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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

In the Matter of  
**DONALD F. STONEFELD, M.D.**

Holder of License No. 14712  
For the Practice of Medicine  
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-13-1083A

**ORDER FOR SURRENDER OF  
LICENSE AND CONSENT TO THE  
SAME**

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and Donald F. Stonefeld, M.D. ("Respondent"), the parties enter into this Consent Agreement as a final disposition of this matter. The Consent Agreement is comprised of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Surrender of License ("Consent Agreement").

**RECITALS**

Respondent understands and agrees that:

1. The Board may adopt this Consent Agreement pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-1451(T) and 41-1092.07(F)(5).

2. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement. Respondent acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

3. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Consent Agreement is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

4. By agreeing to enter into this Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from the Consent Agreement.

5. The Consent Agreement is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.

1           6. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this  
2 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving  
3 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended  
4 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government  
5 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or  
6 any other state or federal court.

7           7. Upon signing the Consent Agreement and returning this document (or a copy  
8 thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke his consent to the  
9 entry of the Consent Agreement. Respondent may not make any modifications to the  
10 document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless  
11 mutually approved by the parties.

12           8. This Consent Agreement is a public record that will be publicly disseminated  
13 as a formal disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National  
14 Practitioner's Data Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

15           9. If the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, Respondent will not  
16 assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of the Consent Agreement constitutes  
17 bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.

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Donald F. Stonerfeld, M.D.

Dated: 11/20/14

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1           1. The Board initiated case number MD-13-1083A after receiving a Disciplinary  
2 Action Report indicating that Respondent was disciplined by the Washington Department  
3 of Health ("WDH"). The WDH action was based on an action taken by the Wisconsin  
4 Medical Board ("WMB").

5           2. In May 2013, the WMB summarily suspended Respondent's Wisconsin  
6 medical license as a result of his failure to cooperate with an investigation relating to an  
7 inappropriate doctor-patient relationship with a female. Respondent had previously been  
8 reprimanded by the WMB for inappropriate conduct with a female patient. As a result of

1 the previous action, Respondent was issued a Letter of Reprimand by the Board in case  
2 MD-06-0443A. The Board learned of the WMB action as a result of the WDH action.

3 3. According to the WMB Order, because Respondent elected not to cooperate  
4 with the investigation, it was reasonable to conclude that he could not be relied upon to  
5 cooperate with attempts to reduce the risk that he would reoffend with female patients.  
6 The WMB Order became effective May 15, 2013.

7 4. On June 25, 2013, the WDH sent Respondent a Statement of Charges which  
8 required a response. Respondent failed to respond to the Statement of Charges. As a  
9 result, the WDH issued an Order finding him in default and suspending his Washington  
10 medical license indefinitely. The WDH Order became effective August 28, 2013.

11 5. On November 20, 2013, the WMB issued a final Order suspending  
12 Respondent's Wisconsin medical license for six months, retroactive to May 15, 2013, and  
13 prohibiting him from having any contact with the patient. The Order also required  
14 Respondent to complete Continuing Medical Education in doctor-patient boundaries and  
15 permanently prohibited him from treating female patients without an adult chaperone with  
16 no professional connection to him in the room. The Order also prohibited Respondent  
17 from sending texts, emails, instant messages, or electronic or computer-related  
18 communication to patients or clients and he was also prohibited from treating or seeing a  
19 patient outside of normal office hours unless he receives permission from the WMB  
20 monitoring liaison 24 hours in advance.

#### 21 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

22 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
23 Respondent.

24 2. Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation of A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(o)  
25 ("[A]ction that is taken against a doctor of medicine by another licensing or regulatory  
jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or physical inability to engage safely in the practice  
of medicine, the doctor's medical incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined  
by that jurisdiction and that corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional  
conduct prescribed by this paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying,  
revoking or suspending a license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that

1 jurisdiction, otherwise limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or  
2 placing a licensee on probation by that jurisdiction.”).

3 3. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement  
4 with a Respondent and accept the surrender of an active license from a Respondent who  
5 admits to having committed an act of unprofessional conduct. A.R.S. § 32-1451(T)(2).

6 **ORDER**

7 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender License  
8 Number 14712, issued to Donald F. Stonefeld, M.D., for the practice of allopathic medicine  
9 in the State of Arizona, and return his certificate of licensure to the Board.

10 DATED and effective this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

11 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

12 By: C. Lloyd Vest, II  
13 C. Lloyd Vest, II  
Executive Director

14 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by  
15 US Mail this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014 to:

16 Donald F. Stonefeld, M.D.  
17 Address of Record

18 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by  
19 US Mail this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014 to:

20 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this  
21 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014 with:

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