

State Regulatory Actions Against Physicians Issuing Medical Vaccine Exemptions

Notable Cases of Physicians Penalized for Vaccine Exemptions

State	Physician Name	Alleged Misconduct/ Basis for Investigation	Disciplinary Action/ Outcome	Key Dates/Timeline
California	Drs. Kenneth Stoler, Monica Murphy	Inappropriate vaccine exemptions based on questionable medical science	Medical licenses revoked	Investigations initiated 2019, revocations occurred by Feb 2022 ¹⁷
California	Drs. Ron Kennedy, Barnet Meltzer	Inappropriate vaccine exemptions based on questionable medical science	Voluntarily surrendered licenses	Investigations initiated 2019, surrenders occurred by Feb 2022 ¹⁷
California	Drs. Anne Adams, Dan Harper	Inappropriate vaccine exemptions based on questionable medical science	Barred from writing vaccine exemptions; Dr. Harper also publicly reprimanded ¹⁷	Dr. Harper's reprimand Oct 2021 ²⁴
California	Dr. Timothy Dooley	Issued at least 25 vaccine exemptions (22 global/permanent) based on questionable medical science (e.g., family history of autoimmune disease)	License revoked, stayed; 3 years probation ¹⁷	Probation effective March 6, 2023 ¹⁹

California	Dr. Seth Camhi	Issued exemptions based on questionable medical science (e.g., family history of autoimmune conditions); prior charges for gross negligence, excessive prescribing	License revoked, stayed; probation for duration of prior 5-year probation ¹⁸	Probation effective March 2, 2023 ²¹
California	Dr. John Humiston	Issued exemptions for non-valid reasons (e.g., allergic rhinitis, IBS, depression); prior public reprimand for negligent acts	Faced new charges in 2022; previously publicly reprimanded; license indefinitely suspended in Indiana ¹⁷	Public reprimand Jan 2019 ²³
California	Dr. Bob Sears	Issued exemptions based on questionable medical science (e.g., family history of autoimmune conditions), promoted theories; gross negligence in patient care	License revoked, stayed; existing 35-month probation extended 2 years; required education, ethics, practice monitoring ¹⁸	Probation extended July 23, 2020 ²⁵
California	Dr. Brian First	Signed COVID vaccine exemptions for children he never treated or examined, using templated letters	60-day professional ethics course, \$6,200 reimbursement to state ⁵⁵	Disciplined Aug 2022 ⁵⁵
Connecticut	Dr. Sue McIntosh	Provided fraudulent, blank, signed vaccine/mask exemption forms via mail without patient examination or relationship	License suspended, then voluntarily surrendered; charges withdrawn; forms invalidated ⁹	License suspended Sept 24, 2021; surrendered Oct 1, 2021 ⁹
New York	Caroline Hartridge, MD	Providing school vaccination medical exemptions (details not specified)	Banned from providing school vaccination medical exemptions; existing exemptions invalidated ⁴⁴	Banned Dec 18, 2023 ⁴⁴

New York	Christopher Scianna, DO	(Details not specified)	Agreed to no longer practice medicine in NYS	Agreement effective Jan 5, 2023 ⁴⁴
New York	Sandra Miceli, NP, RN	Falsely reported pediatric patients received immunizations they had not; vaccination fraud scheme	False immunization records voided; affected children's records deleted from NYSIIS ⁴⁵	Scheme began after June 2019; DOH action May 2024 ⁴⁵
New York	Multiple (Isadora Guggenheim, Gabriel Dugue, Yanick Dugue, Carlos Juan Rivera, Mark Nesselson, Guiseppina Benincasa-Feingold, Maricela Deleon, Cynthia D. Nekos, Vincent Campasano, Faiz Khan, Michael Purcell)	Falsified records, invalid exemptions, suspended/permanently excluded from NYSIIS	Suspended/permanently excluded from NYSIIS; paper records not accepted ⁴⁴	Various dates 2022-2024 ⁴⁴
Washington	Dr. Anna Elperin	Issued COVID-19 vaccine exemptions without medical justification, sold exemptions to undercover journalists without exam	License suspended; settled to retain license with \$5,000 fine, state audits, barred from issuing COVID vaccine waivers/DOT medical cards ⁵¹	License suspended Sept 2022; settled Dec 2023 ⁵²