

BEFORE THE
OREGON MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of)
STEPHAN ANTHONY AMES, MD) STIPULATED ORDER
LICENSE NO. MD16281)

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8 The Oregon Medical Board (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing,
9 regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including physicians, in the state of
10 Oregon. Stephan Anthony Ames, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the state of
11 Oregon.

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13 On October 15, 2013, the Board issued a Complaint and Notice of Proposed
14 Disciplinary Action in which it proposed taking disciplinary action pursuant to ORS
15 677.205(2), to include the revocation of license, a \$10,000 civil penalty, and assessment of
16 costs against Licensee pursuant to ORS 677.205 for violations of the Medical Practice Act, to
17 wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as defined in ORS
18 677.188(4)(a) and ORS 677.190(13) gross or repeated acts of negligence. A contested case
19 hearing was held on June 17, 18, and 23, 2014.

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21 The Board concludes that Licensee engaged in the following acts and conduct that
22 violated the Medical Practice Act:

23 On September 24 and 25, 2012, Licensee went to the residence of Patient A, an adult
24 female, to help her pack her family's belongings as they were moving to another residence.
25 Patient A and her husband were long-time friends and patients of Licensee. Licensee found
26 himself alone with Patient A and her two young children for extended periods of time. On
27 September 25, 2012, in response to Patient A's complaints of low back pain, Licensee

1 provided treatment to Patient A by placing his hands upon her back and performing what he
2 has described as an osteopathic manipulative thrust. Licensee breached professional
3 boundaries by remaining alone in the residence with Patient A, and by performing treatment
4 in that setting. Licensee was not adequately trained to provide osteopathic treatment. This
5 treatment did not cause physical harm, but Patient A subsequently suffered emotional distress.

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7 Licensee and the Board desire to settle this matter by entry of this Stipulated Order.
8 Licensee understands that he has the right to a contested case hearing under the
9 Administrative Procedures Act (chapter 183), Oregon Revised Statutes. Licensee fully and
10 finally waives the right to any appeal in this case by the signing of and entry of this Order in
11 the Board's records. Licensee does not admit, but the Board finds that Licensee engaged in
12 conduct that violated ORS 677.190(1)(a), as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a); and ORS
13 677.190(13). Licensee understands that this Order is a public record and is a disciplinary
14 action that is reportable to the National Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical
15 Boards.

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17 Licensee and the Board agree to resolve this matter by the entry of this Stipulated
18 Order subject to the following terms and conditions of probation:

19 5.1 Licensee is reprimanded

20 5.2 Licensee is assessed a \$2,500 civil penalty, payable in full within 60 days from
21 the signing of this Order.

22 5.3 Licensee must complete a course in professional boundaries, it is noted that
23 Licensee has completed such a course.

24 5.4 Licensee, who has an unrestricted license as an allopathic physician to practice
25 in a clinical setting, must not provide any form of treatment to any patient outside of the
26 clinical setting unless he is responding as a Good Samaritan to a life threatening medical
27 emergency.

1 5.5 Licensee may practice as an allopathic physician without restriction, but he has
2 not received formal osteopathic training and must not perform osteopathic manipulations.

3 5.6 This Order terminates the Interim Stipulated Order, dated August 15, 2013.

4 5.7 Licensee stipulates and agrees that this Order becomes effective the date it is
5 signed by the Board Chair.

6 5.8 Licensee must obey all federal and Oregon state laws and regulations
7 pertaining to the practice of medicine.

8 5.9 Licensee stipulates and agrees that any violation of the terms of this Order
9 shall be grounds for further disciplinary action under ORS 677.190(17).

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11 IT IS SO STIPULATED THIS 31st day of July, 2015.

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STEPHAN ANTHONY AMES, MD

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IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 8th day of October, 2015.

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**MICHAEL MASTRANGELO, JR., MD
BOARD CHAIR**

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