

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 EDWIN ADAMS, M.D.,  
LICENSE NO. 9148

Defendant.

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OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Case No. 05-08-2983

**FINAL ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

This cause came on for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (the "Board") on January 26, 2006, at the office of the Board, 5104 N. Francis, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, pursuant to notice given as required by law and the rules of the Board.

Elizabeth A. Scott, Assistant Attorney General, appeared for the plaintiff and defendant appeared not.

The Board *en banc* after hearing arguments of counsel, reviewing the exhibits admitted and the sworn testimony of witnesses, and being fully advised in the premises, found that there is clear and convincing evidence to support the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Orders:

***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. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter, and notice has been given in all respects in accordance with law and the rules of the Board.

3. Defendant, Ralph Edwin Adams, M.D., holds Oklahoma medical license no. 9148.

4. On or about July 19, 2005, Defendant was disciplined by the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners whereby his license to practice medicine was suspended on an emergency basis based upon a finding that his continued practice represented an immediate danger to the public health, safety and welfare and that he lacked the competence to practice medicine safely. Specifically, the suspension was based upon a finding that Defendant failed to correctly interpret an abdominal ultrasound and misdiagnosed an 8 cm. aneurysm that subsequently ruptured. Defendant claimed that he knew his vision was impaired, yet he continued to practice medicine as a radiologist prior to his corrective surgery. The Oregon Board found that there were a significant number of errors both before and after his corrective surgery to call into question his overall competence to practice medicine.

5. On November 3, 2005, the Board suspended Defendant's license on an emergency basis until the January 26-28, 2006 Board meeting.

6. 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. 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).


3. The Board further found that the Defendant's license should be suspended based upon any or all of the violations of the unprofessional conduct provisions of OAC Title 435:10-7-4(31).

**Order**

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

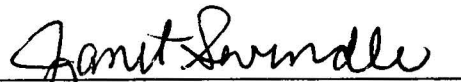
1. The license of Defendant, Ralph Edwin Adams, M.D., Oklahoma license no. 9148, is hereby **SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY** as of the date of this hearing, January 26, 2006.
2. Promptly upon receipt of an invoice, Defendant shall pay all costs of this action authorized by law, including without limitation, legal fees and costs, investigation costs, staff time, salary and travel expenses, witness fees and attorney's fees.
3. Defendant's suspended license shall not be reinstated unless Defendant has reimbursed the Board for all taxed costs and expenses incurred by the State of Oklahoma.

Dated this 26 day of January, 2006.

  
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Dianne Gasbarra, M.D., President  
Oklahoma State Board of Medical  
Licensure and Supervision

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the 27 day of January, 2006, I mailed, via first class mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of this Order to Ralph Adams, 3506 Cherokee Dr. So., Salem, Oregon 97302.

  
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Janet Swindle