

BEFORE THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of)
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STEVEN RAY BERANEK, MD) STIPULATED ORDER
LICENSE NO. MD24812)
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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. Steven Ray Beranek, MD (Licensee) holds an inactive license to practice medicine in the state of Oregon, pursuant to an Interim Stipulated Order issued by the Board on April 12, 2007.

2.

The Board proposed taking disciplinary action pursuant to ORS 677.205 against Licensee for violations of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a) and ORS 677.190(14) gross or repeated acts of negligence.

3.

During his initial application of an Oregon medical license in 2003, Licensee disclosed a history of prior disciplinary action, beginning in 1992, when his hospital credentials were suspended at Harborview Hospital in Seattle, Washington, for inappropriately touching a female nurse and creating a hostile work environment. Licensee received sexual harassment training and his privileges were restored. After moving to Alabama, Licensee clinical privileges at Medical Center Enterprise, Alabama, were revoked in September, 2000, based upon pattern of inappropriate and unprofessional conduct by Licensee towards female staff members. Licensee was subsequently disciplined for this misconduct by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. When Licensee applied for an Oregon license, Licensee presented records of his mental health

1 evaluations and follow-up therapy. Licensee assured the Board that he had learned from his
2 mistakes and that the aforementioned misconduct would not happen again. The Board
3 subsequently received complaints relating to Licensee's conduct in Oregon. The Board initiated
4 an investigation that resulted in credible information being developed that Licensee has
5 continued to engage in inappropriate conduct within the workplace with both female patients and
6 female hospital staff.

7 During the course of the Board's investigation the Licensee, accompanied by his legal
8 counsel, was interviewed regarding the above-mentioned alleged conduct. Licensee admitted to
9 engaging in various sexual boundary violations with adult female patients within a clinical
10 setting for his own sexual gratification. Licensee also admitted to engaging in multiple acts of
11 unwanted sexualized conduct directed at female hospital staff members while in or on hospital
12 property for his own sexual gratification.

13 The information developed by the Board during its investigation, corroborated by the
14 Licensee's admissions, has led the Board to conclude that the Licensee's conduct has violated the
15 Medical Practice Act.

16 4.

17 Licensee and the Board agree to close this investigation and that Licensee will cease from
18 practicing as a physician in the state of Oregon by surrendering his license under investigation,
19 consistent with the terms of this Order. Licensee admits and the Board finds that Licensee
20 engaged in the conduct alleged in paragraph 3 and that this conduct violated: ORS 677.190(1)(a)
21 unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a); ORS 677.190(14)
22 gross negligence or repeated negligence in the practice of medicine. Licensee understands that
23 he has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act (chapter
24 183), Oregon Revised Statutes and fully and finally waives the right to a contested case hearing
25 and any appeal therefrom by the signing of and entry of this Order in the Board's records.
26 Licensee understands that this document is a public record and is reportable to the National
27 Practitioner Data Bank.

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Licensee and the Board agree to resolve this matter by entering into this Stipulated Order subject to the following conditions:

5.1 Licensee surrenders his license to practice medicine while under investigation. This surrender becomes effective the date the Board Chair signs this Order.

5.2 Licensee stipulates and agrees that he will never apply for a license to practice medicine in Oregon.

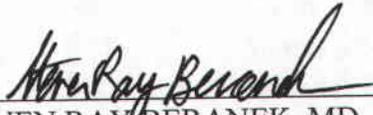
5.3 By the terms of this agreement, Licensee will not practice any form of medicine, to include administrative medicine and independent medical examinations (IMEs).

5.4 Licensee stipulates and agrees that any violation of the terms of this Order shall be grounds for further disciplinary action under ORS 677.190(18).

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This Order becomes effective the date the Board Chair signs this Order.

IT IS SO STIPULATED this 26 day of December, 2007.


STEVEN RAY BERANEK, MD

IT IS SO ORDERED this 10th day of January, 2008.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
State of Oregon


DAVID R. GRUBE, MD
BOARD CHAIR