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BEFORE THE

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

STATE OF OREGON

4	In the Matter of	)	
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5	JOHN G. BUCKMASTER, M.D.	)	STIPULATED ORDER
6	License # MD12764,	)	
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8       The Board of Medical Examiners (Board) is the state agency  
9 responsible for licensing and disciplining certain health care  
10 providers in Oregon, including medical doctors. John G. Buckmaster,  
11 M.D., is a licensee of the Board, who primarily has practiced  
12 OBGYN in Portland, Oregon.

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14       On December 9, 1994, as a result of an investigation by the  
15 Board, the license of Dr. Buckmaster was suspended on an emergency  
16 basis. That investigation revealed that Dr. Buckmaster previously  
17 had been in treatment for substance abuse, had multiple relapses,  
18 and was then engaging in conduct which constituted relapse  
19 behavior. That conduct was viewed by the Board's advisor on  
20 substance abuse as relapse behavior as well as the licensee  
21 himself. The licensee reported to the Board investigator that he  
22 considered himself a danger to his patients at that time.  
23 Licensee ceased the practice of medicine and attended a program of  
24 therapy and analysis of his problems.

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2 Following his return to Oregon from the treatment program,  
3 Dr. Buckmaster petitioned the Board to lift the order of  
4 Suspension subject to conditions. After considering the advice of  
5 its advisor on substance abuse, the investigator's report, and the  
6 licensee's past and recent conduct, the Board concludes that the  
7 public may be protected by the entry of an order, as follows:

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9 (1) Licensee shall maintain a formal relationship with the  
10 Board's Diversion Program and shall comply with all of the  
11 program's requirements, including random urine screening.

12 (2) Licensee shall undergo a program of psychotherapy with  
13 licensed psychologist Susanne Schumann, who shall file a written  
14 report to the Board before the first day of January, April, July,  
15 and October of each year on the progress of Dr. Buckmaster.

16 (3) Licensee shall attend one or more seminars approved by  
17 the Board which address both the issues of appropriate boundaries  
18 in the doctor-patient relationship and the issues of ethical  
19 considerations in the doctor-patient relationship.

20 (4) Licensee will have a strictly professional relationship  
21 with female patients and will not enter into a personal  
22 relationship with a female patient.

23 (5) Licensee will be accompanied by a female chaperone  
24 whenever examining, <sup>or</sup> treating, ~~or consulting with~~ a female patient. JB

25 (6) Licensee will notify the nursing and office personnel of  
26 his office of the terms of this order. Such personnel shall be

1 encouraged to report to the Board any indication by the licensee  
2 of inappropriate behavior or relationships with female patients.

3 (7) Licensee shall notify the medical staff of any hospital  
4 to which he submits a request for privileges, or from whom  
5 privileges are granted, of the terms of this order.

6 (8) If licensee is granted privileges at any hospital, he  
7 shall cause the Chief of Staff and the Administrator of such  
8 hospital to submit reports of his conduct relating to professional  
9 boundaries between physicians and patients on or before the first  
10 day of January, April, July and October of each year until  
11 otherwise ordered by the Board.

12 (9) Licensee shall report in person to the Board at each of  
13 its regular quarterly meetings until otherwise ordered by the  
14 Board.

15 (10) Evidence that the licensee has violated any of the above  
16 conditions or any provision of ORS 677.190 shall give the Board  
17 cause to vacate this order and to order suspension or revocation  
18 of his license.

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20 Licensee and the Board stipulate that this is an interim  
21 order and does not conclude the Board's investigation of his  
22 conduct leading up to this order. Licensee may be subject to  
23 further investigation, including appearing before the  
24 Investigative Committee and full Board for interviews, and the  
25 Board may propose to take disciplinary action, including  
26 suspension or revocation of his license.

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2 ORDER

3 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the license to practice medicine of  
4 John G. Buckmaster, M.D., is restored pending further  
5 investigation by the Board and subject to the limitations and  
6 conditions appearing in this order, and the Emergency Suspension  
7 Order entered on December 9, 1994, is vacated.

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9 IT IS SO STIPULATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of <sup>February</sup>~~January~~, 1995.

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12 JOHN G. BUCKMASTER, M.D.

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14 IT IS SO ORDERED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of <sup>February</sup>~~January~~, 1995.

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17 TERRY CONNOR, D.O., Chairman

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