

I am gratified and thankful for the University-based expert opinions and the enormous support of local physician-colleagues, nurses, office staff and especially patients who know about my 34 years of practice in Napa and have spoken in favor of my standard of care. As in this case, verbal consent was obtained for the 2 appropriate tests in question and a medical assistant was and is always in the room during the examination. The only question was which day this patient wanted her tests.

My patients receive the exact care that is required to be offered by the state of California Department of Consumer Affairs (Licensing Board) for Women's Cancer Early Detection and the most respected evidence-based guidelines from University Centers and expert panels.

To resolve this one patient complaint, my defense attorney and I have admitted no wrong doing though have chosen a stipulated agreement to move forward. At a time when many of our colleagues are retiring early, opting out of private practice or choosing other careers, I am grateful to refocus on our mission of proactive Women's Healthcare and continue uninterrupted practice in Napa for years to come. Thank you.

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