BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC

EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

In the Matter of	)	
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HOWARD G. NORMAN, D.O.	)	PROBATION ORDER
	)	
Holder of License No. 970 for the Practice of Osteopathic Medicine in the State of Arizona.	)	

This matter having come on regularly for informal interview before the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery on the 8th day of August, 1987 the licentiate, HOWARD G. NORMAN, D.O. holder of License No. 970 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, being duly noticed and appearing in person, and the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery having conducted its informal interview of the licentiate and having afforded the licentiate an opportunity to be heard on the issues before it, and having considered all the material evidence in the matter, and being fully advised, makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

I

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

II

HOWARD G. NORMAN, D.O., is the holder of License No. 970 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

III

During the period March 1986 through January 1987, Practitioner prescribed controlled substances for his wife knowing he was doing so in violation of the Arizona Osteopathic Practice Act.

IV

During the period January 1986 through January 1987, Practitioner failed to maintain patient records on his wife.

V

For a period of several months, Practitioner administered controlled substances to himself without benefit of direction by his treating physician and, on at least one occasion, for recreational purposes.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

VI

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery has jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over the licentiate pursuant to A.R.S. 32-1803 and 32-1855.

VII

The conduct of Practitioner described in Paragraph III and IV above constitutes unprofessional conduct as that term is defined in ARS 32-1854.A.24, prescribing controlled substances to members of one's immediate family except if there is no other physician available within fifty miles to treat a member of the family and an emergency exists and ARS§32-1854.A.22, failing or refusing to maintain records on a patient. The conduct of Practitioner described in Paragraph V

constitutes unprofessional conduct as that term is defined in ARS§32-1854.A.23, use of controlled substances or prescription-only drugs unless provided by a medical practitioner, as defined in § 32-1901, paragraph 34, as part of a lawful course of treatment.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that HOWARD G. NORMAN, D.O. be and hereby is placed on probation for a minimum of 1 year under the following terms and conditions:

1. Practitioner shall, within 7 days, undergo an evaluation for drug abuse at St. Luke's Medical Center in Phoenix.

2. Upon request, Practitioner shall immediately execute all release of information forms required by the Board or its designee.

3. Practitioner shall submit to random biological fluid drug screens upon request by the Board or its designee.

4. If Practitioner should fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, then the Board may immediately suspend License No. 970 issued to HOWARD G. NORMAN, D.O., provided, however, that Practitioner shall be entitled to a subsequent hearing before the Board concerning only the issue of whether the terms of this Order have been violated.

5. Any violation of the Board's statutes, rules and regulations subsequent to this Order may be the basis for further disciplinary action.

ENTERED and effective this 8th day of August, 1987.

ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC
EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

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By _____
Gary Kopen, D.O.
President

By _____
Mary L. Tucker
Executive Director

I have reviewed the above amended Order of Probation and stipulate thereto.

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Howard G. Norman, D.O.