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SURGEON LOSES LICENSE IN LEWD CONDUCT CONVICTION

Salinas doctor no longer permitted to practice medicine

SACRAMENTO – Robert Wlodarczyk has surrendered his license to practice medicine, as physician and surgeon, under terms of an agreement with the Osteopathic Medical Board of California. The surrender is effective today.

The action stems from a complaint made against Wlodarczyk by a woman who was his patient, and who also worked for Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, where the incident took place immediately after a surgical procedure.

According to the accusation, Wlodarczyk performed heart surgery on the woman in October 2016. After the procedure was complete, but while the patient was still under the influence of anesthesia, Wlodarczyk placed his hands directly on the patient's chest and breast area while discussing the result of the surgery with her.

Two other medical staff members, who were present at the time, reported there was no medical reason for Wlodarczyk to touch the patient in the manner they observed.

Based on its investigation, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California moved successfully to secure the surrender of Wlodarczyk's license as a physician and surgeon. Wlodarczyk was also convicted of lewd conduct by the Superior Court of California, Monterey County.

"No patient, no woman, no person, should ever have to worry that a doctor might touch them inappropriately while they are under anesthesia, or any other time," said Angie Burton, Executive Director of the Osteopathic Medical Board of California. "With this action, the board intends to create peace-of-mind for patients."

The Osteopathic Medical Board of California protects consumers and promotes the highest professional standards in the practice of osteopathic medicine through the licensing of osteopathic physicians and surgeons.

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