

**STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC LICENSURE**

In Re: STANLEY PAINTER, D.O.

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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

SUSPENSION OF LICENSE

On December 8, 2011, the Board of Osteopathic Licensure was presented with the following information:

1. A report from Board Investigator Pete Lizanecz outlining his observations during visit to Dr. Painter's office on October 27, 2011. Specifically, Investigator Lizanecz found the door to the office open, with the lights on and portable heaters on, but no one was present. He noticed that the ceiling by the entrance to the office appeared wet, rotted and ready to fall down.
2. Four recent medical records for patients to whom Dr. Painter prescribes benzodiazepines. The specifics are as follows:
 - a. R.F., a former patient who called Dr. Painter after a several year absence. The patient admitted to getting drugs on the street. This patient had a history of known alcohol abuse. Dr. Painter prescribed over one hundred tablets of benzodiazepines without examining the patient or obtaining the patient's records.
 - b. P.R., a patient Dr. Painter treats for bronchitis and a urinary tract infection. Dr. Painter prescribed 10mg diazepam bid, but did not document the rationale for this prescribing decision.
 - c. D.P., a patient for whom Dr. Painter prescribed Clonazepam on multiple occasions without any documented rationale.
 - d. G.M., a patient who was off Alprazolam, but four days later was put back on the medication without any documented rationale for why Dr. Painter prescribed it to the patient, why he stopped the medication, or why he restarted it.

In addition, Dr. Painter currently has an active consent agreement with the Board of Osteopathic Licensure. The purpose of that consent agreement is to restrict and monitor Dr. Painter's prescribing of scheduled drugs.

On the basis of this information, the Board concludes that the continued ability of Dr. Stanley Painter to practice medicine constitutes an immediate jeopardy to the health and safety of the public, and that failure to immediately suspend the license of Dr. Painter will not adequately respond to the risk. Specifically, the Board preliminarily finds, for purposes of this order, that there is substantial evidence to support allegations that Dr. Painter engaged in conduct that constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2591-A(2)(F) and incompetence pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2591-

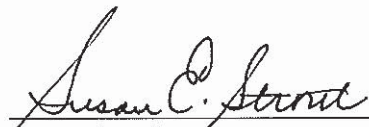
A(2)(E)(1) and (2). Therefore, the Board hereby ORDERS THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF THE LICENSE OF DR. PAINTER TO PRACTICE OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE.

This suspension is issued pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §10004(3). The license of Dr. Painter is suspended immediately today for the 30-day period beginning on Monday, December 12, 2011 and ending on January 11, 2012, at 11:59 p.m., pending further board action at an adjudicatory hearing.

Dr. Painter must immediately cease practicing osteopathic medicine and arrange for the follow-up care of his patients by another medical provider. Dr. Painter is not authorized to act as supervising physician for any physician extender.

Date: 12/12/2011

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By: 
Executive Secretary