1	BEFORE THE		
2	BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS		
3	STATE OF OREGON		
4	In the Matter of:		
5	RONALD CARLO STEVENSON, MD ) STIPULATED ORDER		
6	LICENSE NO. MD22232		
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8	1.		
9	The Board of Medical Examiners (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing,		
10	regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including physicians, in the state of		
11	Oregon. Ronald Carlo Stevenson, MD (Licensee) holds an active license to practice medicine in		
12	the state of Oregon.		
13	2.		
14	The Board has proposed taking disciplinary action pursuant to ORS 677.205 against		
15	Licensee for violations of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional control of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional co		
16	dishonorable conduct, as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a); and ORS 677.190(8) fraud or		
17	misrepresentation in applying for a medical license.		
18	3.		
19	Licensee practiced obstetrics and gynecology (OB/GYN) in Bend, Oregon, from April		
20	2000 until April 2003 (when he voluntarily ceased to practice medicine), and at the Okanogan		
21	Valley Clinic in the state of Washington, from about 1996 to April 2000. The Board opened an		
22	investigation after receiving a report that Licensee may have engaged in inappropriate sexual		
23	contact with adult female patients. On January 15, 2004, Licensee entered into a Voluntary		
24	Limitation with the Board. In this Order Licensee acknowledged that in April, 2003 he ceased		
25	practicing medicine in Oregon. In the Voluntary Limitation, Licensee also agreed to notify the		
26	Board in writing prior to resuming practice in Oregon and, once in practice, was required to hav		

1	a chaperone when treating female patients over the age of 16 years-old.		
2	The acts	and conduct alleged to violate the Medical Practice Act follow:	
3	3.1 T	he Board's investigation has revealed evidence that Licensee has	
4	engaged in a patt	ern of inappropriate boundary violations with adult female patients that include	
5	inappropriate tou	ching and inappropriate comments, to include the following specific events:	
6	a.	Licensee engaged in inappropriate conduct with Patient A during the	
7		course of several clinical visits, to include inappropriate hugs and rubbing	
8		her upper buttocks, comments about how Licensee personally found her to	
9		be attractive, as well as making inappropriate disclosures about his own	
10		personal problems and marital difficulties.	
11	b.	Licensee inappropriately and without consent touched Patient B's breasts,	
12		ostensibly for the purpose of conducting an examination.	
13	c.	In late 1999 or early 2000 at Licensee's previous practice location in	
14		Washington, Licensee placed personal phone calls to Patient C at her place	
15		of work and at home, seeking to establish a personal relationship. He also	
16		tried to kiss her during a clinical visit and sought to establish a personal	
17		relationship with her.	
18	d.	Licensee was observed by several nurses at the hospital in Bend, Oregon,	
19		kissing patients after conducting post delivery exams.	
20	e.	In about 1998, at Licensee's previous practice location in the state of	
21		Washington, Licensee inappropriately touched and kissed Patient D during	
22		a clinical examination. The kiss included putting his tongue in patient D's	
23		mouth.	
24	f.	In about May of 1997, at Licensee's previous practice location in the state	
25		of Washington, Licensee inappropriately touched Patient E after	
26		performing a medical procedure on her in the clinic.	

1	3.2 Based upon Licensee's conduct in regard to Patients A and B, Licensee entered an		
2	Alford plea on February 13, 2004 in an Oregon criminal court and was convicted of two counts		
3	of sexual harassment, in violation of ORS 163.415, both Class A Misdemeanors. His sentence		
4	included 5 years of probation, 240 hours of community service, a psychological evaluation, and		
5	participation in a program of therapy or treatment as directed by the probation officer.		
6	3.3 Licensee signed and dated an application for licensure to practice medicine in		
7	Oregon on November 15, 1999. Question 12 of this application asked: "Have you ever been		
8	restricted, suspended, terminated, requested to voluntarily resign, placed on probation or been		
9	subject to formal disciplinary action during a medically related training program?" Licensee		
10	answered "no." The Board has subsequently learned the Licensee was placed on probation on		
11	August 24, 1992, while he was doing his residency at the University of Colorado Health Sciences		
12	Center, because of "an improper relationship with a patient."		
13	4.		
14	Licensee and the Board desire to settle this matter by the entry of this Stipulated Order.		
15	Licensee understands that he has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative		
16	Procedures Act (Chapter 183 Oregon Revised Statutes), and fully and finally wiaves the right to a		
17	contested case hearing and any appeal therefrom by the signing of an entry of this Order in the		
18	Board's records. The Board finds that the conduct described in paragraph 3.1 occurred, but		
19	Licensee only stipulates to the events and conduct described in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3. Licensee		
20	stipulates that this conduct violated ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct,		
21	as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a); and ORS 677.190(8) misrepresentation in applying for a		
22	medical license. Licensee also understands that this Order is a public record and is reportable to		
23	the National Practitioner Data Bank.		
24	5.		
25	Licensee and the Board agree to resolve this matter by the entry of this Stipulated Order		
26	in which Licensee surrenders his license to practice medicine while under investigation. The		

1	terms and conditions of Licensee's surrender of license follow:
2	5.1 Licensee is reprimanded.
3	5.2 Licensee surrenders his license to practice medicine and will not make any
4	re-application for licensure until 2 year have elapsed from the effective date of this Order.
5	5.3 In the event Licensee applies for reinstatement of his medical license at least two
6	years after the date this Order is signed by the Board Chair Licensee will undergo an evaluation
7	at the Board's direction to assess his medical competence and his attitude and any
8	psychological/psychiatric conditions regarding professional boundaries. Licensee will sign all
9	necessary releases so that the Board is able to communicate freely with the evaluator and receive
10	a copy of the complete evaluation report.
11	IT IS SO STIPULATED this 30 day of June, 2005.
12	Quality of Man
13	Ronald Carlo Stevenson, MD
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15	IT IS SO ORDERED this 14th day of July, 2005
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17	BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS State of Oregon
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