

Doctor Faces More Patient Sex Abuse

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A New Jersey doctor faces new charges of sexual abuse after additional patients stopped forward in Essex and Monmouth counties, authorities said.

Dr. Gurvindra Johal was charged on Wednesday, March 8 with three counts of criminal sexual contact for allegedly inappropriately touching two patients under his care at an urgent care centre on Broad Street in Newark, according to Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore N. Stephens, Johal, 55, of the Colonia section of Woodbridge, has also been charged with criminal sexual contact by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office and the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office for the alleged inappropriate touching of patients under his care at an urgent care centre in Perth Amboy, and an urgent care centre in Freehold.

Mark Spivey, a spokesman for the Monmouth County prosecutor, said, "I can confirm that this defendant is charged with two counts of fourth-degree Criminal Sexual Contact related to separate incidents involving separate patient victims taking place at an urgent care centre in Freehold Township last month."

Johal serves as the director of medicine at the Medi enter of Edison, its website shows. The physician's LinkedIn shows he is a board certified doctor of osteopathic medicine.

The investigation is active and ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Essex County Prosecutor's Office tips line at 1-877-TIPS-4EC or 1-847-7432. Calls will be kept confidential.

If you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this article, you can contact Dignity4Patients, whose helpline is open Monday to Thursday 10am to 4pm.