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CBS46 News In Atlanta Airs VI Consortium Story On Nedra Dodds

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CBS46 in Atlanta aired a report Thursday night about St. Croix's Juan F. Luis Hospital's (JFL) hiring of unlicensed Georgia physician Nedra Dodds from details the network obtained in news stories reported first on VIConsortium.com.

On Monday, *VI Consortium* [broke the story](#) that Dodds--under investigation in the metro Atlanta area in connection with two patient deaths after performing botched cosmetic surgery on the women at her now-defunct Opulence Aesthetic Medicine private practice in Kennesaw, Ga.--had been working at JFL. *VI Consortium* became aware of Dodds' affiliation with JFL from information received through its confidential tip line.

Through an emailed tip, *VI Consortium* received [a video of the year-long investigation](#) consumer investigative reporter Adam Murphy, of CBS46 Atlanta, conducted on Dodds after learning of the young women's deaths from liposuction and buttocks reduction procedures. As a result of the deaths in February 2013 and June 2013, the Georgia Composite Medical Board suspended Dodds' medical license on February 28, 2014. Juan Luis officials hired Dodds on Sept. 17, 2014--seven months after the state of Georgia had taken action against her.

While hospital CEO Dr. Kendall Griffith said he was to blame in hiring Dodds, he insisted that she had no patient contact during the 2-1/2 weeks she was contracted to provide administrative services in the hospital's emergency room. Griffith said Dodds' contract ended on Oct. 4 after JFL became aware of the "extent" of her clinical background.

Dodds is currently under investigation for the womens' deaths and one of the families have filed a lawsuit against the former model.

The video below is the report CBS46 aired in its Thursday night newscast:

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