

## Doctor accused of sexually abusing hospital patients in The Dalles

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UPDATE: The Oregon Medical Board on Thursday inactivated the medical licence of Dr. Frederick George Field, who is accused of sexually abusing patients. Field accepted the [suspension of his license](#) and is barred from practicing while the medical board investigates.

A hospital anesthesiologist in The Dalles was accused of sexually abusing two female patients in an indictment Wednesday by a Wasco County grand jury.

Dr. Frederick George Field, 45, was arrested on July 28. A physician on staff at [Mid-Columbia Medical Center](#), he now faces four counts of sexual abuse. The indictment says Field touched the genitals of one patient and forced a second patient to touch his genitals, in both cases while the women were incapacitated by anesthetics. One of the women told the grand jury she was abused in September 2007. The other said she was abused in February.

Field has hired well-known criminal defense attorney Stephen Houze. Field was listed as an inmate at the Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Facility on Wednesday.

Hospital officials said one of the patients told them about the sexual abuse in May, and the hospital began an internal investigation and also notified The Dalles Police Department.

"We immediately brought the police in," said hospital spokesman Richard Baltus.

Duane Francis, president and chief executive officer of Mid-Columbia Medical Center, said in a statement that "we will continue to cooperate with the authorities to ensure justice can run its course." Francis declined to answer questions or comment further, citing "the sensitive nature of this case and the ongoing investigation" and federal law protecting patient privacy.

The Oregon Medical Board listed no disciplinary actions or malpractice claims against Field, who obtained his license to practice in Oregon in 2005. Field earned his medical degree at Tulane University School of Medicine in 1998 and

completed residency training in internal medicine and anesthesiology at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

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