

Oregon Medical Board
BOARD ACTION REPORT
September 15, 2013

The information contained in this report summarizes new, interim, and final actions taken by the Oregon Medical Board between August 16, 2013 and September 15, 2013.

Scanned copies of Interim Stipulated Orders, Orders of Emergency Suspension, Stipulated Orders, Final Orders, Termination Orders, Modification Orders and Voluntary Limitations are included at the end of this report in the order that they appear in the report. These orders are marked with an * asterisk. **Scanned copies of Corrective Action Agreements and Consent Agreement are not posted, as they are not disciplinary action and impose no practice limitations.** Complaint and Notices of Proposed Disciplinary Action are not listed in this report, as they are not final actions by the Board. Both Orders, however, are public and are available upon request.

Printed copies of the Board Orders not provided with this report are available to the public. To obtain a printed copy of a Board Order not provided in this report, please complete a Service Request Form (<http://egov.oregon.gov/BME/PDFforms/VerDispMalFillin.pdf>) found under the Licensee Information Request Form link on the Board's web site, submit it with the \$10.00 fee *per licensee* and mail to:

Oregon Medical Board
1500 SW 1st Ave, Ste 620
Portland, OR 97201

Copies of the Orders listed below are mailed to Oregon hospitals where the Licensee had self-reported that he/she has privileges.

***Abbassian, Soraya Ann, MD; MD23436**

On September 11, 2013, Licensee entered into a Stipulated Order with the Board for unprofessional or dishonorable conduct; making statements that the licensee knows are false or misleading; gross or repeated negligence; willfully violating any provision of the Medical Practice Act, Board order or regulation; refusing an invitation for an informal interview with the Board; violation of the federal Controlled Substances Act; and prescribing controlled substances without following accepted procedures for examination of patients and without following accepted procedures for record keeping. This Order reprimands Licensee; permanently surrenders Licensee's medical license; and fines Licensee \$10,000. This order prohibits Licensee from the following: applying for any healthcare license; practicing medicine or volunteering as a practitioner in the medical field; assisting any practitioner who prescribes controlled substances; prescribing or having access to controlled substances as part of her employment or volunteer service; and performing any surgical or cosmetic procedure.

***Hansill, John David, MD; MD153764; Ontario, OR**

On August 23, 2013, Licensee entered into an Interim Stipulated Order in which he agreed to conduct all examinations of, or procedures on female patients in the presence of a medically trained chaperone, and work only at sites pre-approved by the Board's Medical Director.

If you have any questions regarding this service, please call the Board at (971) 673-2700 or toll-free within Oregon at (877) 254-6263.

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BEFORE THE
OREGON MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of,)
SORAYA ANN ABBASSIAN, MD) STIPULATED ORDER
LICENSE NO. MD 23436)

1.

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. Soraya Ann Abbassian, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the state of Oregon with a suspended license status due to an emergency action by the Board.

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2.1 The Board opened an investigation based on credible information and during the investigation found that Licensee had engaged in conduct that violated the Medical Practice Act. On January 12, 2012, the Board issued a Complaint and Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action in which the Board proposed taking disciplinary action for violating the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a),(b), and (c); 677.190(9) making statements that the licensee knows are false or misleading; 677.190(13), gross or repeated negligence; ORS 677.190(17) willfully violating any provision of the Medical Practice Act, Board order or regulation to include failure to obtain the informed consent of patients per ORS 677.097; ORS 677.190(22) refusing an invitation for an informal interview with the Board, as requested under ORS 677.415; ORS 677.190(23) violation of the federal Controlled Substances Act; and ORS 677.190(24) prescribing controlled substances without following accepted procedures for examination of patients and without following accepted procedures for record keeping.

2.2 On December 23, 2010, the Board issued an Order of Emergency Suspension upon receiving credible information on the death of a patient which occurred after a procedure at

1 Licensee's clinic. On December 23, 2010, Licensee requested a hearing on the Emergency
2 Suspension. On January 13, 2011, the Board issued a Corrected Order of Emergency Suspension
3 with a single change within the phrase of "Providence Health System" to "Providence Health
4 Plan." On March 22, 2011, Licensee withdrew her request for a hearing on the Order of
5 Emergency Suspension, and the Board continued its investigation.

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7 Licensee engaged in acts and conduct that violated the Medical Practice Act, as follows:

8 3.1 The Board opened an investigation after Licensee failed two billing and chart
9 audits between November 2007 and December 2008 at Providence Health Plan. Rather than
10 complete a corrective action plan, Licensee elected to terminate her insurance panel contract with
11 Providence in July 2009. At the Board's request, she subsequently underwent an assessment at
12 the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP) in Denver, Colorado. The CPEP
13 assessment report, dated July 6, 2010, found that Licensee's medical knowledge had numerous
14 deficiencies.

15 3.2 The Board reviewed ten patient charts (Patients C – L) that revealed a pattern of
16 practice deficiencies.

17 3.3 On December 15, 2010, at about 10:00 p.m., Licensee initiated a medical surgical
18 procedure at Licensee's medical clinic in northeast Portland without staff assistance on Patient
19 A, a 59-year-old female. Licensee administered a local anesthetic -- lidocaine mixed with
20 Marcaine [bupivacaine] -- by making multiple subcutaneous injections into the skin of Patient
21 A's abdominal wall. Shortly thereafter, Patient A reportedly began to complain of chest pain and
22 shortness of breath. Patient A subsequently had a seizure and became unresponsive. Patient A
23 subsequently expired. The Chief State Medical Examiner, who is a licensed physician in Oregon,
24 conducted an autopsy and concluded that Patient A had suffered an anoxic brain injury. The
25 cause of death was listed as: "TOXIC EFFECTS OF BUPIVACAINE (MARCAINE) AND
26 LIDOCAINE."

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Licensee and the Board agree to close this investigation with this Stipulated Order in which Licensee agrees to surrender her license while under investigation, consistent with the terms of this Order. Licensee **neither admits or denies** but the Board finds that Licensee engaged in the conduct referenced or described in Paragraphs 2 and 3, which violated ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a),(b), and (c); 677.190(9) making statements that the licensee knows are false or misleading; 677.190(13), gross or repeated negligence; ORS 677.190(17) willfully violating any provision of the Medical Practice Act, Board order or regulation; ORS 677.190(22) refusing an invitation for an informal interview with the Board, as requested under ORS 677.415; ORS 677.190(23) violation of the federal Controlled Substances Act; and ORS 677.190(24) prescribing controlled substances without following accepted procedures for examination of patients and without following accepted procedures for record keeping. Licensee understands that she has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act (chapter 183), Oregon Revised Statutes, and fully and finally waives the right to a contested case hearing and any appeal therefrom by the signing of and entry of this Order in the Board's records. Licensee understands that this document is a public record that will be reported to the Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

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Licensee and the Board agree to resolve this matter by the entry of this Stipulated Order, subject to the following conditions:

5.1 Licensee is reprimanded for her disregard of professional ethics, patient safety, and lack of clinical judgment.

5.2 Licensee permanently surrenders her license under investigation, effective the date that the Board's Chair signs this Order.

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1 5.3 Licensee stipulates that she will never re-apply for a medical license in Oregon.
2 Licensee further stipulates that she will never apply with any other healthcare licensing agency in
3 the United States or its territories, or in any other jurisdiction, territory, province, country or
4 commonwealth.

5 5.4 Licensee agrees never to practice allopathic or osteopathic medicine as a medical
6 doctor; not take employment as or volunteer as a nurse, physician's assistant, certified nurse's
7 assistant, naturopathic or homeopathic practitioner; and shall not be an assistant or consultant to
8 any of those practitioners or any other health care practitioner who prescribes controlled
9 substances.

10 5.5 Licensee agrees that she will never hold employment or take a volunteer position
11 that allows access to controlled substances as part of that employment or volunteer position.

12 5.6 Licensee agrees never to prescribe controlled substances, perform any surgical
13 procedure, or assist in any cosmetic procedure in any capacity.

14 5.7 Licensee must pay the maximum fine of \$10,000, with four installments of \$2,500
15 over the course of four years, with the first installment of \$2,500 to be paid in full 180 days after
16 this Order is signed by the Board's Chair, and the remaining three installments of \$2,500 to be
17 paid in full every 365 days thereafter.

18 5.8 The January 13, 2011, Order of Emergency Suspension is terminated effective the
19 date this Order is signed by the Board Chair.

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1 5.9 Licensee stipulates and agrees that any violation of the terms of this Order would
2 be grounds for further disciplinary action under ORS 677.190(17).

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4 IT IS SO STIPULATED this 10 day of September, 2013.

5 SIGNATURES REDACTED

6 ~~SORAYA ANN ABBASSIAN, MD~~

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8 IT IS SO ORDERED this 11 day of Sept, 2013.

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10 OREGON MEDICAL BOARD
11 State of Oregon

12 SIGNATURES REDACTED

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14 ROGER M. McKIMMY, MD
15 BOARD CHAIR

BEFORE THE
OREGON MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of)	
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JOHN DAVID HANSILL, MD)	INTERIM STIPULATED ORDER
LICENSE NO. MD153764)	
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1.

The Oregon Medical Board (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain healthcare providers, including physicians, in the state of Oregon. John David Hansill, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the state of Oregon.

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The Board received credible information regarding Licensee that resulted in the Board initiating an investigation. The results of the Board's investigation to date have raised concerns to the extent that the Board believes it necessary that Licensee enter into an Interim Stipulated Order with the Board until the investigation is completed.

3.

In order to address the concerns of the Board, Licensee and the Board agree to enter into this Interim Stipulated Order, which provides that Licensee shall comply with the following conditions effective the date this Order is signed by Licensee:

3.1 Licensee will not conduct any examination or medical procedure on a female patient without a medically trained chaperone being present throughout the course of the examination or procedure. The presence of the chaperone will be immediately documented in the patient chart. The chaperone shall be medically trained and not a friend or relative of the patient or physician.

3.2 Any practice setting for Licensee must be approved in advance by the Board's Medical Director.

1 3.3 Licensee understands that violating any term of this Order will be grounds for
2 disciplinary action under ORS 677.190(17).

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

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9 This Order is issued by the Board pursuant to ORS 677.265(1) and (2) for the purpose
10 of protecting the public, and making a complete investigation in order to fully inform itself with
11 respect to the performance or conduct of the Licensee and Licensee's ability to safely and
12 competently practice medicine. Pursuant to ORS 677.425, Board investigative materials are
13 confidential and shall not be subject to public disclosure. However, as a stipulation this Order is
14 a public document and is reportable to the national Data Bank and the Federation of State
15 Medical Boards.

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17 This Order becomes effective the date it is signed by the Licensee.

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19 IT IS SO STIPULATED THIS 23 day of August, 2013. 1170

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21 **SIGNATURES REDACTED**

22 ~~JOHN DAVID HANSILL, MD~~

23 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 23rd day of August, 2013.

24 State of Oregon
25 OREGON MEDICAL BOARD

26 **SIGNATURES REDACTED**

27 ~~KATHLEEN HALEY, JD~~ /
~~EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR~~