

New Jersey Ambulatory Surgery Center and Surgical Practice Transparency Report

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Ambulatory Surgery Alert

Recent surveys by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services have caused concern for patient safety at Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs) and Surgical Practices in our State. The New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute (NJHCQI) has examined the survey results and conducted its own review of the publicly available data.

The purpose of providing this information is to assist health care consumers, particularly those who are considering or are scheduled for treatment at an out-patient surgery center.

THE NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE IS NOT ADVISING ANY PATIENT TO FOREGO NECESSARY MEDICAL TREATMENT OR SURGERY.

What is an Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)?

Visit the Department of Health and Senior Services website for a detailed explanation of ASC's and Surgical Practices. http://www.state.nj.us/health/healthfacilities/asc info.shtml

Why NJHCQI is concerned?

In 2009 - 2010, New Jersey's Department of Health examined 91 Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Surgical Practices. What they found was alarming: 49 of the 91 facilities did not meet standards to participate in Medicare, and more than 25% of the facilities were cited for "**Immediate Jeopardy**," a violation which is defined as noncompliance with established rules that has caused, or is likely to cause, serious injury, harm, impairment or death to a patient.

Of the 51 <u>Licensed</u> Ambulatory Surgery Centers that were evaluated in 2009 – 2010, findings include:

- 8 Were in "Immediate Jeopardy," which resulted in
- 2 Closed temporarily

Of the 40 <u>Unlicensed</u> Surgical Practices that were evaluated in 2009 – 2010, findings include:

- 17 Were in "Immediate Jeopardy," which resulted in
- 7 Closed temporarily

Based on this snapshot, 43% of the <u>unlicensed</u> Surgical Practices reviewed were noncompliant with certain serious safety requirements. Compared to the 15% noncompliance rate found in the <u>licensed</u> ASCs reviewed, there is evidence that <u>consumers</u> may be at greater risk in <u>unlicensed</u> Surgical Practices than in <u>licensed</u> ASCs.

What were some of the violations?

- Staff members walking through the sterile operating room in street clothes
- Not having mandated emergency equipment and medications on site
- No tracking of controlled and regulated medications such as narcotics
- Physicians and staff not having current licenses and credentials
- Not sanitizing patient beds and floors correctly
- Not cleaning or sanitizing surgical instruments correctly
- Filling out patient charts in advance for convenience
- Using single use items more than once, on more than one patient

After reviewing this information in it's entirety, I would not advise any of my friends or family to have surgery or procedures done at ANY <u>unlicensed</u> Surgical Practice. It seems prudent to me to only schedule surgery at ASCs that can show evidence that they are <u>licensed</u> and have been inspected by the State of New Jersey. Please remember, <u>all</u> doctors and surgeons must have a Physician's license to practice medicine, but this should not be substituted for a facility's license to perform surgery.

I would also want to know that the specific facilities cited were re-inspected at least once after the determination of an Immediate Jeopardy or temporary closure and that the Immediate Jeopardy violation has been adequately addressed. Further, facilities that were closed should have successfully implemented corrective action plans before being permitted to re-open.

To see a current list of <u>licensed</u> Ambulatory Surgery Centers in New Jersey visit: http://www.state.nj.us/health/healthfacilities/documents/ac/asc_surveyaccreditationstatus.pdf

To file a complaint visit: http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/bme/bmeform.htm

For more information on how you can become involved with patient safety and quality health care issues, please visit the <u>New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute</u> or call us at (609) 434-1110 or (800) 414-4931.

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New Jersey Ambulatory Surgery Centers and Surgical Practices

Immediate Jeopardy

✓ Licensed

- County Line Endoscopy and Surgical Center
- Surgicare Surgical Associates of Oradell
- Atlantic Coastal Surgery Center
- Center for Advanced Surgery and Pain Management.
- Saddle Brook Surgi Center, Inc.
- Pilgrim Medical Center

✓ Unlicensed

- Twin Rivers Podiatric Surgery Center
- Gastroenterology Associates PA
- Ironbound Endo-Surgical Center
- Northfield Surgical Center
- Pavonia Surgical Center
- Michael Soda, Inc.
- Mount Laurel Endoscopy Center
- St. Mary's Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC
- <u>Seashore Ambulatory Surgery Center</u>
- Endoscopy Center of Monmouth County

Closed Temporarily

✓ Licensed

- Somerset Surgical Center
- <u>Jersey Ambulatory Surgical Center</u>

✓ Unlicensed

- Affiliated Surgical Center
- Hamilton Endoscopy and Surgical Center, LLC
- Springfield Eye Surgery Laser Center
- Ophthalmic Physicians of Monmouth
- Montvale Surgical Center LLC
- Essex Surgical Arts
- Retina Consultants Surgical Center

Patient Safety Violations

✓ Unlicensed

- Cape Cataract Center
- Sparta Medical Associates
- Drs Scherl Scherl Chessler & Zingler
- Mid-Atlantic Eye
- Bergen Gastroenterology

Somerset Surgical Center 1081 Route 22 West Bridgewater, NJ 08807 July 17, 2009 – July 22, 2009 Licensed - Closing

- Sterilization parameters for instruments processed were not in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations
- There is no system of traceability of surgical implants to patients
- Facility does not provide a sanitary environment for patients and staff
- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services
- Failed to maintain complete, comprehensive and accurate medical records to ensure adequate patient care
- Failed to ensure the provision of safe and effective pharmaceutical services
- Failed to maintain and infection control program that minimizes infections and communicable diseases

Affiliated Ambulatory Surgery 182 South Street, Morristown NJ 07960

August 26, 2009 – Feb 1, 2010; additional closings March 9, 2010 and Oct 1, 2010 at resurvey Unlicensed – Closing

- Facility in violation of infection control practices pertaining to sterilization and instrument processing
- No patient transfer agreement with a hospital
- Single use items routinely re-sterilized
- Methods of reprocessing reusable medical devices do not conform with the standard of the industry
- The physical design of the sterile processing room did not support a sterile environment
- Failed to establish an ongoing program that ensures patient safety in the facility
- No documentation of personnel orientations, competencies and/or job descriptions for nurses
- Does not provide medications to patients in a safe manner
- Failed to ensure that single dose vials were used for just one patient
- Failed to ensure that medications are stored under proper conditions and according to standards of practice
- Failed to ensure medications that were administered to patients were documented
- Failed to ensure that medications were maintained in a safe and effective manner
- Failed to ensure that complete, comprehensive and accurate medical records were maintained for all patients

- Does not have a written agreement for laboratory services
- Failed to ensure a safe and sanitary environment
- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for surgical services
- No policy/procedure on obtaining laboratory services
- Facility did not maintain an ongoing infection control program that prevented and controlled infections and did not adopt recognized infection control guidelines
- Failed to ensure that patients' post surgical condition are assessed by a physician, other qualified practitioner or a registered nurse
- Failed to ensure that all patients are discharged in the company of a responsible adult
- Surgical procedures were not performed in a safe manner by qualified physicians and practitioners
- Failed to ensure that controlled drugs were maintained in accordance with facility policies and Federal regulations
- Procedures regarding reprocessing patient instruments do not follow manufacturer's instructions for use
- Multiple uncorrected deficiencies at additional follow up surveyor visits...

Hamilton Endoscopy and Surgery Center, LLC 1235 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Hamilton NJ 08619 December 10, 2009 – January 11, 2010 Unlicensed - Closing

- Failed to maintain an infection control program to ensure the minimization of infections and communicable diseases
- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services by ensuring that the ASC had a separate recovery room
- Failed to ensure that emergency medications needed to treat Malignant Hyperthermia were available
- Failed to ensure that single dose vials were used for just one patient
- Failed to provide evidence that any infection control program had been maintained
- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for the provision of surgical procedures by adhering to professionally acceptable standards of practice

Jersey Ambulatory Surgical Center 561 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick NJ 08816 July 15, 2010 – July 26, 2010 Licensed – Closing

- Lacking a mechanical ventilator available to the
 Operating Room an immediate and serious threat to the safety of patients determined
- Failed to develop a comprehensive infection control program
- Unable to provide evidence that a contract or other formal arrangement with anesthesiology provider exists
- Failed to provide a safe and sanitary environment;
 properly constructed, equipped and maintained to protect
 the health and safety of patients
- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services
- Failed to provided a separate recovery room
- Failed to ensure that emergency medications needed to treat Malignant Hyperthermia were available

- Failed to ensure that emergency equipment was not expired
- Failed to ensure that the patients chart contained a
 history and physical and a properly executed anesthesia
 consent
- Failed to provide drugs in a safe and effective manner
- Failed to ensure that singe dose vial/ampules were used for just one patient and that pre-drawn syringes were properly labeled
- Patient Bill of Rights notice posted is entitled,
 "Brunswick Surgical Center Patient Bill of Rights" and
 did not contain the name of the actual facility

Springfield Eye Surgery Laser Center 105 Morris Avenue, Springfield NJ 07081 July 29, 2010 – August 6, 2010 Unlicensed – Closing

- Failed to provide a safe and sanitary environment that is properly constructed, equipped and maintained to protect the health and safety of patients
- Failed to establish a (patient) transfer agreement with a Medicare participating hospital for patients requiring emergency medical care and failed to ensure that all physicians on staff had admitting privileges at a local Medicare participating hospital
- Failed to ensure that emergency equipment was made available to the Operating Room in order to protect the health and safety of patients
- Failed to provide a mechanical ventilator
- Failed to ensure that emergency medications needed to treat Malignant Hyperthermia were available

Ophthalmic Physicians of Monmouth 733 North Beers Street, Holmdel NJ 07733 November 23, 2010 - January 24, 2011 Unlicensed - Closing

- Failed to have a safe environment, equipped, and maintained to protect the health and safety of patients.
- Single use vials entered more than once and are used for more than one individual patient
- No Dantrium present in the facility for the treatment of Malignant Hyperthermia, a potential severe adverse reaction to the administration of (anesthesia)
- No accurate record of the receipt and location of controlled dangerous substances in the facility
- Failed to have a sanitary environment for the provision for surgical services by adhering to professionally acceptable standards of practice
- Failed to maintain appropriate cleaning and disinfection policies and procedures

Montvale Surgical Center LLC 6 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale NJ 07645 December 6, 2010 - December 29, 2010 Unlicensed - Closing

- Facility was in violation of infection control practices pertaining to sterilization and instrument processing.
- Failed to obtain a signed contract for the Infection Control Practitioner
- Failed to provide an infection control program that seeks to minimize infections and communicable diseases
- There was no documented evidence provided, that anyone had training or demonstrated competency in processing of surgical instrumentation
- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services by adhering to professionally acceptable standards of practice
- Failed to select and implement nationally recognized infection control guidelines
- Failed to maintain a sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services
- The (surgical instrument) policy did not address essential procedures regarding sterile instrument processing: packaging, sterilization load documentation, biological monitoring, or recall
- Competencies have not been conducted and were not available for review for all employees responsible for central processing and sterilization

Essex Surgical Arts LLC 727 Jerolemon Street, Belleville NJ 07109 December 8, 2010 - December 13, 2010 Unlicensed - Closing

- Failed to implement its policy and procedure for the immediate transfer of patients requiring emergency medical care
- Failed to provide a safe and sanitary environment; properly equipped to protect the health and safety of patients
- A mechanical ventilator was not available to the Recovery Room
- Failed to ensure that preventative maintenance is done on the anesthesia machines in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation
- Failed to provide a sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services
- Failed to ensure that Schedule II narcotics were purchased in accordance with New Jersey Controlled Dangerous
 Substances Regulations
- Failed to obtain consent form patients prior to physician residents in an educational program participating in their surgeries

Retina Consultants Surgery Center 39 Sycamore Avenue, Little Silver NJ 07739 September 3, 2009 - September 8, 2009 Unlicensed - Closing

- Facility in violation of infection control practices pertaining to sterilization and instrument processing
- Single use items routinely re-sterilized
- Could not provide evidence that the third party re-processor for their surgical sterile instruments is recognized by the FDA
- Failed to ensure that all controlled medications were stored on registered premises
- Failed to ensure that all medications were administered in accordance with physician's orders
- Failed to ensure a functional and sanitary environment
- No mechanical ventilator
- Failed to ensure all patients discharged in company of responsible adult

County Line Endoscopy and Surgical Center 9226 Kennedy Blvd, North Bergen NJ 07047 Licensed - Immediate Jeopardy

- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services
- Failed to ensure a safe environment for the health and safety of patients
- Failed to ensure that mechanical and electrical equipment is regularly inspected, tested and maintained and that emergency supplies are regularly monitored
- Failed to ensure that accurate and complete records were maintained for Controlled Dangerous Substances
- Failed to ensure that expired medications, opened single dose vials, and undated opened multi-dose vials were not available for patient use
- Failed to maintain an ongoing program designed to prevent and control infections and communicable diseases

- Facility was not processing their endoscopes in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations
- Review of charts by surveyor, it was observed that the "Anesthesia Records" contained entries even though the patient canceled their appointments...during an interview, stated that completes the medical records in advance to "save time"
- Failed to ensure that single patient use vials were administered to just one patient, that medications were used for just one patient, that medications are prepared and labeled in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations

Surgicare Surgical Associates of Oradell 555 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell NJ 07649 Licensed - Immediate Jeopardy

- Failed to provide a safe and sanitary environment, properly constructed, equipped, and maintained to protect the health and safety of patients
- Did not adhere to nationally recognized guidelines regarding proper instrument processing
- Equipment is reprocessed without proper cleaning
- Single use items were routinely reprocessed
- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for he provision of surgical services by adhering to professionally acceptable standards of practice

Atlantic Coastal Surgery Center 301 Central Ave, Egg Harbor Township NJ 08234 Licensed - Immediate Jeopardy

- Failed to ensure that the anesthesia machines are checked prior to use according to the manufacturer's guidelines
- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for the provision of patient services
- No evidence that the patient's temperature was assessed on admission, during surgery/procedure or at discharge
- Failed to ensure a sanitary environment
- Facility was lacking a mechanical ventilator for use in an emergency situation

Center for Advanced Surgery and Pain Management LLC 3613 Route 33, Neptune NJ 07753 Licensed - Immediate Jeopardy

- Failed to ensure that single dose vials/ampoules were used for just one patient
- Failed to ensure that medications were given in accordance with prescriber's orders
- Failed to ensure that Controlled Dangerous Substances were disposed of in accordance with facility policy and State regulations
- Failed to ensure that infection control guidelines, from a nationally recognized organization, were followed

Saddle Brook Surgical Center, Inc. 289 Market Street, Saddle Brook NJ 07663 Licensed - Immediate Jeopardy

- Failed to provide required emergency equipment
- No mechanical ventilator for use in an emergency situation
- Failed to ensure that medications were provided in a safe manner in accordance with accepted professional practice
- Failed to ensure that single use vials/ampoules were used for just one patient
- Failed to adhere to professionally accepted standards of practice for sterilization and disinfection
- Failed to maintain an ongoing program to prevent, control, and investigate infections and communicable disease

Pilgrim Medical Center 393 Bloomfield Ave, Montclair, NJ 07042 Licensed - Immediate Jeopardy

- Failed to provide a safe and sanitary environment, properly constructed, equipped, and maintained to protect the health and safety of patients
- Failed to establish a program for identifying infections and reporting the results to appropriate authorities
- Failed to ensure that there were adequate supplies of medication to treat medical emergencies that may occur at the facility
- Failed to ensure that drugs are prepared in a safe manner
- Failed to provide and enforce policies and procedures to maintain a sanitary environment

Twin Rivers Podiatric Surgery Center 481 Memorial Parkway, Phillipsburg NJ 08865 Unlicensed – Immediate Jeopardy

- Sanitary physical environment not always provided for patients
- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services
- Nursing staff is not always available to patients in case of an emergency
- Failed to ensure that medications were not kept beyond use date
- Failed to post the written notice of Patient Rights
- The OR (Operating Room) suite is not maintained to avoid sources of transmission of infection
- Failed to maintain an ongoing program, relative to instrument sterilization, designed to prevent infections and communicable diseases
- Failed to have an infection control program under the direction of a qualified professional who has training in infection control
- Methods for processing reusable medical devices do not conform to industry standard
- Single use items are being routinely re-sterilized
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Gastroenterology Associates PA 2275 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Trenton NJ 08619 Unlicensed – Immediate Jeopardy

- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services
- Sterilization of reusable medical devices not in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
- Failed to ensure that medications are controlled, prepared, and administered in accordance with accepted standards of professional practice
- Failed to ensure that single dose ampoules are entered only one time and are not used for multiple patients
- Failed to maintain a sanitary environment
- Failed to designate a qualified professional to direct the infection control program
- Failed to establish and infection control program that included a plan of action for preventing, identifying, and managing infections and communicable diseases

Ironbound Endo-Surgical Center 24-28 Merchant Street, Newark NJ 07105 Unlicensed – Immediate Jeopardy

- Failed to ensure that pharmaceuticals are prepared in a safe manner
- Failed to ensure that medications for single patient use are used for just one patient and that pre-drawn syringes are properly labeled
- Failed to ensure that a Patients Bill of Rights is provided in a language that is understood by all patients
- Failed to ensure that a functional and sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services was provided
- Failed to ensure that an ongoing surveillance program to prevent and control infections and other communicable diseases was maintained

Northfield Surgical Center 741 Northfield Avenue, West Orange NJ 07052 Unlicensed – Immediate Jeopardy

- Facility did not have evidence that each piece of equipment was routinely inspected, tested, and maintained.
- Failed to provide a sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services
- Failed to ensure that medications were provided in a safe and effective manner in accordance with accepted professional practice
- Failed to ensure implementation of policies and procedures addressing Controlled Dangerous Substances
- Failed to follow nationally recognized infection control guidelines
- Facility did not ensure that all patients were discharged in the company of a responsible adult

Pavonia Surgical Center 600 Pavonia Avenue, Jersey City NJ 07306 Unlicensed – Immediate Jeopardy

- Failed to ensure that each patient is evaluated for pain in accordance with applicable standards of practice
- Failed to ensure that a mechanical ventilator was available for use in an emergency
- Failed to ensure that there are written orders for all medications administered and that all medications are administered as ordered
- Failed to maintain a sanitary and functional environment
- Failed to maintain ongoing program designed to prevent and control infections
- Failed to ensure that contaminated instruments are transported in a functional and sanitary manner
- Failed to ensure that proper storage for all sterile items was provided
- Facility failed to provide personnel with qualifications, orientation, and on the job training for the sterile processing

Michael Soda, Inc. 195 Route 46 – Suite 202, Mine Hill NJ 07803 Unlicensed – Immediate Jeopardy

- Failed to ensure that general anesthesia was provided in a safe manner
- Failed to ensure proper maintenance of the anesthesia machine in accordance with manufacturer's recommendation
- Does not clean/sterilize endoscopes according to manufacturer's instructions
- Failed to ensure that equipment was maintained in a safe manner
- Failed to implement a program for identifying infections and reporting "reportable" diseases
- Failed to provide a sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services
- Facility did not consider, select and implement nationally recognized infection control guidelines
- Facility did no follow manufacturer's directions for disinfection of endoscopes

Mount Laurel Endoscopy Center 15000 Midlantic Dr. #110, Mt. Laurel NJ 08054 Unlicensed – Immediate Jeopardy

- Failed to ensure that it was properly equipped and maintained in order to provide a safe environment
- Failed to provide a mechanical ventilator
- Failed to provide evidence of proper maintenance of the Automatic Emergency Defibrillator or AED
- Facility provided expired sterile items available for patient use
- Failed to have a functional and sanitary environment
- Failed to maintain an ongoing surveillance program to prevent and control infections and other communicable diseases

St. Mary's Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC 540 Bergen Blvd, Palisades Park NJ 07650 Unlicensed – Immediate Jeopardy

- Lack of appropriately credentialed sterile processing staff and infection control practices
- Failed to ensure that reusable instruments are processed and sterilized according to nationally recognized guidelines
- No evidence that the sterile instruments were prepared and packaged to be consistent with nationally recognized guidelines
- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment
- Failed to ensure that laboratory services provided in safe and effective manner
- Failed to provide drugs in a safe and effective manner
- Failed to ensure all drugs are administered in accordance with physician's orders
- Failed to ensure that all patients are fully informed regarding procedures and treatments, in terms that are understandable for the patient

Seashore Ambulatory Surgery Center 1907 New Road, Northfield NJ 08225 Unlicensed – Immediate Jeopardy

- Failed to ensure that anesthesia is administered in accordance with the (State) regulations
- Failed to ensure the accountability of controlled drugs
- Failed to ensure that there were physician orders for all medications given
- Failed to ensure that all intravenous fluids were administered according to acceptable standards of practice
- Failed to ensure that medications are properly stored and discarded
- Failed to ensure the privacy and security of health records
- Failed to provide a sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services
- Not all patients were discharged in the company of a responsible adult except if exempted by the attending physician

Endoscopy Center of Monmouth County 222 Schanck Road, Freehold NJ 07728 Unlicensed – Immediate Jeopardy

- Facility failed to provide a safe and sanitary environment that is equipped and maintained to protect the health and safety of patients
- Failed to have proper emergency medications
- Failed to adopt recognized infection control guidelines
- Failed to implement a plan of action for preventing, identifying and managing infections and communicable diseases
- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services
- Failed to ensure that there is an accurate and current record of the location and movement of controlled drugs in the facility

Cape Cataract Center 804 Route 9 South Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 Unlicensed

- Failed to maintain complete, comprehensive and accurate medical records to ensure adequate patient care
- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for the provisions of surgical services
- Patients discharged are not discharged in accordance with the facility policy that all patients are discharged in the company of a responsible adult except those patients exempted by the attending physician
- Unplanned emergency hospital transfer sent to E.R. in car with wife no evidence that patient's wife was capable of handling emergency situation

Sparta Medical Associates 532 Lafayette Road Suite 200, Sparta NJ 07871 Unlicensed

- Failed to track adverse patient events, examine their causes, implement improvements, and ensure that improvements are sustained over time
- Failed to ensure that there was an order signed by the physician prior to initiating pre-operative orders
- Failed to provide and maintain a functional and sanitary environment for surgical services by adhering to professionally acceptable standards of practice

Drs Scherl Scherl Chessler & Zingler 1555 Center Avenue, Fort Lee NJ 07024 Unlicensed

- Failed to provide a functional and sanitary environment for the provision of surgical services
- Expired medications available for patient use
- Failed to ensure that the manufacturer's recommendations about storage of drugs were followed
- Failed to maintain an ongoing surveillance program to prevent and control infections and other communicable diseases
- Failed to change the water and refill the sink with fresh (cleaning) solution in between patient procedures for the endoscopes/ colonoscopes
- Failed to maintain a clean and sanitary environment

Mid-Atlantic Eye 70 East Front Street, Red Bank NJ 07701 Unlicensed

- Failed to provide drugs in a safe manner and in accordance with the facility's policy and standard of practice
- Failed to maintain an infection control program that seeks to minimize infections and communicable diseases
- Failed to have a system to identify loss or diversion of controlled drugs
- Failed to ensure that individual, unwrapped, Controlled Substance tablets are not touched by human hands
- Failed to ensure that medications instilled into the eye are administered in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and accepted standards of professional practice

Bergen Gastroenterology 466 Old Hook Road Suite 1, Emerson NJ 07630 Unlicensed

- Surgical procedures are not performed in a safe manner
- Sterilized materials are not stored, handled and transported to maintain sterility
- Methods for processing reusable medical devices do not conform to the standard of industry
- Failed to monitor the effectiveness and safety of its services, and the quality of care it provides
- Failed to provide a safe, sanitary and properly equipped environment
- Failed to provide working emergency equipment