

Statement from Swedish CEO Dr. Guy Hudson on Filing Motion to Vacate Award to Dr. David Newell:

SEATTLE – Sept. 1, 2017 – An arbitrator has issued an award we believe is completely inappropriate to a physician, Dr. David Newell, who was arrested for sexual exploitation at a time when he was employed by Swedish.

Swedish learned of his crime from others, not Dr. Newell, which violated his contractual obligation to immediately disclose the existence of any criminal investigation. This prompted his termination.

For this arbitrator to award Dr. Newell \$17.5 million – at a time when many people cannot afford health care or fear losing their insurance, and when there is an epidemic of sex trafficking and exploitation of women – is unconscionable and outrageous.

In defense of our values and commitment to our patients and caregivers, we have filed a motion to vacate this award – and we will do everything we can to fight in court for common sense and justice.