BEFORE THE OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against:

Laurence A. Reich, D.O. 9903 Santa Monica Blvd., Sulte 744 Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon No. 20A4424

Respondent.

Case No. 2000-07-1060

OAH No. L-2003070702

STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted

by the Osteopathic Medical Board of California as its Decision in the above-entitled

matter.

This Decision shall become effective on APRIL 14, 2006.

IT IS SO ORDERED FEBRUARY 14, 2006.

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MICHAEL J. FEINSTEIN, D.O., PRESIDENT OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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9	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	ļ	
10	In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against: Case No. 2000-07-1060		
11	LAURENCE A. REICH, D.O. OAH No. L-2003070702		
12	9903 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 744STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER		
13	Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon No. 20A4424		
14	Respondent.		
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17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties in this		
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19	PARTIES		
20	1. Linda J. Bergmann (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the		
21	Osteopathic Medical Board of California. She brought this action solely in her official capacity		
22	and is represented in this matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, by		
23	E. A. Jones III, Deputy Attorney General.		
24	2. Laurence A. Reich, D.O. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by		
25	attorney Mark A. Levin, whose address is Lewin & Levin, 11377 West Olympic Boulevard, Los		
26	Angeles, California 90064-1683.		
27	3. On or about February 28, 1979, the Osteopathic Medical Board of	İ	
28	California issued Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon Certificate No. 20A4424 to Laurence A.		
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1	Reich, D.O. The Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon Certificate was in full force and effect at
2	ally times relevant to the charges brought in First Amended Accusation No. 2000-07-1060 and
3	will expire on October 31, 2006, unless renewed.
4	JURISDICTION
5	4. First Amended Accusation No. 2000-07-1060 was filed before the
6	Osteopathic Medical Board of California (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is
7	currently pending against Respondent. The First Amended Accusation and all other statutorily
8	required documents were properly served on Respondent on July 15, 2004. Respondent timely
9	filed his Notice of Defense contesting the First Amended Accusation. A copy of First Amended
10	Accusation No. 2000-07-1060 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.
11	ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS
12	5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and
13	understands the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 2000-07-1060.
14	Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of
15	this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
16	6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the
17	right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the First Amended Accusation; the right to be
18	represented by counsel, at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses
19	against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the
20	issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents;
21	the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded
22	by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
23	7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up
24	each and every right set forth above.
25	CULPABILITY
26	8. Respondent admits that on December 19, 2002, he pled no contest to a
27	criminal offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of an osteopathic
28	physician and surgeon, and agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders his
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Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon Certificate No. 20A4424 for the Board's formal acceptance.
 9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the
 Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon
 Certificate without further process.

RESERVATION

10. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of
this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Osteopathic Medical Board of California
or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other
criminal or civil proceeding.

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CONTINGENCY

11 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Osteopathic Medical Board of California. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the 12 staff of the Osteopathic Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Board 13 regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his 14 counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not 15 withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers 16 and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the 17 Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this 18 paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not 19 be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter. 20

12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated
Surrender of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force
and effect as the originals.

13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties
agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the
following Order:

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<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon Certificate No.

20A4424, issued to Respondent Laurence A. Reich, D.O. is surrendered and accepted by the
 Osteopathic Medical Board of California.

14. The surrender of Respondent's Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon
Certificate and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the
imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the
discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.

7 15. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a doctor of osteopathy in
8 California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

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16. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board both his wall and
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pocket license certificates on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

11 17. Respondent fully understands and agrees that if he ever files an application
12 for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a
13 petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and
14 procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all
15 of the charges and allegations contained in First Amended Accusation No. 2000-07-1060 shall be
16 deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to
17 grant or deny the petition.

18. Should Respondent ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification,
or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other heath care licensing agency in the State of
California, all of the charges and allegations contained in First Amended Accusation, No.

21 2000-07-1060 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of
any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

19. Respondent shall pay the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement
in the amount of \$20,000.00 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and
have fully discussed it with my attorney, Mark A. Levin. I understand the stipulation and the

effect it will have on my Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon Certificate. I enter into this 1 Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to 2 be bound by the Decision and Order of the Osteopathic Medical Board of California. 3 DATE: 2-9-06 4 5 6 7 URENCE A. REICH, D.O. 8 Respondent 9 10 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Laurence A. Reich, D.O. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and 11 Order. I approve its form and content. 12 DATED: 2-10-06 13 14 ÊVIÑ 15 Attorney for Respondent 16 17 <u>ENDORSEMENT</u> 18 The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Osteopathic Medical Board of California of the Department of 19 20 Consumer Affairs. 10/06 21 DATED: 22 23 BILL LOCKY R, Attorney General of the State of / alifornia 24 25 26 E. A. JONES/II Deputy Attorney General 27 Attomeys for Complainant 28 DOJ Docket Number/Matter ID: 03441160-LA02 2239 50077716.wpd 5

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First Amended Accusation No. 2000-07-1060

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12	LAURENCE A. REICH, D.O.	OAH No. L-2003070702
13	9903 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 744 Beverly Hills, CA 90212	<u>First Amended</u> A C C U S A T I O N
14	Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon No. 20A4424	No. 02-28
15	Respondent.	110. 02-20
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17	Complainant alleges:	
18	PARTIE	<u>S</u>
19	1. Linda J. Bergmann (Complai	nant) brings this First Amended Accusation
20	solely in her official capacity as the Executive Dir	
21	California, Department of Consumer Affairs.	
22	2. On or about February 28, 1979,	the Osteopathic Medical Board of California
23	issued Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon Numbe	
24	(Respondent). The Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon v	
25	to the charges brought herein and will expire on Octo	
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27	3. This First Amended Accusation	n is brought before the Osteopathic Medical
28	Board of California (Board), Department of Consumer	
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sections of the Osteopathic Act (Act).¹ 1 2 4. Section 2 of the Act states that the law governing licentiates of the Board is found in the Osteopathic Act and in Chapter 5 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions code 3 $(Code)^2$ 4 5 5. Section 2 of the Act states: 6 "The Osteopathic Medical Board of California shall enforce those portions of the 7 Medical Practice Act identified as Article 12 (commencing with Section 2220), of Chapter 8 5 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, as now existing or hereafter amended, as to persons who hold certificates subject to the jurisdiction of the Osteopathic Medical 9 10 Board of California...." 11 Section 3600 of the Code states that the law governing licentiates of the 6. Osteopathic Medical Board of California is found in the Osteopathic Act and in Chapter 5 of 12 Division 2, relating to medicine. 13 14 7. Section 726 of the Code states: 15 "The commission of any act of sexual abuse, misconduct, or relations with a patient, client, or customer constitutes unprofessional conduct and grounds for disciplinary action 16 17 for any person licensed under this division, under any initiative act referred to in this division and under Chapter 17 (commencing with Section 9000) of Division 3. 18 19 "This section shall not apply to sexual contact between a physician and surgeon and his or her spouse or person in an equivalent domestic relationship when that physician and 20 surgeon provides medical treatment, other than psychotherapeutic treatment, to his or her 21 spouse or person in an equivalent domestic relationship." 22 23 8. Section 2234 of the Code states: 24 1. The Osteopathic Act is an initiative measure that was approved by the electorate on 25 November 7, 1922. As a convenience, it appears in West's Annotated Business and Professions Code commencing at section 3600, and in the appendix of Deering's Business and 26 Professions Code, following section 25762. 27

^{28 2.} All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

The Division of Medical Quality shall take action against any licensee who is charged 1 with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional 2 3 conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following: (a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting 4 5 the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter. 6 (b) Gross negligence. 7 (c) Repeated negligent acts. 8 (d) Incompetence. (e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption which is 9 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon. 10 (f) Any action or conduct which would have warranted the denial of a certificate. 11 (g) The practice of medicine from this state into another state or country without 12 meeting the legal requirements of that state or country for the practice of medicine. Section 13 2314 shall not apply to this subdivision. This subdivision shall become operative upon the 14 implementation of the proposed registration program described in Section 2052.5. 15 16 9. Section 2236 of the Code states: (a) The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, 17 or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning 18 of this chapter. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that 19 20 the conviction occurred. (b) The district attorney, city attorney, or other prosecuting agency shall notify the 21 Division of Medical Quality of the pendency of an action against a licensee charging a felony 22 or misdemeanor immediately upon obtaining information that the defendant is a licensee. 23 The notice shall identify the licensee and describe the crimes charged and the facts alleged. 24 The prosecuting agency shall also notify the clerk of the court in which the action is pending 25 26 that the defendant is a licensee, and the clerk shall record prominently in the file that the 27 defendant holds a license as a physician and surgeon. (c) The clerk of the court in which a licensee is convicted of a crime shall, within 48 28

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hours after the conviction, transmit a certified copy of the record of conviction to the board.
The division may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of a crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.

(d) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction after a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section and Section 2236.1. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred.

COST RECOVERY

9 10. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request
10 the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations
11 of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
12 enforcement of the case.

MEDI-CAL REIMBURSEMENT

11. Section 14124.12 of the Welfare and Institutions Code states, in part:

15 "(a) Upon receipt of written notice from the Medical Board of California, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, or the Board of Dental Examiners of California, that a 16 licensee's license has been placed on probation as a result of a disciplinary action, the department 17 may not reimburse any Medi-Cal claim for the type of surgical service or invasive procedure that 18 gave rise to the probation, including any dental surgery or invasive procedure, that was performed 19 by the licensee on or after the effective date of probation and until the termination of all probationary 20terms and conditions or until the probationary period has ended, whichever occurs first. This section 21 shall apply except in any case in which the relevant licensing board determines that compelling 22 circumstances warrant the continued reimbursement during the probationary period of any Medi-Cal 23 claim, including any claim for dental services, as so described. In such a case, the department shall 24 continue to reimburse the licensee for all procedures, except for those invasive or surgical procedures 25 26 for which the licensee was placed on probation."

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1	FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
2	(Conviction of a Crime)	
- 3	12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2236 of the Code	
4	in that he was convicted of a crime that was substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or	
5	duties of a physician and surgeon. The circumstances are as follows:	
6	13. On or about December 9, 2002, in a criminal proceeding entitled <i>The People</i>	
7	of the State of California v. Laurence A. Reich in Los Angeles County Superior Court, case number	
8	LA041280, respondent was convicted, on a plea of nolo contendere, of one count of sexual	
. 9	exploitation by a physician, a misdemeanor, in violation of Business and Professions Code section	
10	729, subdivision (a)(3). On December 19, 2002, respondent was sentenced to one year of summary	
11	probation. The circumstances underlying the conviction are as follows:	
12	14. <u>PATIENT Y.G.</u> On or about February 8, 2000, Y.G. ³ , a female patient who	
13	was 35 years old at the time, went to Family Planning Medical Center (FPMC) to have an abortion	
14	procedure. Respondent, who worked at FPMC, performed the abortion.	
15	15. On or about February 28, 2000, Y.G. returned to FPMC for a follow up	
16	examination. This examination was also performed by respondent. During the examination,	
17	respondent attempted to push Y.G.'s bra up and over her breasts. Y.G. commented that the nurse	
18	had not had her remove anything above her waist. Respondent responded by saying he wanted to	
19	do a breast examination. Y.G. then removed the clasp of her bra and respondent then pushed the bra	
20	over her breasts. Respondent then grabbed her right breast with both hands and squeezed her right	
21	breast. He did the same to her left breast. Respondent also commented that Y.G. had horrible scars	
22	on her breasts.	
23	16. Y.G. did not inform respondent that she was experiencing a loss of urine with	
24	an increase of intra-abdominal pressure. However, later during that examination, respondent stood	
25	between Y.G.'s legs and put his fingers into her vagina. Respondent then asked her to squeeze her	
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27	3. To protect the privacy of the patients and other witnesses, only their initials will be	
28	used. Further identifying information will be provided to respondent in discovery.	
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vagina. Y.G. then clenched her vaginal muscles and stomach muscles. Respondent then told her
 to squeeze again with her vaginal muscles only. Y.G. squeezed her vaginal muscles two more times.
 Respondent then pulled his fingers out of Y.G.'s vagina and walked away.

17. As Y.G. was attempting to dress, respondent observed her and attempted to 4 engage her in a conversation. Respondent asked Y.G. how often she had sex and whether she was 5 serious about her relationship. Y.G. then made an appointment to visit the clinic on March 6, 2000, 6 7 to get a pap smear, blood test, and a three month birth control shot. However, respondent continued to pursue the conversation, and he asked her if she had considered having sex outside her current 8 relationship. Respondent then gave her his home, office and pager numbers and told her if she was 9 ever in Beverly Hills that she should call him and they would get together. Respondent also wrote 1011 a prescription for a pain killer medication.

PATIENT S.E. On or about September 25, 1999, S.E., a female patient who 12 18. 13 was 29 years old at the time, went to FPMC for an annual examination and was seen by respondent. 14 S.E. did not inform respondent that she was experiencing a loss of urine with an increase of intra-15 abdominal pressure. However, during the examination, respondent inserted his fingers inside S.E.'s 16 vagina and asked her to squeeze her vaginal muscles. Despite being uncomfortable with the request, S.E. complied. Respondent continued with a visual examination of S.E.'s cervix. He asked S.E. if 17 18 she was aware that she had cervical scarring. Concerned about the remark, S.E. inquired about the 19 potential causes of such scarring. Respondent replied that the scarring could have resulted from a 20prior surgery or some sort of disease. He then told S.E. that he had additional offices in the Los 21 Angeles area and that she should contact him to further investigate the cause of her cervical scarring.

19. Respondent then asked S.E. whether she liked condoms and told her he could provide her with as many as she wanted. S.E. declined his offer. He then told her to get dressed and to go to his office for a private discussion. Hoping that he would write a refill prescription, S.E. complied. Once in the office, respondent inquired again about S.E.'s preference for condoms. S.E. repeated that she did not need condoms and asked if he wanted to discuss the scarring. Respondent replied that he would have to wait until her laboratory results returned to determine whether there were any abnormal cell counts. He then offered to call S.E. personally when he obtained the results.

She declined the offer. Respondent persisted and said he nevertheless wanted her telephone number
 to discuss the results. Frustrated and afraid, patient S.E. gave respondent the telephone number to
 her parents' home. When S.E. got up to leave respondent's office, he gave her an FPMC business
 card on which he wrote his home, cellular and another office number and told her she could contact
 him at any time.

6 20. After S.E. left FPMC, respondent attempted to contact her at her parents'
7 house. S.E.'s mother told respondent that S.E. was on the way to her house and he should contact
8 her there. Later that day, respondent contacted S.E. and asked how she was doing. He also told her
9 not to worry about the scarring until the lab results came in. At that time he would call her again.
10 During the conversation he also brought up the topic of condoms again.

21. Over a month later, S.E. went to another physician to check for the cervical
scarring that respondent had mentioned. This physician found no evidence of any scarring on S.E.'s
cervix.

14 <u>SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE</u>

(Gross Negligence)

16 22. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234, subdivision
17 (b), of the Code in that respondent was grossly negligent in the care and treatment of patients. The
18 circumstances are as follows:

1923. The facts and allegation in paragraphs 12 through 21, inclusive, are20incorporated here by reference.

21 24. The following acts and omissions of respondent during his care, treatment and
22 management of patients, singularly and collectively, constituted extreme departures from the
23 standard of care:

a. Respondent attempted to solicit a sexual relationship with Y.G.

b. Respondent attempted to solicit a sexual relationship with S.E. by attempting
to frighten her by misleading her into believing that she had cervical scarring.

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1	THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
2	(Sexual Misconduct)
3	25. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 726 of the Code in
4	that he committed acts of sexual misconduct in the care and treatment of patients. The
5	circumstances are as follows:
6	26. The facts and allegation in paragraphs 12 through 21, inclusive, are
7	incorporated here by reference.
8	DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS
9	27. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on respondent,
10	Complainant alleges that on or about December 3, 1982, in a prior disciplinary action entitled In the
11	Matter of the Accusation Against Laurence A. Reich, D.O., before the Osteopathic Medical Board
12	of California, in Case Number 82-18, respondent's license was suspended indefinitely, subject to
13	satisfaction of certain terms and conditions. Upon satisfaction of the terms and conditions,
14	respondent's license was revoked; however, the revocation was stayed and respondent was placed
15	on probation for ten (10) years for sexual misconduct in the care and treatment of three patients in
16	violation of section 726 of the Code. That decision is now final and is incorporated by reference as
17	if fully set forth.
18	PRAYER
19	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein
20	alleged, and that following the hearing, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California issue a decision:
21	1. Revoking or suspending Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon Number 20A4424,
22	issued to Laurence A. Reich, D.O.;
23	2. Ordering Laurence A. Reich, D.O. to pay the Osteopathic Medical Board of
24	California the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant
25	to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
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Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 3. DATED: July 14, 2004 LINDAJ. BERGMANN Executive Director Osteopathic Medical Board of California Department of Consumer Affairs State of California Complainant for 60048431.wpd