

IN AND BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. STATE)
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS,)
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Plaintiff,)
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-vs-)
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THOMAS RICHARD HOWARD, M.D.,)
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Defendant.)

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MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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NOW ON THIS 25th day of April, 1980, the above captioned matter comes on for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Examiners. The Defendant, Thomas Richard Howard, M.D., appeared in person; the plaintiff was represented by Kay Karen Kennedy, legal counsel. After examination of the pleadings, consideration of all testimony and evidence, and being fully advised in the premises, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

1. That there was no evidence introduced to support the allegation that Dr. Howard's conduct was dishonorable, immoral or likely to deceive or defraud the public. Therefore, the Board finds that Thomas Richard Howard, M.D., is not guilty of violation of the Oklahoma Medical Practice Act, 59 O.S. § 509 subsection number 9.

2. That the evidence established that Dr. Howard administered a drug, to wit: Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (HCG), without sufficient examination and without establishing a valid patient-physician relationship. The Board finds that Paragraphs 3 and 7 of the Complaint are true. The Board further finds that Dr. Howard provided no treatment or further care for the patients after the HCG injections were initially ordered. The Board concludes that Dr. Howard is guilty of unprofessional conduct in that he is in violation of the Medical Practice Act, 59 O.S. § 509, subsection 13.

3. That no evidence was introduced to support the allegation contained in Paragraph 6 of the Complaint. No evidence was introduced to show that persons administering the injections of HCG were not licensed to do so. Therefore, the Board finds that Thomas Richard Howard, M.D., is not guilty of violation of Section 509, subsection 15 of the Medical Practice Act.

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4. Based upon the above findings it is the conclusion of the Board that Dr. Thomas Richard Howard is in violation of the Oklahoma Medical Practice Act, 59 O.S. § 509, subsection 13, in that he did administer a drug or treatment without sufficient examination and without establishing a valid patient-physician relationship.

THEREFORE, IT IS THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS that:

1. The medical license of Thomas Richard Howard, M.D., be placed on a three year probationary term.

2. During said probationary term Dr. Howard will seek a practice under a controlled environment. Said practice shall be limited to a single community.

3. Dr. Howard is to practice in a group or hospital practice.

4. Dr. Howard is to seek psychiatric help and is to authorize his physician and/or psychiatrist to make reports to the Board of Medical Examiners.

5. Dr. Howard is to make personal appearances before the Board when requested to do so.



H.B. TATE, M.D., SECRETARY
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS