



# State Medical Board of Ohio

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November 13, 2002

David A. Knowlton, M.D.  
3462 Centennial Blvd., Apt. 49  
Eugene, OR 97401

Dear Doctor Knowlton:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the Findings, Order and Journal Entry approved and confirmed by the State Medical Board meeting in regular session on November 13, 2002.

Section 119.12, Ohio Revised Code, may authorize an appeal from this Order. Such an appeal must be taken to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

Such an appeal setting forth the Order appealed from and the grounds of the appeal must be commenced by the filing of a Notice of Appeal with the State Medical Board of Ohio and the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Any such appeal must be filed within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this notice and in accordance with the requirements of Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Very truly yours,

Anand G. Garg, M.D.  
Secretary

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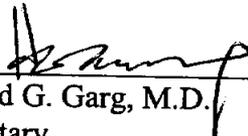
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached copy of the Findings, Order and Journal Entry approved by the State Medical Board, meeting in regular session on November 13, 2002, constitutes a true and complete copy of the Findings, Order and Journal Entry in the Matter of David A. Knowlton, M.D., as it appears in the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio.

This Certification is made by the authority of the State Medical Board of Ohio in its behalf.

  
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Anand G. Garg, M.D.  
Secretary

(SEAL)

November 13, 2002  
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Date

**BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO**

IN THE MATTER OF

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DAVID A. KNOWLTON, M.D.

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FINDINGS, ORDER AND JOURNAL ENTRY

By letter dated September 11, 2002, notice was given to David A. Knowlton, M.D., that the State Medical Board intended to consider disciplinary action regarding his license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio, and that he was entitled to a hearing if such hearing was requested within thirty (30) days of the mailing of said notice. In accordance with Section 119.07, Ohio Revised Code, said notice was sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of record of Dr. Knowlton, that being 3292 Stoney Ridge, Eugene, OR 97405. Notice was simultaneously sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, to 5781 Main Street, Springfield, OR 97478.

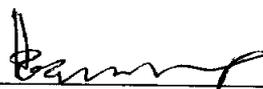
A signed certified mail receipt was returned to the Medical Board offices documenting proper service of the notice. However, no hearing request has been received from Dr. Knowlton and more than thirty (30) days have now elapsed since the mailing of that notice.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons outlined in the September 11, 2002 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of David A. Knowlton, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio be PERMANENTLY REVOKED.

This Order shall become effective IMMEDIATELY.

This Order is hereby entered upon the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio for the 13th day of November 2002 and the original thereof shall be kept with said Journal.

(SEAL)



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Anand G. Garg, M.D.  
Secretary

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November 13, 2002  
Date

AFFIDAVIT

I, Debra Jones, being duly cautioned and sworn, do hereby depose and say:

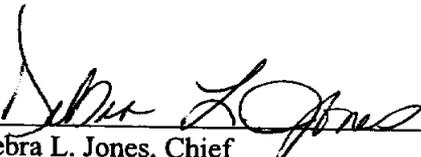
- 1) That I am employed by the State Medical Board of Ohio (hereinafter, "The Board")
- 2) That I serve the Board in the position of Chief, Continuing Medical Education, Records, and Renewal;
- 3) That in such position I am the responsible custodian of all public licensee records maintained by the Board pertaining to individuals who have received certificates issued pursuant to Chapter 4731., Ohio Revised Code;
- 4) That I have this day carefully examined the records of the Board pertaining to David A. Knowlton, M.D.
- 5) That based on such examination, I have found that at the time the Board issued its Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on September 11, 2002, the address of record of David A. Knowlton, M.D., was:

3292 Stoney Ridge  
Eugene, OR 97405

- 6) That based upon further examination, I have found that the Board subsequently was advised that the last known address of David A. Knowlton, M.D. was:

3462 Centennial Blvd., Apt. #49  
Eugene, OR 97401

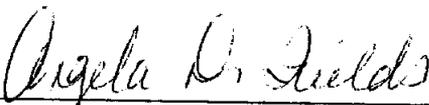
- 7) Further, Affiant Sayeth Naught.

  
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Debra L. Jones, Chief  
Continuing Medical Education,  
Records and Renewal

Sworn to and signed before me, \_\_\_\_\_ Angela D. Fields \_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public, this 22nd  
day of October, 2002.



ANGELA D. FIELDS  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 05/11/04

  
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Notary Public

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 David A. Knowlton, M.D.  
 3292 Stoney Ridge  
 Eugene, Oregon 97405

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September 11, 2002

David A. Knowlton, M.D.  
3292 Stoney Ridge  
Eugene, Oregon 97405

Dear Doctor Knowlton:

In accordance with R. C. Chapter 119., you are hereby notified that the State Medical Board of Ohio intends to determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke, suspend, refuse to register or reinstate your certificate to practice medicine and surgery, or to reprimand or place you on probation for one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) On or about July 5, 2001, you self-reported to the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter the "Oregon Board") that you were recently hospitalized for a psychiatric condition that may impact your ability to safely and effectively practice medicine.

On or about July 31, 2001, you and the Oregon Board agreed to the entry of a Stipulated Order, which provided that you would voluntarily withdraw from the practice of medicine, until the Oregon Board completed its investigation into your competency to practice medicine.

A copy of the Oregon Board Stipulated Order dated July 31, 2001, is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

- (2) On or about April 18, 2002, the Oregon Board issued a Stipulated Order which revoked your license to practice medicine; stayed the execution of revocation, and placed you on probation for a period of ten (10) years.

The terms of probation include that you are reprimanded; fined \$5,000; suspended from the practice of medicine for six (6) months, with six months credited for time served in view of your voluntary withdrawal from the practice of medicine as described in paragraph one (1) above; required to establish (or maintain) a physician/patient relationship with a mental health professional approved by the Oregon Board who will submit quarterly reports to the Board, and required to enroll in a Continued Medical Education course(s) related to establishing and maintaining appropriate doctor/patient relationship.

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Further, the terms of probation include that you may return to the active practice of medicine upon notification to the Board by your treating mental health care professional that it is safe for you, and your patients, to resume the practice of medicine and that, upon resuming the practice of medicine, you submit to a chart review of your patients with a mentor.

You stipulated that your conduct violated ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a), ORS 677.190(14) gross or repeated negligence, ORS 677.190(25) prescribing controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose or following accepted procedures and ORS 677.365 performing artificial insemination upon a patient without that patient's consent.

A copy of the Oregon Board Stipulated Order dated April 18, 2002, is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

The Oregon Board Stipulated Order dated July 31, 2001, as alleged in paragraph one (1) above, constitutes "[a]ny of the following actions taken by the agency responsible for regulating the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or the limited branches of medicine in another state, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand," as that clause is used in R. C. 4731.22(B)(22).

Further, the Oregon Board Stipulated Order dated April 18, 2002, as alleged in paragraph two (2) above, constitutes "[a]ny of the following actions taken by the agency responsible for regulating the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or the limited branches of medicine in another state, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand," as that clause is used in R. C. 4731.22(B)(22).

Pursuant to R. C. Chapter 119., you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing in this matter. If you wish to request such hearing, the request must be made in writing and must be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty (30) days of the time of mailing of this notice.

You are further advised that, if you timely request a hearing, you are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by your attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before this agency, or you may present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and that at the hearing you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you.

In the event that there is no request for such hearing received within thirty (30) days of the time of mailing of this notice, the State Medical Board may, in your absence and upon consideration of this matter, determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke, suspend, refuse to register or reinstate your certificate to practice medicine and surgery or to reprimand or place you on probation.

Please note that, whether or not you request a hearing, R. C. 4731.22(L), effective March 9, 1999, provides that "[w]hen the board refuses to grant a certificate to an applicant, revokes an individual's certificate to practice, refuses to register an applicant, or refuses to reinstate an individual's certificate to practice, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a certificate to practice and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the certificate or for issuance of a new certificate."

Copies of the applicable sections are enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,



Anand G. Garg, M.D.  
Secretary

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BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of )  
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DAVID ALEXANDER KNOWLTON, MD ) STIPULATED ORDER  
LICENSE NO, MD20529 )  
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1.

The Board of Medical Examiners (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including physicians, in the state of Oregon. David Alexander Knowlton, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the state of Oregon.

2.

On July 5, 2001 Licensee self-reported to the Board that he was recently hospitalized for a psychiatric condition that may impact his ability to safely and effectively practice medicine.

3.

Based on the information above, Licensee and the Board agree to the entry of this Stipulated Order, which provides that Licensee will voluntarily withdraw from the practice of medicine, effective the date that he signs this Order, until the Board completes its investigation into the Licensee's competency to practice medicine.

4.

At the conclusion of the Board's investigation, Licensee's status will be reviewed in an expeditious manner. If the Board determines, following that review, that Licensee shall not be permitted to return to the practice of medicine, Licensee may request a hearing to contest that decision.

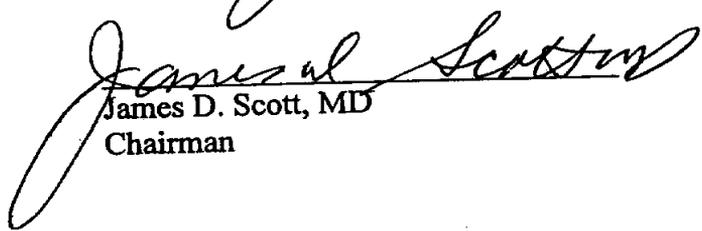
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This order is issued by the Board pursuant to ORS 677.420(1) for the purpose of making a complete investigation in order to fully inform itself with respect to the performance or conduct of the Licensee and Licensee's ability to safety and competently practice medicine. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

 MD  
David A. Knowlton, MD

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 31 day of July, 2001.

  
James D. Scott, MD  
Chairman

COPY

BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of )  
DAVID ALEXANDER KNOWLTON, MD ) STIPULATED ORDER  
LICENSE NO. MD20529 )

1.  
1.

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

2.

The Board proposed to deny Licensee a license pursuant to ORS 677.208 against Licensee for violations of the Medical Practices Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a), ORS 677.190(14) gross or repeated negligence, ORS 677.190(25) prescribing controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose or following accepted procedures and ORS 677.365 performing artificial insemination upon a patient without that patient's consent. The acts and conduct alleged to violate the Medical Practices Act are:

2.1 Licensee, a board certified family practice physician, became a neighbor of Patient A in 1997. In early 2001, Patient A decided that she would like to undergo artificial insemination in order to bear a child. Licensee subsequently became Patient A's primary care physician. Licensee conducted a physical examination for Patient A on January 21, 2001. After two or three consecutive unsuccessful procedures of artificial insemination, Licensee discussed with Patient A's partner the possibility of using his own sperm as the source. Then, in May 2001, without Patient A's knowledge or consent, Licensee mixed his own sperm with that of an

1 anonymous donor and artificially inseminated Patient A. Patient A subsequently became  
2 pregnant. It was later determined that Licensee was not the father of the child.

3 2.2 During this same time period, Licensee entered into a short lived sexual  
4 relationship with Patient A's partner.

5 2.3 Licensee also conspired with Patient B to obtain Klonopin (Schedule IV) for  
6 himself. On two occasions, Licensee wrote prescriptions for Klonopin for Patient B, who then  
7 filled the prescriptions and turned them over to Licensee. Licensee subsequently self-medicated  
8 himself with the Klonopin.

9 3.  
10 Licensee and the Board desire to settle this matter by the entry of this Stipulated Order.  
11 Licensee understands that he has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative  
12 Procedures Act (chapter 183), Oregon Revised Statutes, and fully and finally waives the right to  
13 a contested case hearing and any appeal therefrom by the signing of and entry of this Order in the  
14 Board's records. Licensee stipulates that he engaged in the conduct described in paragraph 2 and  
15 that this conduct violated ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as defined  
16 in ORS 677.188(4)(a), ORS 677.190(14) gross or repeated negligence, ORS 677.190(25)  
17 prescribing controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose or following accepted  
18 procedures, and ORS 677.365 performing artificial insemination upon a patient without that  
19 patient's consent.

20 4.  
21 Licensee and the Board agree to resolve this matter by the entry of this Stipulated Order,  
22 which revokes the license of Licensee to practice medicine. The execution of this Order,  
23 however, is stayed, and the licensee is placed on probation for a period of ten (10) years subject  
24 to the following terms of probation:

25 4.1 Licensee is reprimanded.

26 4.2 Licensee is fined \$5,000, to be paid in full within 90 days from the signing of this

1 Order.

2 4.3 Licensee is suspended from the practice of medicine for six months. Licensee is  
3 to be credited the six months for time served in view of his voluntary withdrawal from the  
4 practice of medicine that became effective on July 31, 2001, pursuant to a Stipulated Order.

5 4.4 Licensee will establish (or maintain) a physician/patient relationship with a  
6 mental health professional approved by the Board's Medical Director. The mental health  
7 professional will submit quarterly reports to the Board documenting the Licensee's progress  
8 under their care. Licensee consents to the release of these reports and mental health records to  
9 the Board.

10 4.5 Licensee may return to the active practice of medicine upon notification to the  
11 Board by his treating mental health care professional that it is safe for him and his patients to  
12 resume the practice of medicine.

13 4.6 Licensee shall report in person to the Board at each of its regularly scheduled  
14 quarterly meetings at the scheduled times for a probationer interview unless ordered to do  
15 otherwise by the Board.

16 4.7 Licensee will enroll in a Continued Medical Education course(s) related to  
17 establishing and maintaining appropriate doctor/patient relationships. The course(s) is to be  
18 approved by the Board's Medical Director.

19 4.8 Upon resuming the practice of medicine, Licensee will submit to a periodic chart  
20 review of his patients (at least ten charts monthly) with a mentor approved by the Board's  
21 Medical Director. This mentor will submit quarterly reports to the Board.

22 4.9 Should Licensee be absent from this state for any period of time which would  
23 interfere with meeting the requirements of these terms of probation, Licensee must request  
24 approval for alternative means of satisfying those terms. Failure to receive Board approval  
25 may result in an extension of this probation for a time equivalent to time Licensee has been  
26 absent for the State or other action set forth in paragraph.

