:

An order for discipline adopted by the Board.

Probation:

Allows the licensee to practice as a respiratory care practitioner under terms and conditions for a set amount of time.

Proposed Decision:

A decision rendered by an Administrative Law Judge through an Administrative Hearing. A proposed decision must be adopted by the Board before it can go into effect.

Public Reprimand:

A lesser form of discipline that can be negotiated after or in lieu of the filing of formal charges. The reprimand may include educational and clinical training requirements.

Revoked:

The right to practice is ended due to disciplinary action. The license is invalidated, voided, annulled, or rescinded. The individual can no longer practice as a respiratory care practitioner in California.

Revoked, Stayed:

"Stayed" means the revocation is postponed. Professional practice may continue so long as the licensee complies with specified terms and conditions of probation.

Stipulated Settlement:

A form of plea bargaining. The case is formally negotiated and settled prior to a hearing.

Stipulated Surrendered:

The Board agrees to allow the licensee to surrender the license as a resolution to a disciplinary matter. The individual can no longer practice as a respiratory care practitioner in California.



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VELASQUEZ, RAYMOND JR. – RCP 36992

Convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol with prior convictions for theft of property, reckless driving involving alcohol, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and negligent driving involving alcohol. Pursuant to a Default Decision and Order, license revoked effective October 26, 2016.

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FREEH, MATTHEW – RCP 10274

Failed to disclose two convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol. Pursuant to a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, license publicly reprimanded effective November 3, 2016.

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SIAS, NOE – RCP 28045

Convicted of possession of child pornography. Pursuant to a Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, license surrendered effective November 4, 2016.

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BHALLA, BHANU – RCP 27107

Committed acts of negligence, incompetence, and unprofessional conduct by abandoning patients and leaving early from his shift and convicted of battery. Pursuant to a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, license revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation effective December 8, 2016.

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SAMMONS, CANDACE R – RCP 2936

Convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol with prior disciplinary action for driving under the influence of alcohol and second degree burglary. Pursuant to a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, license revoked, stayed, and placed on four (4) years' probation effective December 8, 2016.

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BENNETT, ANGELA MARIE – RCP 26755

Committed a dishonest act by using a patient's name to obtain medication for personal use and convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol. Pursuant to a Default Decision and Order, license revoked effective December 10, 2016.

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CUSLIDGE, MELINDA A – RCP 28996

Committed acts of negligence by failing to immediately respond to an emergency, set up suction equipment, provide respiratory support, administer breathing treatments, and obtain an ABG. Falsified or made grossly incorrect, inconsistent or unintelligible entries in patient, hospital or other records during the above stated incident. Lastly committed acts of unprofessional conduct by discussing work matters and personnel in a derogatory manner in front of patients and staff members and left facility without communicating and providing patient information to the oncoming shift. Pursuant to a Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, license surrendered effective December 12, 2016.

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SAMANO, RAMIRO G JR. – RCP 24719

Committed acts of negligence and unprofessional conduct by providing treatment that departed from the standard of care and falsified or made grossly incorrect entries in a patient's record. Pursuant to a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, license revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation effective December 22, 2016.

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