



# News Release

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## **El Cajon Psychiatrist Surrenders His License Following Sexual Abuse Charges Involving Seven Patients**

(Sacramento, California) – Leon Fajerman, an El Cajon psychiatrist accused of sexual misconduct with seven patients and a patient’s mother, has surrendered his license to practice medicine in California effective May 15, 2018.

On July 24, 2017, the Medical Board of California (Board) petitioned for and obtained an interim suspension order suspending Fajerman’s license to practice medicine. On April 11, 2018, an accusation was filed charging him with sexual abuse, misconduct or relations with a patient; general unprofessional conduct; and violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, any provision of the Medical Practice Act.

“The Board is committed to protecting California consumers from doctors who violate professional boundaries,” said Kimberly Kirchmeyer, the Board’s Executive Director.

According to the accusation, Fajerman inappropriately kissed, fondled, and made sexual comments to seven of his patients. Fajerman also lured one of the seven women to have sexual intercourse with him with the promise of prescribing her pain medication in exchange.

Therapy should never include sex. It also never includes verbal sexual advances or any other kind of sexual contact or behavior. The Board encourages California consumers to report any sexual misconduct by a physician to the Board for review.

To view the decision against Fajerman, visit his [physician’s profile page](#) on the Board’s website. For more general information about the Board, including information on how to file a complaint, visit its website at <http://www.mbc.ca.gov>.

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