

Ese doctor que dice  
cobrar mucho menos que  
los demás...



¿sabes realmente  
quién es?  
Protégete.

**¡NO a los Médicos  
Clandestinos!**

## Who are Médicos Clandestinos?

### Médicos Clandestinos are Fake Doctors

They are individuals who pose as licensed physicians and prey upon vulnerable members of the community. They are targeting the Latino community.

- They are con-artists who are preying on under or uninsured Latinos for money.
- They are performing dangerous and illegal procedures on their victims.
- They often say that they are certified physicians in their home countries or that they have experience doing medical procedures.

### 8 Things YOU need to know

- If someone offers to provide medical services in a home or apartment, or anywhere that is not a licensed medical facility - DO NOT DO IT and REPORT IT.
- You WILL NOT get in trouble for reporting a Medico Clandestino to the authorities – and you will save lives by doing so.
- Licensed physicians DO NOT ask about legal status in the U.S. and they DO NOT have an obligation to report any undocumented patients.
- Just because someone says that he/she is a doctor does NOT mean that he/she is a doctor.
- You have the RIGHT to ask about your physician's qualifications – licensed physicians will be glad to provide you with all of their qualification information.
- A cheap deal is a BAD deal – if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- You don't have payment options with Médicos Clandestinos – usually you have to pay cash up front!
- No Health Insurance? That's okay! Many licensed physicians offer payment plans and work with patients to help with finances. There are clinics in Nevada that offer health services at discounted rates – and some are even free!



### Dangerous Consequences

Having a procedure done by a Médico Clandestino can lead to brutal and even deadly consequences. A Médico Clandestino will not have access to proper medical facilities or equipment required for a procedure.

- Death
- Infection
- Disfigurement
- Paralysis
- Stroke
- Permanent Disabilities
- Hemorrhagic Shock
- Items being left in the body
- Poisoning
- Scarring
- Cardiac Arrest
- Brain Damage
- Severe Pain

Specifically in cosmetic procedures – horrific products are often being used!

- Cooking Oil
- Floor wax
- Cement
- Mineral oil
- Super glue
- Bleach
- Tire sealant
- Nonmedical-grade silicone
- "Fix a Flat" – used to repair a flat tire

## How to Find a Certified and Qualified Physician

### Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

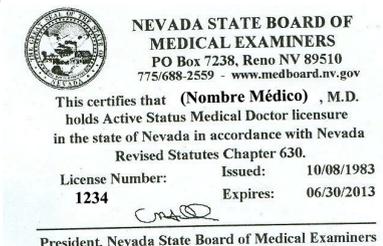
Every licensed Medical Doctor in the State of Nevada has to be registered with this Board. The Medical Board does not provide referral service for consumers who need to choose a doctor. However, the following information may help you make a choice.

You can look up the physician on the website:

<http://medboard.nv.gov/Verification/>

or you can call: **888-890-8210**

You can look up a physician by License Number, Name, or Location.



### Hospital Privileges:

Ask your physician if he/she is able to perform this procedure in a hospital. If the answer is no, this should be a red flag! If the answer is yes, ask for the name of the hospital and call the hospital to verify.

If a physician is certified to do a procedure – he/she will be able to perform that procedure in a hospital!

### Training, Residency & Experience:

Verify where the physician received their training and residency. Ask to see before and after pictures.

### Consult and Make Plans:

Go over payment plans and options. Be sure there is a plan to ensure treatment after the procedure in case something goes wrong or you need follow up procedures. A licensed physician will never offer to do a procedure during the first meeting – there should always be a consultation first. Visit the facility to ensure its legitimacy and look in the yellow pages.

Are YOU, or someone you know, a  
victim of a Médico Clandestino?

**PLEASE report it, you WILL NOT get in  
trouble and you could save a life!**

Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC)

The reports can be made anonymously.

You can fill out a report online at:

<http://health.nv.gov/hcqc.htm>

or you can call:

**(775) 684-1030 + option 6**

**(702) 486-6515 + option 3**

So where do you go to get help?

### Cosmetic & Plastic Surgery

There are surgeons in Nevada who are Latinos and are bilingual. There are many more who employ Latinos who are bilingual in their offices. And, they want to help you! These surgeons provide their patients with payment plans to help ease the financial load. Do some research before getting a procedure done and call different surgeons in your area to see if they have Spanish-speakers at the office and what kind of payment plans they offer.

### General Healthcare

There are clinics, centers and organizations that offer healthcare options at discounted rates. These places cater to low-income patients in Nevada and have bilingual personal on hand to help with translating and communication.

Information about these clinics and descriptions & locations of these services can be found at:

[www.unr.edu/latinocenter](http://www.unr.edu/latinocenter)