

**BEFORE THE OREGON  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

**In the Matter of** ) **STIPULATED ORDER FOR**  
**Melanie Casebolt, RN** ) **SUSPENSION OF LICENSE**  
 ) **WITH CONDITIONS**  
**License No. 081001797RN** ) **Reference No. 14-00235**

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Melanie Casebolt (Licensee) was issued a Registered Nurse license by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) on September 04, 1981.

On or about August 21, 2013, the Board received information that Licensee failed to take action for a patient under her care while working as an agency nurse at Providence Benedictine. The Board opened an investigation into the matter.

On July 22, 2013, Licensee accepted an agency nursing assignment at Providence Benedictine Nursing Center. Licensee performed a catheter change at the beginning of her shift for DH, a patient at the facility. Later, during her nursing shift DH reported he was experiencing problems with the catheter, and requested assistance from Licensee.

Licensee stated she was unable to immediately attend to DH as she was behind in passing medications and needed to leave the facility on time. Licensee stated she believed the catheter was draining properly, so she passed DH's request on to the oncoming nurse during report.

Licensee stated she later learned DH was beginning to experience symptoms of autonomic dysreflexia and that his catheter needed to be changed. Licensee stated she was not aware of the serious nature of DH's symptoms when he requested assistance with his catheter.

By the above actions, Licensee is subject to discipline pursuant to ORS 678.111 (1) (f) and (g) and OAR 851-045-0070 (1) (a) and (b) and (2) (b) which reads as follows:

ORS 678.111 Causes for denial, revocation or suspension of license or probation, reprimand or censure of licensee. In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183 for a contested case:

(1) Issuance of the license to practice nursing, whether by examination or by indorsement, of any person may be refused or the license may be revoked or suspended or the licensee may be placed on probation for a period specified by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and subject to such condition as the board may impose or may be issued a limited license or may be reprimanded or censured by the board, for any of the following causes:

(f) Conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing.

(g) Violation of any provision of ORS 678.010 to 678.445 or rules adopted thereunder.



Conduct Derogatory to the Standards of Nursing Defined

Nurses, regardless of role, whose behavior fails to conform to the legal standard and accepted standards of the nursing profession, or who may adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, may be found guilty of conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing. Such conduct shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Conduct related to the client's safety and integrity:

(a) Developing, modifying, or implementing standards of nursing practice/care which jeopardize patient safety.

(b) Failing to take action to preserve or promote the client's safety based on nursing assessment and judgment.

(2) Conduct related to other federal or state statute/rule violations:

(b) Neglecting a client. The definition of neglect includes, but is not limited to, carelessly allowing a client to be in physical discomfort or be injured.

Licensee wishes to cooperate with the Board in this matter. Therefore, the following will be proposed to the Oregon State Board of Nursing and is agreed to by Licensee:

**That the Registered Nurse license of Melanie Casebolt be SUSPENDED for 30 days, commencing five business days from the date this Order is signed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing. That Licensee shall complete and provide a certificate of completion of the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," within 60 days of the adoption of this Order.**

Licensee understands that the conduct resulting in the violations of law described in this Order are considered by the Board to be of a grave nature and, if continued, constitutes a serious danger to public health and safety.

Licensee understands that in the event she engages in future conduct resulting in violations of law or the Nurse Practice Act, the Board may take further disciplinary action against her license, up to and including revocation of her license to practice as a Registered Nurse.

Licensee understands that this Order will be submitted to the Board of Nursing for its approval and is subject to the Board's confirmation.

Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulated Order, she waives the right to an administrative hearing under ORS 183.310 to 183.540. Licensee acknowledges that no promises, representations, duress or coercion have been used to induce her to sign this Order.

Licensee understands that this Order is a document of public record.

Licensee has read this Stipulated Order, understands this Order completely, and freely signs this Stipulated Order for Suspension.

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Melanie Casebolt, RN

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Date

**ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED:

**BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF OREGON**

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Kay Carnegie, RN, MS  
Board President

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Date

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