BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

In the Matter of

ROBERT B. WICKMAN, D.O.

ORDER OF REVOCATION OF LICENSE

Holder of License No. 687 for the Practice of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in the State of Arizona

The above captioned matter came before the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery (Board) for hearing on January 11, 1985, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-1801 et seq. and §§ 41-1001 et seq. The State of Arizona was represented by Virginia Balmes Whitehead, Assistant Attorney General. Respondent ROBERT B. WICKMAN, D.O. was not present and no one appeared on his behalf. The Board having considered all the matters presented 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 and surgery in the State of Arizona.

II

On February 17, 1964, ROBERT B. WICKMAN, D.O. was issued License No. 687 for the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery in the State of Arizona.
III

In June and July, 1983 ROBERT B. WICKMAN, D.O. maintained a referring and fee dividing relationship with one Ken Anderson, an illegal practitioner of medicine.

IV

On or about July 11, 1983 ROBERT B. WICKMAN, D.O. fraudulently represented to Sandra Ramsey, an undercover investigator that a solution of L-Arginine (identified as Tumorex) and DMSO was an effective and successfully curative treatment for cancer.

V

On or about July 11, 1983 ROBERT B. WICKMAN, D.O. offered to and embarked on a course of conduct that, if carried to its intended conclusion, would have resulted in the treatment of Sandra Ramsey by injection with a solution of DMSO and Tumorex, without first taking a history, conducting a physical examination, or arriving at a diagnosis of any medical condition in Ms. Ramsey.

VI

On or about July 11, 1983 ROBERT B. WICKMAN, D.O. accepted a fee of $2,500.00 in cash in return for an agreement to treat Sandra Ramsey with a solution of DMSO and Tumorex.

VII

On or about July 11, 1983 ROBERT B. WICKMAN, D.O. offered to provide Sandra Ramsey with a cash receipt made out as ...
if received from the "Basic Bible Church" for the cash payment
she tendered for treatment with DMSO and Tumorex.

VIII

On or about June and July of 1983 ROBERT B. WICKMAN,
D.O. conspired with one Ken Anderson to engage in the violations
described above in Paragraphs III through VII.

IX

ROBERT B. WICKMAN, D.O. failed to comply with the
Board's request to appear at the informal interview held on
October 19, 1984 regarding the use of colonics to treat rectal
bleeding when a diagnosis had not been made and the use of
"Chelapex" oral chelatin treatments without proper examination
and diagnosis. The informal interview originally scheduled for
the Board's August 1984 meeting was continued to the October
meeting at the request of Dr. Wickman's attorney. The Board
received no indication of the reason Dr. Wickman or a
representative did not appear at the October meeting.

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ROBERT B. WICKMAN, D.O. failed to provide the Board
with requested information concerning "Chelaplex" treatment.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

XI

A.R.S. § 31-1855(M) provides that any osteopathic
physician who after a hearing is found by the Board to be guilty
of unprofessional conduct shall be subject to any one or more of
the following: civil penalty, censure, probation, suspension of
license, or revocation of license, and for such period of time, 
or permanently, and under such conditions as the Board deems 
appropriate for the protection of the public health and safety 
and just in the circumstances.

XII

The violation described in Paragraph III constitutes 
unprofessional conduct as defined by A.R.S. § 32-1854(A)(11).

XIII

The violation described in Paragraph IV constitutes 
unprofessional conduct as defined by A.R.S. § 32-1854(A)(16).

XIV

The violation described in Paragraph V constitutes 
unprofessional conduct as defined by A.R.S. § 32-1854(A)(20).

XV

The violation described in Paragraph VI constitutes 
unprofessional conduct as defined by A.R.S. § 32-1854(A)(28) & 
(20).

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The violation described in Paragraph VII constitutes 
unprofessional conduct as defined by A.R.S. § 32-1854(A)(18).

XVII

The violation described in Paragraph VIII constitutes 
unprofessional conduct as defined by A.R.S. § 32-1854(A)(21).

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XVIII

The violation described in Paragraphs IX and X constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined by A.R.S. § 32-1854(A)(14).

XIX

In light of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, grounds exist to permanently revoke the osteopathic medical license of ROBERT B. WICKMAN, D.O.

ORDER

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, License No. 687 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona held by ROBERT B. WICKMAN, D.O. is hereby permanently revoked.

ENTERED this 24th day of January, 1985.

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

By

L. GEORGE HERSHBY, D.O.
President

and

By

MARY TUCKER
Executive Director