

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

In the Matter of the
Medical License of
William G. Nelson, M.D.
Year of Birth: 1954
License Number: 32,416

**STIPULATION AND ORDER
FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between William George Nelson, M.D. ("Respondent"), and the Complaint Review Committee ("Committee") of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice ("Board") as follows:

1. During all times herein, Respondent has been and now is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board from which he holds a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota.

2. Respondent has been advised by Board representatives that he may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Although aware of this opportunity, Respondent knowingly and expressly waived that right for the conference on May 13, 2019. Respondent is currently represented by James S. McAlpine, Quinlivan & Hughes, P.A., 1740 West Saint Germain Street, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301. At the conference, the Committee was represented by Karen Olson, Deputy Attorney General. The Committee is currently represented by Kathleen M. Ghreichi, Assistant Attorney General, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101, (651) 757-1490.

FACTS

3. For the purpose of this Stipulation, the Board may consider the following facts as true:

a. Respondent was licensed by the Board to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota on January 21, 1989.

b. In October 2002, Respondent entered into an Agreement for Corrective Action with the Board based on unethical and unprofessional conduct. The Agreement required Respondent to successfully complete a professional boundaries training course. On December 18, 2002, the Board issued a letter concluding that Respondent satisfied the terms of the Agreement.

c. On November 12, 2016, Respondent entered into a Stipulation and Order with the Board based on unethical conduct and failure to conform to the minimum standard of care. Respondent failed to maintain professional boundaries demonstrated by touching female patients and making inappropriate comments. The November 12, 2016 Order remains in effect.

d. Between April and August 2018, the Board received complaints alleging Respondent inappropriately touched or made sexually inappropriate comments to four female patients.

e. Based upon the complaints, the Board initiated an investigation into Respondent's conduct with patients. The investigation revealed, since late 2016, Respondent touched a female patient in a way that made the patient uncomfortable and Respondent made comments to two female patients that were sexually inappropriate.

f. On May 13, 2019, Respondent met with the Committee to discuss his conduct with patients. Respondent stated that his poor choice of words made patients uncomfortable.

STATUTES

4. The Committee views Respondent's practices as inappropriate in such a way as to require Board action under Minn. Stat. § 147.091, subd. 1 (g)(2)-(3) (improper conduct likely to harm the public and demonstrating a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare, or safety of a patient), (k) (conduct that departs from or fails to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice) and (t) (conduct with a patient which is sexual or may reasonably be interpreted by the patient as sexual, or in any verbal behavior which is seductive or sexually demeaning to a patient) (2018). Respondent agrees that the conduct cited above constitutes a reasonable basis in law and fact to justify the disciplinary action under this statute.

REMEDY

5. Upon this stipulation and all of the files, records, and proceedings herein, and without any further notice or hearing herein, Respondent does hereby consent that until further order of the Board, made after notice and hearing upon application by Respondent or upon the Board's own motion, the Board may make and enter an order as follows:

- a. Respondent shall **VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER** his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota.
- b. Upon Respondent's surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery in Minnesota, the Board agrees to close its files in this matter.
- c. Should Respondent seek re-licensure in Minnesota, the Board may reopen its investigation.

6. Respondent is aware that this Stipulation and Order is public data and will be disseminated to all states. Upon request, the Board may share its investigative data with the requesting state.


7. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this settlement, this stipulation is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto except that Respondent agrees that should the Board reject this stipulation and if this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this stipulation or of any records relating hereto.

8. Respondent waives any further hearings on this matter before the Board to which Respondent may be entitled by Minnesota or United States constitutions, statutes, or rules and agrees that the order to be entered pursuant to the stipulation shall be the final order herein.

9. Respondent hereby acknowledges that he has read and understands this stipulation and has voluntarily entered into the stipulation without threat or promise by the Board or any of its members, employees, or agents. This stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this stipulation.

Dated: 12-5-2019

Dated: 1-11-20



WILLIAM G. NELSON, M.D.
Respondent



FOR THE COMMITTEE

ORDER

Upon consideration of this Stipulation and all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the November 12, 2016 Order is rescinded and that the terms of this Stipulation are adopted and implemented by the Board this 11th day of

January, ~~2019.~~
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MEDICAL PRACTICE

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