



TAREK G GARAS

License Number: ME82428

Profession	Medical Doctor
License Status	Clear/Active
Year Began Practicing	Not Provided
License Expiration Date	01/31/2026

General Information

Primary Practice Address

TAREK G GARAS
WATSON CLINIC LLC - DEPT. OF O
1755 NORTH FLA AVENUE
LAKELAND, FL 33805

Medicaid

This practitioner does NOT participate in the Medicaid program.

Staff Privileges

This practitioner currently holds staff privileges at the following hospital/medical/health institutions:

Institution Name	City	State
LAKELAND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	LAKELAND	FLORIDA
BARTOW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	BARTOW	FLORIDA

Email Address

Please contact at: tgaras@watsonclinic.com

Other State Licenses

This practitioner has not indicated any additional state licensures.

Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association

If you are a Florida Allopathic (MD) or Osteopathic (DO) Physician, you are required to provide proof of payment of the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association (NICA) assessment as required by section 766.314, Florida Statutes. Payment of the initial and annual assessment are required of all Florida Allopathic and Osteopathic Physicians who do not qualify for an exemption as set forth in section 766.314(4)(b)4, Florida Statutes.

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has submitted payment of the assessment.

Education and Training

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Institution Name	Degree Title	Dates of Attendance	Graduation Date
CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY	MD	7/1/1994 - 5/6/1998	

Other Health Related Degrees

This practitioner does not hold any additional health related degrees.

Professional and Postgraduate Training

This practitioner has completed the following graduate medical education:

Program Name	Program Type	Specialty Area	Other Specialty Area	City	State or Country	Dates Attended From	Dates Attended To
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI/JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	INTERNSHIP	OBG - OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY		MIAMI	FLORIDA	07/01/1998	07/31/1999
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI/JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	RESIDENCY	OBG - OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY		MIAMI	FLORIDA	07/01/1999	06/30/2002

Academic Appointments

Graduate Medical Education

This practitioner has not had the responsibility for graduate medical education within the last 10 years.

Academic Appointments

This practitioner currently holds faculty appointments at the following medical/health related institutions of higher learning:

Title	Institution	City	State
CLINICAL PROFESSOR	NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	DAVIE	FLORIDA

Specialty Certification

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This practitioner holds the following certifications from specialty boards recognized by the Florida board which regulates the profession for which he/she is licensed:

Specialty Board	Certification	Date Certified
AMERICAN BOARD OF OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOG	OBG - OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY	

Financial Responsibility

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I have hospital staff privileges and I have professional liability coverage in an amount not less than \$250,000 per claim, with a minimum annual aggregate of not less than \$750,000 from an authorized insurer as defined under s. 624.09, F. S., from a surplus lines insurer as defined under s. 626.914(2), F. S., from a risk retention group as defined under s. 627.942, F.S., from the Joint Underwriting Association established under s. 627.351(4), F. S., or through a plan of self insurance as provided in s.627 .357, F.S.

Proceedings and Actions

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Criminal Offenses

The criminal history information, if any exists, may be incomplete; federal criminal history information is not available to the public. Information is verified by the Department at the time of initial licensure and renewal.

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has no criminal offenses required to be published on this profile.

Medicaid Sanctions and Terminations

This practitioner has not been sanctioned or terminated for cause from the Medicaid program.

Final Disciplinary Actions Reported by the Department of Health within the last 10 years:

The information below is self reported by the practitioner.

Final disciplinary action taken by a specialty board within the last 10 years:

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has *NOT* had any final disciplinary action taken against him/her within the last 10 years by a specialty board.

Final disciplinary action taken by a licensing agency within the last 10 years:

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has *NOT* had any final disciplinary action taken against him/her within the last 10 years by a licensing agency.

Disciplinary action taken by a health maintenance organization, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center within the last 10 years:

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has *NOT* had any final disciplinary action taken against him/her within the last 10 years by a health maintenance organization, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

The following discipline has been reported as required under 456.041(5), F.S. within the previous 10 years.

Resignation from or non-renewal of medical staff membership or the restriction or revocation of staff privileges within the last 10 years by a health maintenance organization, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center in lieu of or in settlement of a pending disciplinary case related to competence or character.

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has *NEVER* been asked to or allowed to resign from or had any medical staff privileges restricted or revoked within the last 10 years by a health maintenance organization, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

Liability Claims Exceeding \$100,000.00 Within last 10 years.

Settlement of a claim may occur for a variety of reasons that do not necessarily reflect negatively on the professional competence or conduct of the physician. A payment settlement of a medical malpractice action or claim should not be construed as creating a presumption that medical malpractice has occurred.

Additional claims information may have been reported to the Department of Financial Services. To check their web site, please click [here](#).

There have not been any reported liability actions, which are required to be reported under section 456.049, F. S., within the previous 10 years.

Optional Information

Committees/Memberships

This practitioner has an affiliation with the following committees:
AMERICAN UROGYNECOLOGICAL SOCIETY
WILLIAM A LITTLE SOCIETY-MEMBER EX OFFICES
SOCIETY OF LAPROENDOSCOPIC SURGEONS
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNECOLOGIST-JUNIOR FE
FLORIDA OBSTETRIC & GYNECOLOGIC SOCIETY
CHAIRMAN JUNIOR FELLOWS FL SECTION DISTRICT IV
VICE-CHAIRMAN JUNIOR FELLOWS FL SECTION DISTRICT IV
SOUTHERN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
INTERNATIONAL UROGYNECOLOGIC ASSOCIATION

Professional or Community Service Awards

This practitioner has provided the following professional or community service activities, honors, or awards:

Community Service/Award/Honor	Organization
RESIDENT REPORTER	
ADMINISTRATIVE CHEIF RESIDENT UNIV OF MIAMI/JACKSON MEMORI	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI/JACKSON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
GEORGE W PAFF AWARD	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Community Service/Award/Honor	Organization
DISTRICT IV ACOG/FOGS-1ST PLACE RESIDENT FORUM ORAL PRESEN	AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS
BEST OF THE BEST -LAKELAND	THE LEDGER

Publications

This practitioner has authored the following publications in peer-reviewed medical literature within the previous ten years:

Title	Publication	Date
PERINATAL MORBIDITY:A COMPARISON OF VACUUM DELIVERIES & SP	ABSTRACT OBSTET GYNECOL	07/01/2001

Professional Web Page

watsonclinic.com

Languages Other Than English

This practitioner has indicated that the following languages other than English are used to communicate with patients, or that a translation service is available for patients, at his/her primary place of practice.

SPANISH

ARABIC

Other Affiliations

This practitioner has not provided any national, state, local, county, or professional affiliations.