

BEFORE THE
BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the License of:

Usha Honeyman, N.D.,

Licensee.

Case No. 21-02-07

**CONSENT ORDER AND SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT**

1.

The Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating, and disciplining naturopathic physicians in the State of Oregon, pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) chapter 685 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) chapter 850. Dr. Usha Honeyman, N.D. (Licensee) is a licensed naturopathic physician in Oregon and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

2.

The parties wish to resolve this matter informally, without any hearing, appeal or judicial review, by entering this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order, pursuant to ORS 183.417(3) on the terms set forth below. The Board finds, Licensee denies, but stipulates to the following:

3.

Licensee began treating Patient for Lyme disease in October of 2017. Licensee conducted a medical exam and completed a medical history for patient. Licensee conducted blood tests that indicated Patient had Lyme disease, and prescribed Patient Cefdinir and Minocycline.

4.

Patient had a history of reported heart issues and regularly sees a cardiologist. In 2019, Licensee prescribed Patient Azithromycin for a Bartonella infection without first conducting a cardiac

examination, and informed Patient that a known side effect is interference with the QT interval of the heart.

5.

Licensee prescribed Patient Azithromycin, with modifications based on the Patient's reports, from January 2019-June 2020. During this time, Patient reported seeking evaluation for chest pain and heart palpitations, but no cardiac problems were identified via her other providers and testing, and she was counseled on her anxiety. In 2020, due to COVID-19, Licensee transitioned her practice to telemedicine and did not examine Patient in person. Although Licensee inquired about the care, she did not obtain copies of the Patient's external records. Patient agreed to let Licensee speak to her cardiologist but did not provide the contact information.

6.

Based on the above conduct, Licensee denies, but the Board finds that Licensee's treatment of Patient violates ORS 685.110(8) and OAR 850-050-0010(1)(c)(B) for the following reasons: (1) not conducting a cardiac clinical exam prior to prescribing Azithromycin or during the following medical visits while the patient was taking Azithromycin; and (2) not requesting or reviewing medical records from any outside provider during the period of Azithromycin treatment.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

7.

The Board finds, and the Licensee denies the findings of facts and conclusions of law regarding the violations referenced in this settlement agreement and consent order. Licensee agrees that the Board may enter the Consent Order set forth below, including the following terms and conditions:

A. Public Reprimand.

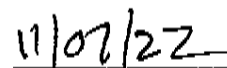
B. Licensee enters into this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order voluntarily and without any force or duress. Licensee states that the Board and Board staff have not made promises or representations not stated herein to induce her to sign this document and agree to issuance of the Order.

- C. Licensee acknowledges that she had the opportunity to seek the advice of legal counsel.
Licensee further acknowledges that she understands and agrees to the terms of this Order.
- D. Licensee understands that she has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act (ORS Chapter 183), and fully and finally waives any and all rights to a hearing and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order.
- E. The parties acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order is a public document.
- F. This Settlement Agreement and Consent Order shall take effect on the date it is signed by the Board.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

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Usha Honeyman, N.D.



Date

CONSENT ORDER

The Board issues the following order: Public Reprimand

DATED this 8 day of Nov 2022.

BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE - State of Oregon



Mary-Beth Baptista, Executive Director