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Medical Board Revokes License of Gabriel Ogbonnaya

(Scottsdale, AZ) – At its regular meeting on February 1, 2012, the Arizona Medical Board revoked the medical license of Gabriel Ogbonnaya, MD. The Board considered a total of 46 cases, and took disciplinary action in nine other cases involving Arizona physicians.

Gabriel Ogbonnaya, MD

On Wednesday, February 1, 2012, following a full evidentiary hearing that was conducted in August and September 2011 at the Office of Administrative Hearings, the Board adopted the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation and voted unanimously to revoke the medical license of Dr. Gabriel Ogbonnaya. The Board believed this action was necessary to protect the public.

The Board originally became aware of allegations against Dr. Ogbonnaya following his arrest by the Mesa Police Department on June 9, 2010. After obtaining information and interviewing alleged victims, the Board convened on June 15, 2010 to consider summary action regarding those allegations. On June 16, 2010, Dr. Ogbonnaya signed a Practice Restriction which required that a female licensed healthcare professional be present during office visits with female patients. It also required that Dr. Ogbonnaya complete a psychosexual evaluation at a Board Approved residential treatment facility within 30 days.

Following Dr. Ogbonnaya's second arrest by the Mesa Police Department on June 25, 2010, the Board obtained information regarding additional victims of alleged sexual assault and abuse. Due to the increased number of alleged victims and the seriousness of the recent allegations, the Board convened on June 30, 2010, and summarily suspended his medical license. Dr. Ogbonnaya has not practiced medicine since that time, while the Board proceeded with its case before the Office of Administrative Hearings. Dr. Ogbonnaya had been practicing internal medicine in Mesa.

The Arizona Medical Board is the licensing and regulatory agency for more than 21,000 allopathic physicians (MDs). The Board's offices are located at 9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road in Scottsdale.

Copies of the full orders, along with other discipline issued during Wednesday's meeting, can be viewed at the Board's website at www.azmd.gov. Click on Recent Actions at the top of the page.