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BEFORE THE  
OREGON MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of )  
KENNETH JAY WELKER, MD ) INTERIM STIPULATED ORDER  
LICENSE NO. MD22731 )  
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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. Kenneth Jay Welker, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the state of Oregon and holds an active medical license.

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Licensee is a board certified general surgeon. The Board received credible information regarding Licensee that resulted in the board initiating an investigation. The results of the Board's investigation to date have raised concerns to the extent that the Board believes it necessary that Licensee agree to certain terms until the investigation is completed.

3.

In order to address the Board's concern, Licensee and the Board agree to the entry of this Interim Stipulated Order, which will remain in effect while this matter remains under investigation, and provides that Licensee shall comply with the following conditions:

3.1 Licensee must inform every patient, both verbally, and in writing, that he cannot act as their primary care physician, and note such disclosure in the medical chart.

3.2 Licensee must not change, cancel, or tell a patient to discontinue taking any medication prescribed by another physician or nurse practitioner.

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1           3.3     Licensee must inform every patient that they must have a primary care provider  
2 who is a physician, osteopathic physician, or nurse practitioner, in order to be seen by Licensee.  
3 This provider must not be affiliated or related to Licensee.

4           3.4     Licensee must inform all physicians or nurse practitioners treating a patient of the  
5 medications he is prescribing to the patient.

6           3.5     Licensee's practice is subject to no notice compliance inspections by Board  
7 designees.

8           3.6     Licensee understands that violating any term of this Order will be grounds for  
9 disciplinary action under ORS 677.190(17).

10          3.7     Licensee understands this Order becomes effective June 19, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

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12           At the conclusion of the Board's investigation, the Board will decide whether to close the  
13 case or to proceed to some form of disciplinary action. If the Board determines, following that  
14 review, not to lift the requirements of this Order, Licensee may request a hearing to contest that  
15 decision.

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This order is issued by the Board pursuant to ORS 677.410, which grants the Board the authority to attach conditions to the license of Licensee to practice medicine. These conditions will remain in effect while the Board conducts a complete investigation in order to fully inform itself with respect to the conduct of Licensee. Pursuant to ORS 677.425, Board investigative materials are confidential and shall not be subject to public disclosure, nor shall they be admissible as evidence in any judicial proceeding. However, as a stipulation this Order is a public document.

IT IS SO STIPULATED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2013.

SIGNATURE REDACTED

KENNETH JAY WELKER, MD

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

OREGON MEDICAL BOARD  
State of Oregon

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KATHLEEN HALEY, JD  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR