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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**RODNEY DUNHAM, (Lic# 14888)**

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**ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

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**WHEREAS**, on October 21, 2009, the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners was presented with evidence that the Respondent violated applicable laws relative to the practice of medicine by:

1. Having sexual relationship with female patients.
2. Prescribing controlled substances to one of these patients in exchange for the sexual relationship.
3. Respondent prescribed controlled substances to non-patients in an effort to avoid having his sexual relationship with a female patient revealed to others.
4. The Respondent is currently permitted to engage in the practice of medicine which would allow him to continue the aforementioned conduct that is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the public.

The Respondent's conduct is so severe that it poses such a threat to the health and welfare of the public that the mere filing of formal disciplinary charges will not deter the Respondent's conduct warranting the summary suspension so that the Respondent will not be allowed to continue to engage in this conduct with future patients.

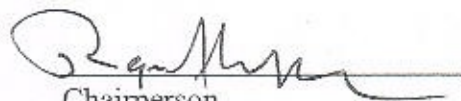
**WHEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority granted under Tenn. Code Ann. §§4-5-320(c) and 63-6-214, the Board of Medical Examiners hereby finds that the aforesaid conduct and activity of Rodney Dunham, M.D. requires imperative action in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare by summarily suspending the Respondent's license to engage in the practice of medicine, (License Number: 14888) to protect the health safety and welfare of the Respondent's current patients as well as any future patients of the Respondent.

The Board of Medical Examiners hereby **ORDERS** the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** of the Respondent's license to engage in the practice of medicine, (License Number: 14888).

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §4-5-320(d), the Respondent, Rodney Dunham may attend an informal conference scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at 2:00pm to be held in the \_\_\_\_\_ Room, 227 French Landing, Nashville, Tennessee. The sole issue to be considered at the informal conference is whether the health, safety or welfare imperatively required emergency action by the Board.

Said suspension shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the conclusion of the contested case hearing against the Respondent, Rodney Dunham, at which time a hearing will be held in this matter, or unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Medical Examiners.

Entered this the October day of 21, 2009.



Chairperson  
Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners