BEFORE THE

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of PATRICK JOHN BERGIN, MD LICENSE NO. MD 15838	)))))	INTERIM STIPULATED ORDER

1.

The Board of Medical Examiners (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including physicians, in the state of Oregon. Patrick John Bergin, MD (Licensee) holds an active license to practice medicine in the state of Oregon.

2.

On October 20, 2002, Licensee was arrested by police in Eugene, Oregon, on suspicion of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Licensee's blood-alcohol level was tested at 0.13 percent. Licensee underwent a comprehensive, psychiatric fitness-for-duty evaluation by a California psychiatrist, who reviewed legal records, conducted interviews of health professionals, and interviewed Licensee in-person twice in November 2002. This psychiatrist concluded that Licensee is "not fit for duty," provided a diagnosis, and recommended that Licensee enter a residential treatment program. To date, Licensee has not entered a residential treatment program.

Due to the facts described above, the Board is concerned that Licensee may lack the ability to safely and competently practice medicine.

3.

In order to address the Board's concerns, Licensee and the Board agree to the entry of this Stipulated Order, which provides that Licensee shall comply with the following conditions:

3.1 Effective the date Licensee signs this Order; Licensee voluntarily withdraws from the practice of medicine pending the completion of the Board's investigation into his competency to practice medicine.

4.

At the conclusion of the Board's investigation, Licensee's status will be reviewed in an expeditious manner. If the Board determines, following that review, that Licensee shall not be permitted to return to the practice of medicine, Licensee may request a hearing to contest that decision.

5.

This order is issued by the Board pursuant to ORS 677.420(1) for the purpose of making a complete investigation in order to fully inform itself with respect to the performance or conduct of the Licensee and Licensee's ability to safety and competently practice medicine. Pursuant to ORS 677.425, Board investigative materials are confidential and shall not be subject to public disclosure, nor shall they be admissible as evidence in any judicial proceeding. This Order, however, is a public document and is reportable to the National Practitioner Databank.

IT IS SO STIPULATED THIS 19th day of December, 2002.

PATRICK JOHN BERGIN, MD

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 17th day of January, 2003.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MARCIA DARM, MD
Board Chair