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BEFORE THE
OREGON MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of)
RICHARD CARLTON HEITSCH, MD) STIPULATED ORDER
LICENSE NO. MD11610)
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1.

The Oregon Medical Board (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including physicians, in the State of Oregon. Richard Carlton Heitsch, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the State of Oregon.

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On September 3, 2020, the Board issued an Amended Complaint and Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action (Notice) in which the Board proposed taking disciplinary action by imposing up to the maximum range of potential sanctions identified in ORS 677.205(2), which may include the revocation of license, a \$10,000 fine per violation, and assessment of costs, pursuant to ORS 677.205 against Licensee for violations of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a) any conduct or practice which does or might constitute a danger to the health or safety of a patient or the public, ORS 677.188(4)(b) willful performance of any surgical or medical treatment which is contrary to acceptable medical standards, and ORS 677.188(4)(c) administration of unnecessary treatment; employment of outmoded, unproved or unscientific treatments; or otherwise utilizing medical service for diagnosis or treatment which is or may be considered inappropriate or unnecessary; and ORS 677.190(13) gross or repeated acts of negligence.

3.

Licensee and the Board desire to settle this matter by entry of this Stipulated Order. Licensee understands that he has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act (chapter 183), Oregon Revised Statutes. Licensee fully and finally waives the

1 right to a contested case hearing and any appeal therefrom by the signing of and entry of this
2 Order in the Board's records. Licensee neither admits nor denies, but the Board finds that
3 Licensee's conduct as described in the September 3, 2020, Notice violated ORS 677.190(1)(a),
4 as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a), (b), and (c); and ORS 677.190(13). Licensee understands that
5 this Order is a public record and is a disciplinary action that is reportable to the National
6 Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

7 4.

8 Licensee and the Board agree to resolve this matter by the entry of this Stipulated Order
9 subject to the following terms and conditions:

10 4.1 Licensee, or any person employed by Licensee, must not treat any patient with
11 hyperbaric oxygen or perform hyperbaric oxygen therapy for any patient.

12 4.2 Licensee must complete a course on medical documentation, that has been pre-
13 approved by the Board's Medical Director, within 120 days of the effective date of this Order.

14 4.3 Licensee must inform the Compliance Section of the Board of any and all practice
15 sites, as well as any changes in practice address(es), employment, or practice status within 10
16 business days. Additionally, Licensee must notify the Compliance Section of any changes in
17 contact information within 10 business days.

18 4.4 The Interim Stipulated Order of May 31, 2017, terminates upon the effective date
19 of this Stipulated Order.

20 4.5 Licensee must obey all federal and Oregon state laws and regulations pertaining
21 to the practice of medicine.

22 4.6 Licensee stipulates and agrees that any violation of the terms of this Order shall
23 be grounds for further disciplinary action under ORS 677.190(17).

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1 4.7 Licensee stipulates and agrees that this Order becomes effective the date it is
2 signed by the Board Chair.

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4 IT IS SO STIPULATED THIS 7th day of November, 2020.

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7 RICHARD CARLTON HEITSCH, MD

8 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 7th day of January, 2021.

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10 OREGON MEDICAL BOARD
11 State of Oregon

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13 KATHLEEN M. HARDER, MD
14 BOARD CHAIR