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## Surgeon Leaves Trail of Malpractice Victims from Oregon to Australia

"Why didn't they check?" That was the front-page headline in a Bundaberg, Australia newspaper about Dr. Jayant Patel, asking why the local hospital had hired Dr. Patel when he had already been the subject of medical discipline for patient deaths and injuries in Portland, Oregon.

But tragically, the question wasn't asked until Dr. Patel had been working in the Australian city for three years and until he had been the subject of several confidential

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Once the newspaper put a reporter on the case, he found the old information from Oregon with a simple Google search.

Now the surgeon has been convicted of manslaughter for the deaths of three patients.

Read more here from CNN International.

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