

BEFORE THE  
OREGON MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of )  
ELIZEBETH ROSE HARMON, MD ) STIPULATED ORDER  
LICENSE NO. MD15582 )

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

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13 On June 2, 2016, the Board issued a Complaint and Notice of Proposed Disciplinary  
14 Action, alleging possible violations of the Medical Practice Act.

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16 Licensee and the Board desire to settle this matter by entry of this Stipulated Order.  
17 Licensee understands that she has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative  
18 Procedures Act (chapter 183), Oregon Revised Statutes. Licensee fully and finally waives the  
19 right to a contested case hearing and any appeal therefrom by the signing of and entry of this  
20 Order in the Board's records. Licensee denies, but the Board finds that she engaged in the  
21 conduct described in the Complaint and Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action referenced  
22 above, and that this conduct violated ORS 677.190(1)(a), as defined by ORS 677.188(4)(a); and  
23 ORS 677.190(13). Licensee understands that this Order is a public record and is a disciplinary  
24 action that is reportable to the National Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

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

4        4.1      Licensee must pay a civil penalty of \$4,000 within 90 days from the date the  
5        Board Chair signs this Order.

6        4.2      Within one year from the signing of this Order by the Board Chair and at her own  
7        expense, Licensee must successfully complete a course on medical documentation and a course  
8        in the management of post-operative complications that are pre-approved by the Board's Medical  
9        Director. It is noted that Licensee has completed the course in management of post-operative  
10       complications.

11       4.3      For all of her post-operative patients, Licensee must be available within 30  
12       minutes to follow up on any reported complication. A scheduled on-call physician seeing the  
13       patient on Licensee's behalf satisfies this requirement.

14       4.4      Within 60 days from the signing of this Order, Licensee must, at her own  
15       expense, enter into an agreement with a licensed physician who is pre-approved by the Board's  
16       Medical Director to serve as her practice mentor. Licensee must meet with the approved mentor  
17       at least twice a month, and the mentor must review, on an ongoing basis, at least 20% of charts  
18       for patients who underwent any operative procedure performed by Licensee. The mentor is to  
19       provide quarterly written reports to the Board on Licensee's ability to safely and competently  
20       practice medicine. Licensee may request to terminate this term after one full year of compliance,  
21       four quarterly reports from the mentor, and a recommendation of termination from the mentor.

22       4.5      Licensee must submit all surgical cases with post-operative complications within  
23       60 days of the operation or procedure, to include infections, transfusions, and/or hospitalizations,  
24       to the approved mentor for review. Any such cases must be included in the quarterly reports  
25       submitted to the Board by the mentor. The reports must identify the patient, the complication,  
26       and the manner in which Licensee identified the complication and provided post-operative

1 medical care. Licensee may request to terminate this term after one full year of compliance, four  
2 quarterly reports from the mentor, and a recommendation of termination from the mentor.

3       4.6    Licensee's medical records are subject to no-notice audits by the Board's  
4   Compliance Officers.

5       4.7    Licensee stipulates and agrees that this Order becomes effective the date it is  
6   signed by the Board Chair.

7       4.8    Licensee must obey all federal and Oregon state laws and regulations pertaining  
8   to the practice of medicine.

9       4.9    Licensee stipulates and agrees that any violation of the terms of this Order shall  
10   be grounds for further disciplinary action under ORS 677.190(17).

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12           IT IS SO STIPULATED THIS 21 day of June, 2017.

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14           ELIZEBETH ROSE HARMON, MD  
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16           IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

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18           OREGON MEDICAL BOARD  
19           State of Oregon  
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22           MICHAEL MASTRANGELO, JR, MD  
23           BOARD CHAIR  
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