

## Claim: Weak system keeps surgeon licensed

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MIAMI -- A Miami surgeon who was fired after being connected to "numerous patient deaths," has been allowed to keep a "clear/active" medical license. Some authorities wonder why Dr. Alex Zakharia, 70, is allowed to maintain his "clear/active" license to practice medicine when he has such a spotted past, the Miami Herald reported. Zakharia reportedly also admitted to having memory difficulties and possible strokes. "This guy should not be in practice. Period. What is the medical board doing? What are they thinking? Is this board for real? This case is a poster child for a dysfunctional disciplinary board," Arthur Levin, of the Center for Medical Consumers in New York, told the Herald. Zakharia has invariably claimed he is completely qualified to practice medicine, the Herald reported. It is reported that Zakharia's license will remain "clear/active" at least until a decision is made by the Board of Medicine in April.

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