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NCEDSV Backs Protesters of Dr. Samuel Chacon

The Reno doctor has dozens of women claiming he has harmed them irreparably

(1.16.2023) Protesters of Dr. Samuel Chacon say that while it is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, and they urge people to get this potentially life-saving screening, they should not go to Chacon whom they accuse of performing unnecessary surgeries, botched operations and abusive practices. Protests will take place ahead of Dr. Chacon's court hearing on Jan. 23 at 7:00AM. Protesters are also frustrated with the lack of a timely response from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners who have not responded to multiple complaints, spanning several years, in spite of meeting four times annually.

"This is someone who has abused his position of power to bully and abuse low-income, and women of color into getting major surgeries they may not have even needed," says Jeana Easterling of Reno. "He spends almost no time with you and then tells you that you need a major surgery. This is a terrifying thing to hear from your doctor. You never expect they will perform an unnecessary surgery that will have lifelong implications for you, and that they won't even take the time to sit and explain the whole surgery, why you need it, what the potential complications or side effects will be, or how your life will change as a consequence."

"We are angered and appalled by the sheer number of people coming forward with stories of what amounts to maiming," says NCEDSV Policy Director, Serena Evans. "We are seeking legislators to assist in addressing these harms given the decades of injurious work inflicted by Dr. Chacon balanced with the [2004 ballot measure](#) titled 'Keep Our Doctors in Nevada'. That subsequent law has prevented a majority of his victims from engaging in meaningful legal recourse."

NCEDSV continues to monitor the medical crisis and assist those affected, as they are able. Future protests, at different locations, are also being planned. While these protesters largely agree their lives are forever changed, they hope their actions will inform and prevent others from the same pain they are experiencing. Although Chacon has had his privileges revoked by several area hospitals, it appears he continues to see patients at the Women's Health Center of Reno, leading those involved to fear his abuse continues while people with the ability to stop him do nothing.

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