

*August 10, 2010*

*Dear Licensees of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine,*

*It has come to the attention of the OBNM that various weight loss clinics are employing or attempting to employ Oregon ND's in order to obtain a controversial weight loss aid called HcG (human chorionic gonadotropin). Some of these weight loss clinics are currently under investigation by the Oregon Department of Justice. One Oregon ND has already been disciplined for being involved with one of these clinics. HcG requires a prescription by a licensed physician, and the package insert comes with a disclaimer that it has no affect as an adjunct to weight loss. The OBNM would like to advise Oregon naturopathic physicians not to get involved in any partnership with a clinic that may provide inadequate care to members of the public. Please note that when prescribing this or any other medication to a patient, appropriate chart notes, health history, physical examination, adequate training and follow up are necessary and your responsibility.*

*Practice in Health,*

*Members of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine*

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