

IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
EX REL. THE OKLAHOMA BOARD  
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE  
AND SUPERVISION,

Plaintiff

v.

RALPH AUBREY FORD, M.D.,  
LICENSE NO. 19522,

Defendant.

OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

**Case No. 04-03-2785**

**VOLUNTARY SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION**

Plaintiff, the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (the "Board"), by and through its attorney, Elizabeth A. Scott, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma and the staff of the Board, as represented by the Secretary of the Board, Gerald C. Zumwalt, M.D., and the Executive Director of the Board, Lyle Kelsey, and the Defendant, Ralph Aubrey Ford, M.D., Oklahoma license no. 19522, who appears in person and through counsel, Mary Hanan, offer this Agreement effective May 20, 2004 for acceptance by the Board *en banc* pursuant to Section 435:5-1-5.1 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code ("OAC").

***AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY DEFENDANT***

By voluntarily submitting to jurisdiction and entering into this Order, Defendant pleads guilty to the allegations in the Complaint and Citation filed herein on April 15, 2004, and further acknowledges that hearing before the Board would result in some sanction under the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act (the "Act").

Defendant, Ralph Aubrey Ford, M.D., states that he is of sound mind and is not under the influence of, or impaired by, any medication or drug and that he fully recognizes his right to appear before the Board for evidentiary hearing on the allegations made against him. Defendant hereby voluntarily waives his right to a full hearing, submits to the jurisdiction of the Board and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Order. Defendant acknowledges that he has read and understands the terms and conditions stated herein, and that this Agreement has been reviewed and discussed with him and his legal counsel.

## ***PARTIES' AGREEMENT AND STIPULATIONS***

Plaintiff, Defendant and the Board staff stipulate and agree as follows:

### ***Findings of Fact***

1. The Board is a duly authorized agency of the State of Oklahoma empowered to license and oversee the activities of physicians and surgeons in the State of Oklahoma pursuant to 59 Okla. Stat. §§ 480 *et seq.*

2. Defendant, Ralph Aubrey Ford, M.D., holds Oklahoma license no. 19522.

3. On or about January 28, 2004, the Board of Registration for the Healing Arts for the State of Missouri and the Defendant entered into a Settlement Agreement whereby Defendant was **PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED** and additionally required to complete twenty-five (25) hours of continuing medical education on the topic of chest pain within twelve (12) months of the date of the Settlement Agreement. The discipline imposed by Missouri was based upon an incident which occurred on April 17, 2002 where Defendant allegedly acted with incompetency and gross negligence while treating a patient at the Salem Memorial District Hospital in Salem, Missouri. The patient died as a result of Defendant's alleged incompetency and gross negligence.

4. Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct in that he:

A. Was subject to disciplinary action of another state or jurisdiction based upon acts or conduct by the licensee similar to acts or conduct that would constitute grounds for action as defined in this section pursuant to OAC 435:10-7-4(31).

### ***Conclusions of Law***

1. The Board has jurisdiction and authority over the Defendant and subject matter herein pursuant to the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act (the "Act") and its applicable regulations. The Board is authorized to enforce the Act as necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

2. Based on the foregoing facts, Defendant, Ralph Aubrey Ford, Oklahoma license 19522, is guilty of the unprofessional conduct set forth below:

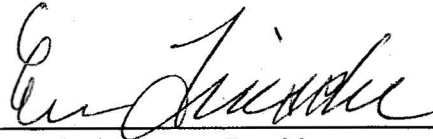
A. Was subject to disciplinary action of another state or jurisdiction based upon acts or conduct by the licensee similar to acts or conduct that would constitute grounds for action as defined in this section pursuant to OAC 435:10-7-4(31).

*Order*

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

1. The Board *en banc* hereby adopts the agreement of the parties in this Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction.
2. Defendant's license shall be **RESTRICTED** in that he shall not be allowed to practice in emergency rooms in the State of Oklahoma until he appears before the Board and presents satisfactory proof of competency in the treatment of cardiovascular diseases.
3. If the Board ever modifies the restriction on Defendant's Oklahoma medical license, it may be under terms of probation to be determined at the time of modification.
4. Promptly upon receipt of an invoice for such charges, Defendant shall pay all costs of this action authorized by law, including without limitation, legal fees and investigation costs.

Dated this 20 day of May, 2004.

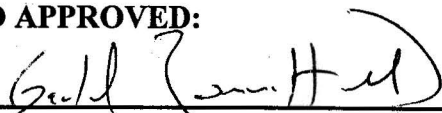


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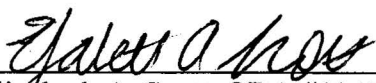
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**AGREED AND APPROVED:**

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Ralph Aubrey Ford, M.D.  
License No. 19522

  
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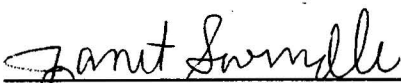
  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I certify that on the 20th day of May, 2004, I mailed a true and correct copy of the Voluntary Submittal Jurisdiction to Mary Hanan, 100 North Broadway, Suite 2750, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

  
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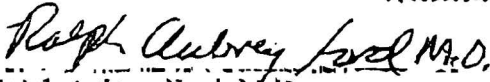
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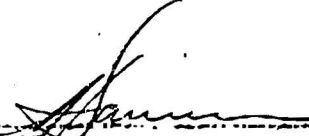
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**AGREED AND APPROVED:**

  
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