

**BEFORE THE OREGON  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

<b>In the Matter of Tanya M. Jackson, RN  License No. 200140988RN</b>	<b>) STIPULATED ORDER FOR ) 30 DAY SUSPENSION OF ) REGISTERED NURSE LICENSE ) Reference No. 10-00550</b>
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The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) is the state agency responsible for the licensing and regulation of registered nurses in Oregon. Tanya M. Jackson, hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is a Registered Nurse in the State of Oregon. Licensee received Oregon licensure by examination in June 2001.

Licensee began working as a staff nurse in the Emergency Department (ED) at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Springfield, Oregon in March 2009. On April 17, 2009, a 16 month old patient presented to the ED with an abscess. The medical doctor (MD) wrote an order for consent for moderate sedation using Ketamine, and instructed Licensee to prepare Ketamine 2mg/kg. The MD instructed Licensee to have the medication available at the bedside, so that when the MD was ready, the patient could be sedated for incision and drainage of the abscess.

After preparing the room for the procedure and drawing up the medication, Licensee thought she heard the MD say "let's get this done." Thinking the MD was present in the room, Licensee began to administer Ketamine to the patient. Licensee realized she was mistaken and that the MD was not present, so she stopped the administration of Ketamine.

Upon realizing her error, Licensee made several calls to the MD asking if the MD was coming to the room to perform the procedure. Approximately 10 to 15 minutes later, Licensee saw the MD coming into the room, so she completed the administration of Ketamine. Seeing that the patient was sedated, the MD asked Licensee if the patient had already been medicated. Licensee answered "yes" and the MD performed the procedure, not knowing that the medication had been administered in two doses.

The MD did not provide an order for Licensee to administer the medication. Licensee administered the medication without the MD present and divided the dose by about 10-15 minutes. At no time did Licensee inform the MD of her error. Following the procedure, Licensee documented that she had administered the medication in a single dose and that it was given at the time of the second dose. Licensee did not report the medication error to her supervisor and did not document the error on an incident report.

Licensee acknowledged her misconduct and attributed it to lack of critical thinking and being overly focused on the tasks that needed to be completed, in order to keep the flow of patients moving.

The above conduct is a violation of the provisions of ORS 678.111(1) (f); and OAR 851-045-

0070 (1) (b) and (d), (3) (a), (h) and (i) and (4) (a).

ORS 678.111 Causes for denial, revocation, 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.

OAR 851-045-0070 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:

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

(d) Failing to modify, or failing to attempt to modify the plan of care as needed based on nursing assessment and judgment, either directly or through proper channels.

(3) Conduct related to communication:

(a) Inaccurate recordkeeping in client or agency records.

(h) Failing to communicate information regarding the client's status to members of the health care team (physician, nurse practitioner, nursing supervisor, nurse co-worker) in an ongoing and timely manner; and

(i) Failing to communicate information regarding the client's status to other individuals who need to know; for example, family, and facility administrator.

(4) Conduct related to achieving and maintaining clinical competency:

(a) Performing acts beyond the authorized scope or the level of nursing for which the individual is licensed.

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

**That the Registered Nurse license of Tanya M. Jackson be suspended for 30 days; from May 1, 2010 to May 30, 2010. Licensee shall complete two courses of study; one course on the subject of critical thinking and one course on the subject of professional accountability and submit proof of completion of the two courses within 60 days of the approval to this stipulation.**

Licensee understands that in the event she engages in future conduct resulting in violations of law, or violations of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation, the Board may take further disciplinary action against her, up to and including revocation of her nursing license.

Licensee understands that this Stipulation will be submitted to the Board for approval, and that it is subject to the Board's confirmation.

Licensee understands that by entering into this Stipulation she waives the right to an administrative hearing under ORS 183.310 to 183.550.

Licensee understands that this Stipulation is a public record.

Licensee, by her signature below, attests that she has read and understands this Stipulation and agrees to abide by each and every one of its terms and conditions.

Licensee understands that, if proven, the conduct described above is grounds for the Board to issue a notice of intent to impose disciplinary action. Licensee does not wish to avail herself of her right to receive such Notice, or to ask for a contested case hearing on the matter, as is her right under Oregon law, and therefore is willing and proposes to resolve this matter by entering into this Stipulation.

Licensee further attests that no promises, representations, duress, or coercion have been used to induce her to sign this Stipulation.

IT IS SO AGREED:

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Tanya Jackson, 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