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Van Nuys doctor sentenced in sexual battery case

A Van Nuys gynecologist who pleaded to sexually assaulting a patient while examining her at a Northridge hospital was ordered today to register for life as a sex offender and to undergo a year of counseling, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Dr. Kevin Pezeshki, 43, was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Gregory Dohi after he earlier pleaded no contest to one count of felony sexual battery by fraud. Similar charges involving a second patient were dismissed as a result of his plea.

Deputy District Attorney Rena Durrant said Pezeshki admitted inappropriately touching a female patient during an exam in 2008 at Northridge Hospital Medical Center. The victim said that when she turned around she said she saw the doctor pulling up the zipper of his pants.

Pezeshki has a hearing later this year on the status of his suspended medical license before the state Medical Board.

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