

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

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2.1 Licensee is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and practicing in Salem, Oregon.

2.2 On July 13, 2017, Licensee entered into a Stipulated Order with the Board for violations of ORS 677.190(1)(a) and 677.190(13).

2.3 On January 19, 2018, Licensee entered into an Interim Stipulated Order with the Board in which she agreed not to perform lipoplasty.

2.4 On July 12, 2018, Licensee entered into an Interim Stipulated Order with the Board in which she agreed to voluntarily follow the Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guidelines in the treatment of patients with estrogen, testosterone, or thyroid hormones; cease the treatment of premenopausal women with testosterone; cease the treatment of male patients with testosterone whose testosterone levels are within the normal range; and cease the treatment of patients whose thyroid-stimulating levels are within the normal range pending the completion of the Board's investigation.

2.5 The Board voted to issue an Order of Emergency Suspension of Licensee's medical license on January 10, 2019, which order is currently enjoined and before the Oregon Court of Appeals.

1 2.6 On February 7, 2022, the Board issued a Fourth Amended Complaint and Notice
2 of Proposed Disciplinary Action (Notice) in which the Board proposed to take disciplinary action
3 against Licensee pursuant to ORS 677.205(2), including the revocation of license, a \$10,000
4 civil penalty per violation, and costs of the proceeding, for violations of the Medical Practice
5 Act, specifically: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as defined by
6 ORS 677.188(4)(a) any conduct or practice which does or might constitute a danger to the health
7 or safety of a patient, ORS 677.188(4)(b) willful performance of any surgical or medical
8 treatment which is contrary to acceptable medical standards, and ORS 677.188(4)(c)
9 administration of unnecessary treatment and failure to obtain consultations when failing to do so
10 is not consistent with the standard of care; ORS 677.190(9) making statements that Licensee
11 knew, or with the exercise of reasonable care should know, are false and misleading, regarding
12 efficacy or value of the medicine, treatment or remedy prescribed or administered by Licensee;
13 ORS 677.190(13) repeated acts of negligence; ORS 677.190(13) gross negligence; and ORS
14 677.190(17) willfully violating any board rule or order.

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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 neither admits nor denies, but the Board finds that
21 Licensee committed the violations as alleged in the February 7, 2022, Fourth Amended
22 Complaint and Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action. Licensee understands that this Order is
23 a public record and is a disciplinary action that is reportable to the National Practitioner Data
24 Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards. Licensee understands the terms of this Order
25 and signs freely, without fraud or duress.

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For at least three years prior to the effective date of this Stipulated Order, Licensee has been in full compliance with her: July 13, 2017, Stipulated Order; January 2018 Interim Stipulated Order; and, July 12, 2018, Interim Stipulated Order. Therefore, Licensee and the Board agree to resolve this matter by the entry of this Stipulated Order subject to the following terms and conditions:

4.1 Licensee is reprimanded.

4.2 Licensee is assessed a civil penalty of \$2,500, due within 90 days of the effective date of this Stipulated Order.

4.3 Licensee must not treat male patients with any hormone except insulin.

4.4 Licensee may treat only post-menopausal female patients with testosterone, and may do so only if the following conditions are met:

4.4.1 Licensee has diagnosed Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder using the criteria in the DSM-5, and has documented such in the patient's chart.

4.4.2 Licensee must obtain the patient's baseline free testosterone level via serum free and total testosterone testing.

4.4.3 Licensee's testosterone treatment of the patient may not exceed normal pre-menopausal testosterone levels. "Normal pre-menopausal testosterone levels" means the patient's free testosterone is within the pre-menopausal reference range as stated by the laboratory that conducted the serum free and total testosterone tests.

4.4.4 Licensee must monitor the patient's testosterone levels via serum free and total testosterone testing at least every six months and adjust doses to ensure they remain within normal pre-menopausal levels.

4.4.5 Prior to initiating testosterone treatment or, if such treatment has already commenced before the effective date of this Stipulated Order, prior to continuing testosterone treatment, Licensee must obtain the patient's informed consent regarding testosterone treatment with an informed consent form pre-approved by the Board's Medical Director.

1 4.5 Term 4.4 terminates two years from the date this Stipulated Order becomes
2 effective.

3 4.6 Licensee may not perform Level II or Level III office-based surgeries as the sole
4 proceduralist until she has performed at least five Level II or Level III office-based surgeries
5 with a co-proceduralist who has been pre-approved by the Board's Medical Director.

6 4.7 For two years from the date this Stipulated Order becomes effective, Licensee is
7 subject to no-notice chart audit and review, including on-site visits conducted no more frequently
8 than every six months.

9 4.8 Licensee must inform the Compliance Section of the Board of any and all practice
10 sites, as well as any changes in practice address(es), employment, or practice status within 10
11 business days. Additionally, Licensee must notify the Compliance Section of any changes in
12 contact information within 10 business days.

13 4.9 The Stipulated Order of July 13, 2017, terminates upon the effective date of this
14 Stipulated Order.

15 4.10 The Interim Stipulated Order of January 19, 2018, terminates upon the effective
16 date of this Stipulated Order.

17 4.11 The July 12, 2018, Interim Stipulated Order, terminates upon the effective date of
18 this Stipulated Order.

19 4.12 The Order of Emergency Suspension of January 10, 2019, is withdrawn upon the
20 effective date of this Stipulated Order.

21 4.13 Licensee must obey all federal and Oregon state laws and regulations pertaining
22 to the practice of medicine.

23 4.14 Licensee stipulates and agrees that any violation of the terms of this Order shall
24 be grounds for further disciplinary action under ORS 677.190(17).

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1 4.15 Licensee stipulates and agrees that this Order becomes effective the date it is
2 signed by the Board Chair.

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4 IT IS SO STIPULATED THIS 17 day of Feb., 2022.

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7 ELIZABETH ROSE HARMON, MD

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9 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 24 day of February, 2022.

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11 OREGON MEDICAL BOARD
12 State of Oregon
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14 ROBERT M. CAHN, MD
15 BOARD CHAIR