

**These charges are only allegations which  
may be contested by the licensee in an  
Administrative hearing.**

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
MIRZA BEG, M.D.

NOTICE  
OF  
HEARING

TO: MIRZA BEG, M.D.  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

A hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230 and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on January 14, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the Offices of the New York State Department of Health, 217 South Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13202-1380, and at such other adjourned dates, times and places as the committee may direct.

At the hearing, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, which is attached. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made and the witnesses at the hearing will be sworn and examined. You shall appear in person at the hearing and may be represented by counsel who shall be an attorney admitted to practice in New York state. You have the right to produce witnesses and evidence on your behalf, to issue or have subpoenas issued on your behalf in order to require the production of witnesses and documents, and you may cross-examine witnesses

and examine evidence produced against you. A summary of the Department of Health Hearing Rules is enclosed.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT THE ATTACHED CHARGES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THEY ARE SERVED.

Department attorney: Initial here 

The hearing will proceed whether or not you appear at the hearing. Please note that requests for adjournments must be made in writing and by telephone to the New York State Department of Health, Division of Legal Affairs, Bureau of Adjudication, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway - Suite 510, Albany, NY 12204-2719, ATTENTION: HON. JAMES HORAN, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ADJUDICATION, (henceforth "Bureau of Adjudication"), (Telephone: (518-402-0748), upon notice to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below, and at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Adjournment requests are not routinely granted as scheduled dates are considered dates certain. Claims of court engagement will require detailed Affidavits of Actual Engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230(10)(c), you shall file a written answer to each of the charges and allegations in the Statement of Charges not less than ten days prior to the date of the hearing. Any charge or allegation not so answered shall be deemed admitted. You may wish to seek the advice of counsel prior to filing such answer. The answer shall be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, and a copy shall be forwarded to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below. Pursuant to §301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the

Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person. Pursuant to the terms of N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §401 and 10 N.Y.C.R.R. §51.8(b), the Petitioner hereby demands disclosure of the evidence that the Respondent intends to introduce at the hearing, including the names of witnesses, a list of and copies of documentary evidence and a description of physical or other evidence which cannot be photocopied.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the committee shall make findings of fact, conclusions concerning the charges sustained or dismissed, and in the event any of the charges are sustained, a determination of the penalty to be imposed or appropriate action to be taken. Such determination may be reviewed by the Administrative Review Board for Professional Medical Conduct.

THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION  
THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW  
YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR  
THAT YOU BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER SANCTIONS  
SET OUT IN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW §§230-a.  
YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO  
REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York  
November 18, 2019

  
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IN THE MATTER  
OF  
MIRZA BEG, M.D.

STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES

MIRZA BEG, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about July 29, 2004 by the issuance of license number 233544 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. Respondent provided medical care to Patient A [patients are identified in the attached Appendix], a seventeen-year-old female patient, from on or about November of 2009 to on or about February of 2018, at Respondent's office, Karjoo Family Center for Pediatric Gastroenterology, located at 725 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13210 [hereafter "Respondent's office"]. Respondent's contact with and care of Patient A was contrary to accepted standards of medicine, in that:

1. Respondent during the visit on or about September 26, 2017, stated to Patient A that "he wanted to keep in touch with her" or words to that effect, and exchanged cell phone numbers with Patient A. Thereafter, Respondent engaged in multiple conversations with Patient A, then a minor, via text of a personal and non-medical nature, including conversations regarding the use of alcohol with or for Patient A, a minor.

2. Respondent also conducted electronic conversations regarding sex with Patient A, including sending to Patient A pictures with captions (i.e., "memes") depicting women in various stages of undress and memes with sexually explicit language.
3. Respondent also conducted electronic conversations in which Respondent expresses his love for Patient A.

**SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES**  
**FIRST THROUGH THIRD SPECIFICATION**

**MORAL UNFITNESS**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(20) by engaging in conduct in the practice of the profession of medicine that evidences moral unfitness to practice as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. The facts in Paragraph A, and A1.
2. The facts in Paragraph A, and A2.
3. The facts in Paragraph A, and A3.

**FOURTH THROUGH SIXTH SPECIFICATION**

**GROSS NEGLIGENCE**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(4) by practicing the profession of medicine with gross negligence on a particular occasion as alleged in the facts of the following:

4. The facts in Paragraph A, and A1.

5.The facts in Paragraph A, and A2.

6.The facts in Paragraph A, and A3.

**SEVENTH THROUGH NINTH SPECIFICATION**

**GROSS INCOMPETENCE**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(6) by practicing the profession of medicine with gross incompetence as alleged in the facts of the following:

7.The facts in Paragraph A, and A1.

8.The facts in Paragraph A, and A2.

9.The facts in Paragraph A and A3

**TENTH SPECIFICATION**

**NEGLIGENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(3) by practicing the profession of medicine with negligence on more than one occasion as alleged in the facts of two or more of the following:

10.The facts in Paragraph A, and A1, and/or Paragraph A, and A2 and/or Paragraph A, and A3.



**ELEVENTH SPECIFICATION**

**INCOMPETENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(5) by practicing the profession of medicine with incompetence on more than one occasion as alleged in the facts of two or more of the following:

11. The facts in Paragraph A, and A1, and/or Paragraph A, and A2 and/or Paragraph A, and A3.

DATE: November 18, 2019  
Albany, New York

  
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