

Oregon Board of Medical Examiners
BOARD ACTION REPORT
April 16, 2007 – May 15, 2007

The information contained in this report summarizes new interim and final actions taken by the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners between **April 16, 2007 – May 15, 2007**.

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 Orders 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 as described below.

Printed copies of the Board Orders listed below are available to the public. To obtain a printed copy of a Board Order directly from the Board, please complete a [service request form](#) on the Board's web site, submit it with the \$10.00 fee *per licensee* and mail to:

Oregon Board of Medical Examiners
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.

***ALTER, Dale Newton, MD; MD20858; Heppner, OR**

The Oregon Board of Medical Examiners issued an Order of Suspension on May 10, 2007. The Board took this action based on its immediate concerns regarding the safety and welfare of Licensee's current and future patients.

GRAHAM, Barbara Ann, MD; MD15611; Portland, OR

Licensee entered into a Corrective Action Order with the Board on May 8, 2007. In this order, Licensee agreed to enroll in the physician's evaluation and renewal (PEER) program within 30 days and successfully complete the program within 24 months from her date of enrollment. Licensee will comply with board approved practice descriptions for her physician assistants. Licensee will complete a medical documentation course within 12 months that is pre-approved by the board's medical director. Licensee's practice is subject to unannounced visits by the Board staff to ensure compliance. This is not a disciplinary action.

KNOWLTON, David Alexander, MD; MD20529; Eugene, OR

Licensee entered into a Corrective Action Order with the Board on May 8, 2007. In this order, Licensee agreed to only work in practice settings that are pre-approved in writing by the Board's Medical Director. Licensee will established (or maintain) a physician/patient relationship with a mental health professional (approved by Board's Medical Director) who will submit quarterly reports to the Board. This is not a disciplinary action.

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*** KNOWLTON, David Alexander, MD; MD20529; Eugene, OR (Continued)**

An Order Terminating Stipulated Order was issued by the Board on May 8, 2007. This order terminated Licensee's April 18, 2002 Stipulated Order under the condition that Licensee enter into a Corrective Action Order.

*** MATTHEWS, James Michael, MD; MD16811; Newberg, OR**

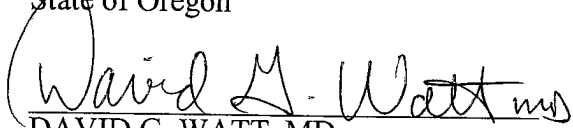
Licensee entered into an Interim Stipulated Order with the Board effective May 4, 2007. In this Order, Licensee voluntarily withdraws from the practice of medicine and his license is placed in Inactive status pending the completion of the Board's investigation into his ability to safely and competently practice medicine.

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.

1 request for a hearing, the Board will notify Licensee of the time and place of the hearing and will
2 hold a hearing as soon as practicable.

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4 IT IS SO ORDERED this 10 day of May, 2007.

5 BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
6 State of Oregon

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8 DAVID G. WATT, MD
9 Board Chair

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BEFORE THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of)
DAVID ALEXANDER KNOWLTON, MD) ORDER TERMINATING
LICENSE NO. MD20529) STIPULATED ORDER

1.

On April 18, 2002, David Alexander Knowlton, MD (Licensee) entered into a Stipulated Order with the Board of Medical Examiners (Board). This Order reprimanded Licensee, imposed a fine of \$5,000.00, and placed conditions on his license. On January 25, 2007, Licensee submitted a written request to terminate this Order.

2.

On March 8, 2007, the Investigative Committee of the Board forwarded this matter to the Board for discussion without recommendation. The Board reviewed this request at their quarterly meeting on April 12, 2007 and approved the request under the condition that Licensee enters into a Corrective Action Order requiring the following:

- Licensee will only work as a physician in practice settings that are pre-approved in writing by the Board's Medical Director.
- Licensee will establish (or maintain) a physician/patient relationship with a mental health professional approved by the Board's Medical Director. The mental health professional will submit quarterly reports to the Board documenting the Licensee's progress under his/her care. Licensee shall sign a release permitting these reports and mental health records to be accessible to the Board, and to allow for unrestricted communication between the mental health professional and the Board.

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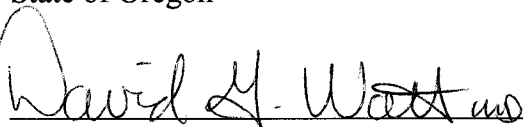
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2.

Having fully considered Licensee's recently signed Corrective Action Order with the above terms, the Board does hereby order that the April 18, 2002 Stipulated Order be terminated effective the date this Order is signed by the Board Chair.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 8 day of May, 2007.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
State of Oregon

DAVID G. WATT, MD
BOARD CHAIR

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BEFORE THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
STATE OF OREGON

MAY 8 2007

In the Matter of)
JAMES MICHAEL MATTHEWS, MD) INTERIM STIPULATED ORDER
LICENSE NO. MD16811)
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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. James Michael Matthews, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the state of Oregon.

2.

Licensee is a family practice physician practicing in Newberg, Oregon. On April 24, 2007, the Board of Medical Examiners received information from the Health Professionals Program (HPP) that Licensee was discharged from their program because of “continued repudiation of a substance use disorder diagnosis” and because he was “unable to successfully complete HPP.” As a result of this information the Board opened an investigation. The results of the investigation to date have raised concerns to the extent that the Board believes it necessary that Licensee agree to cease the practice of medicine until the investigation is completed.

3.

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

3.1 Licensee voluntarily withdraws from the practice of medicine and his license is placed in Inactive status pending the completion of the Board’s investigation into his ability to safely and competently practice medicine.

