

Oregon Medical Board  
**BOARD ACTION REPORT**  
**February 15, 2015**

The information contained in this report summarizes new, interim, and final actions taken by the Oregon Medical Board between January 16, 2015 and February 15, 2015.

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 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.*

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**Al-Mubarak, Ghada Abdulrahman, MD; MD170379; Coquille, OR**

On February 5, 2015, Applicant entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board. In this Agreement, Applicant agreed to have a Board-approved mentor present for the first 20 surgeries on patients under general anesthesia performed by Applicant.

**\*Buckler, Robert Earl, MD; MD13443; Newberg, OR**

On February 5, 2015, Licensee entered into an Interim Stipulated Order to voluntarily withdraw from the practice of inpatient geriatric psychiatry and limit his prescribing to geriatric patients pending the completion of the Board's investigation into his ability to safely and competently practice in this specialty.

**\*Foutz, Steven Riggs, MD; MD17523; Grants Pass, OR**

On February 9, 2015, Licensee entered into an Interim Stipulated Order to voluntarily cease treating chronic pain with DEA scheduled medications pending the completion of the Board's investigation into his ability to safely and competently practice medicine.

**\*Kempe, Kip Louis, MD; MD10387; Portland, OR**

On February 4, 2015, Licensee entered into an Interim Stipulated Order to voluntarily limit his treatment of and prescribing for chronic pain pending the completion of the Board's investigation into his ability to safely and competently practice medicine.

**\*Stringham, Charles Howard, MD; MD09749; Salem, OR**

On February 5, 2015, Licensee entered into an Interim Stipulated Order to voluntarily withdraw from practice and place his license in Inactive status pending the completion of the Board's investigation into his ability to safely and competently practice medicine.

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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

ROBERT EARL HUCKLER, MD  
LICENSEE NO. MD13443

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} INTERIM STIPULATED ORDER

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. Robert Earl Buckler, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the state of Oregon and holds an active medical license.

2.

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 agree to certain terms until the investigation is completed.

3.

In order to address the Board's concern, Licensee and the Board agree to the entry of this Interim Stipulated Order, which is not an admission of any wrongdoing on the part of the Licensee, and will remain in effect while this matter remains under investigation, and provides that Licensee shall comply with the following conditions:

3.1 Licensee must not practice inpatient geriatric psychiatry in any form, including the treatment of dementia or dementia related behaviors.

3.2 Licensee must not prescribe antipsychotics to patients 65 years of age and older.

3.3 Licensee must not prescribe antipsychotics for the treatment of dementia related behaviors in inpatient or outpatient settings.

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

**3.5 Licensee understands this Order becomes effective the date he signs it.**

4.

At the conclusion of the Board's investigation, the Board will decide whether to close the case or to proceed to some form of disciplinary action. If the Board determines, following that review, not to lift the requirements of this Order, Licensee may request a hearing to contest that decision.

**5.**

This order is issued by the Board pursuant to ORS 677.410, which grants the Board the authority to attach conditions to the license of Licensees to practice medicine. These conditions will remain in effect while the Board conducts a complete investigation in order to fully inform itself with respect to the conduct of Licensees. Pursuant to ORS 677.425, Board investigative materials are confidential and shall not be subject to public disclosure, nor shall they be admissible as evidence in any judicial proceeding. However, as a stipulation, this Order is a public document and is reportable to the National Databank and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

IT IS SO STIPULATED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

SIGNATURE REDACTED

**ROBERT EARL BUCKLER, MD**

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 5<sup>n</sup> day of February, 2015.

**OREGON MEDICAL BOARD**

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**KATHLEEN HALEY, JD**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

BEFORE THE  
OREGON MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of )  
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STEVEN RIGGS FOUTZ, MD ) INTERIM STIPULATED ORDER  
LICENSE NO. MD17523 )  
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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. Steven Riggs Foutz, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the state of Oregon and holds an active medical license.

2.

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 agree to certain terms until the investigation is completed.

3.

In order to address the Board's concern, Licensee and the Board agree to the entry of this Interim Stipulated Order, which is not an admission of any wrongdoing on the part of the Licensee, and will remain in effect while this matter remains under investigation, and provides that Licensee shall comply with the following conditions:

3.1 Ninety (90) day from the date of this Order, Licensee must stop treating any of his chronic pain patients with any DEA scheduled medications. For the purposes of this Order, chronic pain is defined as pain that persists or progresses over a period of time greater than 30 days.

3.2 From the date that Licensee signs this Order, Licensee must not begin treatment for chronic pain for any new or existing patient, and must not increase the dosage or add pain medication for any existing chronic pain patient.

3.3 Licensee may treat acute or intermittent pain, with short acting opiates for no more than 60 days per patient in a calendar year and not to exceed 60 morphine equivalent dose (MED) per day. In addition, Licensee must not combine benzodiazepines with Schedule II or III medications.

3.4 Licensee may continue to treat chronic pain for his current patients who are currently enrolled in hospice or have a life expectancy of less than six months. Licensee must certify on the written prescription that the patient is a hospice patient.

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

3.6 Licensee understands this Order becomes effective the date he signs it.

4.

At the conclusion of the Board's investigation, the Board will decide whether to close the case or to proceed to some form of disciplinary action. If the Board determines, following that review, not to lift the requirements of this Order, Licensee may request a hearing to contest that decision.

5.

This order is issued by the Board pursuant to ORS 677.410, which grants the Board the authority to attach conditions to the license of Licensee to practice medicine. These conditions will remain in effect while the Board conducts a complete investigation in order to fully inform itself with respect to the conduct of Licensee. Pursuant to ORS 677.425, Board investigative materials are confidential and shall not be subject to public disclosure, nor shall they be admissible

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2 and is reportable to the National Databank and the Federation of State Medical Boards.  
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4 IT IS SO STIPULATED THIS 9 day of February, 2015.

5 **SIGNATURE REDACTED**

6 STEVEN RIGGS FOUTZ, MD  
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8 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.  
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BEFORE THE  
OREGON MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of )  
KIP LOUIS KEMPLE, MD ) INTERIM STIPULATED ORDER  
LICENSE NO. MD10387 )  
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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. Kip Louis Kemple, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the state of Oregon and holds an active medical license.

2.

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 agree to certain terms until the investigation is completed.

3.

In order to address the Board's concern, Licensee and the Board agree to the entry of this Interim Stipulated Order, which is not an admission of any wrongdoing on the part of the Licensee, and will remain in effect while this matter remains under investigation, and provides that Licensee shall comply with the following conditions:

3.1 Licensee must not begin treatment for chronic pain for any new or existing patient, and must not increase the dosage or add pain medication for any existing chronic pain patient. For the purposes of this Order, chronic pain is defined as pain that persists or progresses over a period of time greater than 30 days. This term is effective the date Licensee signs this Order.



3.2 Licensee must initiate efforts to reduce patient morphine equivalent doses to 120 or less, and to reduce or eliminate the use of benzodiazepines and muscle relaxants in patients taking opioids. This term is effective the date Licensee signs this Order.

3.3 Effective May 1, 2015, Licensee must not treat chronic pain.

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

3.5 Licensee understands this Order becomes effective the date he signs it.

4.

At the conclusion of the Board's investigation, the Board will decide whether to close the case or to proceed to some form of disciplinary action. If the Board determines, following that review, not to lift the requirements of this Order, Licensee may request a hearing to contest that decision.

5.

This order is issued by the Board pursuant to ORS 677.410, which grants the Board the authority to attach conditions to the license of Licensee to practice medicine. These conditions will remain in effect while the Board conducts a complete investigation in order to fully inform itself with respect to the conduct of Licensee. Pursuant to ORS 677.425, Board investigative

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2 as evidence in any judicial proceeding. However, as a stipulation this Order is a public document  
3 and is reportable to the National Databank and the Federation of State Medical Boards.  
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5 IT IS SO STIPULATED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.  
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8 KIP LOUIS KEMPLE, MD

9 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.  
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12 State of Oregon

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BEFORE THE  
OREGON MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of )  
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CHARLES HOWARD STRINGHAM, MD ) INTERIM STIPULATED ORDER  
LICENSE NO. MD09749 )

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. Charles Howard Stringham, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the state of Oregon.

2.

The Board received credible information regarding Licensee that resulted in the Board initiating an investigation. On July 30, 2014, Licensee entered into an Interim Stipulated Order with the Board which placed limitations on Licensee's prescribing. The results of the Board's investigation to date have raised concerns to the extent that the Board now 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 enter into this Interim Stipulated Order, which is not an admission of any wrongdoing on the part of the Licensee, and provides that Licensee shall comply with the following conditions effective the date this Order is signed by Licensee:

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.

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

4.

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

5.

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

6.

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

IT IS SO STIPULATED THIS 5 day of February, 2015.

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CHANGES TO WARD STATIONERY, LTD.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR