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Guam Memorial Hospital Nurses Critical of New Anesthesiologist

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Guam - Some Guam Memorial Hospital nurses are complaining to the media that the hospital's new anesthesiologist has had his license revoked in two states after being accused of fondling female patients while under sedation.

Dr. Russel J. Aubin recently was hired to address a shortage of anesthesiologists but he is hardly welcomed by some nurses who are asking for the GFT union to represent them.

Correspondence from nurses, who ask not to be named, say that many nurses are concerned over Aubin's hiring.

His license was revoked by the Rhode Island State Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline and the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine after the Boards concluded that he had molested women in separate cases while under his care, this is despite having been acquitted of the charge in local courts.

The nurses in communication with the media say they are fearful of retribution if they refuse to work with Aubin.

In 2005, the Rhode Island Board revoked Aubin's license after concluding that he molested a woman as she was undergoing knee surgery a year before.

At the time, Aubin, argued that the drugs had caused the woman to fantasize the incident and that a doctor could not molest a patient in a busy operating room without anyone noticing.

The GMH Medical Executive Committee says they will meet tomorrow to discuss Aubin's hospital privileges.

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