

**BEFORE THE IDAHO STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE
STATE OF IDAHO**

In the Matter of:

JEFFREY BAKER, MD
License No. M-5835

Respondent.

Case No. 1312625

**STIPULATION AND
CONSENT ORDER**

The Idaho Board of Medicine, ("Board") has received information that constitutes sufficient grounds for the initiation of an administrative action against Jeffrey Baker ("Respondent"), and the parties mutually agree to settle the matter in an expeditious manner in lieu of administrative hearings before the Board. Therefore, the parties STIPULATE AND AGREE as follows:

**I.
STIPULATED FACTS AND LAW**

1. The Board regulates the practice of medicine in the State of Idaho in accordance with title 54, chapter 18, Idaho Code.
2. The Board issued License No. M-5835 to Respondent to practice medicine as a physician in the state of Idaho. Respondent's continued right to licensure is subject to Respondent's compliance with the Board's laws codified title 54, chapter 18, Idaho Code, commonly known as the Idaho Medical Practice Act ("IMPA") and the Board's Administrative Rules promulgated thereunder.

3. The Board is empowered by the IMPA to impose disciplinary action against licensees who violate the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Idaho. I.C. §§ 54-1806; 54-1806A; and 54-1814.

BACKGROUND

4. On March 1, 2022, a patient (“MT”), a 27-year-old female, presented at Respondent’s clinic with symptoms consistent with irritable bowel syndrome–Constipation type by Rome IV criteria (“IBS”), chronic headaches previously diagnosed and treated as migraines, chronic depression, and intermittent cold sores. MT had been taking medications for migraines, depression, and cold sore prevention. MT’s chief complaint on March 1, 2022, was abdominal bloating and discomfort.

5. At MT’s first appointment with Respondent, Respondent assessed that MT had digestive dysfunction likely caused or contributed to by gastrointestinal microflora dysbiosis (i.e., an abnormal imbalance of gastrointestinal microflora). Respondent then recommended a series of treatments and tests and expressed concern that the patient’s silicone bilateral breast implants (“SBI”) may be a root cause of her gastrointestinal issues.

6. MT saw Respondent for her continued symptoms on three occasions from March 1, 2022, to June 6, 2022. During this time, MT, upon Respondent’s recommendations, was self-administering near-daily rectal ozone insufflation, taking the prebiotics inulin and fructooligosaccharides, and consuming prebiotic easily-fermentable foods including sauerkraut and kimchi.

7. In between March 1 and June 6, 2022, MT’s gastrointestinal (“GI”) symptoms did not improve despite strictly adhering to Respondent’s recommendations. Rather, MT reported that her symptoms had worsened with the treatment regimen.

8. In response to MT's reports of worsening symptoms, Respondent again focused on MT's bilateral breast implants as a contributing factor or cause. Respondent did not consider or evaluate whether the worsening symptoms could be attributed to intolerability of the high intake of the prebiotics inulin and fructooligosaccharides and/or increased dietary intake of prebiotic easily fermentable foods, including sauerkraut and kimchi, or whether the daily self-administered rectal insufflation could be causing transient bloating and abdominal discomfort.

9. Respondent concluded the next appropriate step was to encourage MT to read online articles about breast implant illness and seek surgical consultation for removal of her SBIs.

10. The standard of care for the community provided by other qualified physicians or in the same community or similar communities, taking into account Respondent's training, experience and the degree of expertise to which he holds himself out to the public ("standard of care") would be to recommend or refer MT for a gastroenterology consultation, possibly to include colonoscopic evaluation. Respondent did not make this referral and instead recommended an invasive surgical procedure.

11. Although Respondent continued to attribute MT's SBIs as the root cause of MT's symptoms, Respondent did not order an imaging study to evaluate for breast implant rupture or leak.

12. In all, Respondent truncated the differential diagnosis process that would be typical in the standard of care and focused primarily on a single piece of information about MT, the SBI.

13. Respondent also diagnosed MT with autoimmune disease based on a one-time lab value of anti-nuclear antibody (ANA) positive at a dilution of 1:80 with a nucleolar pattern.

14. Respondent did not follow up with an extended ANA panel with multiple auto-antibodies or document any organ or tissue changes indicating an autoimmune disease, which would be the standard of care to diagnose autoimmune disease.

COUNT I
Standard of Care

15. All facts set forth in this Stipulation are incorporated into Count I.

16. Licensees must meet the standard of health care provided by other qualified physicians in the same community or similar communities, taking into account his training, experience and the degree of expertise to which he holds himself out to the public, which is commonly referred to as the community standard of care. I.C. § 54-1814(7).

17. Respondent is alleged to have failed to meet the community standards of care when Respondent:

- a. Focused on MT's bilateral breast implants as the source of her symptoms without considering other possible causes when his initial treatment plan failed, without additional breast studies, and without referring MT to a GI specialist for additional diagnostic tests.
- b. Diagnosed MT with autoimmune disease based on a one-time lab value time of a positive ANA without additional panels or other indicators necessary for such a diagnosis.

18. The allegations set forth in Count I, if proven, constitute a violation of the following laws and rules governing the practice of a physician in the State of Idaho and constitute grounds for disciplinary action against Respondent's license: I.C. § 54-1814(7).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

In entering into this Stipulation, Respondent or Respondent's legally authorized representative understands, acknowledges, and agrees to the following:

19. Respondent denies the allegations or the accuracy of the facts set forth in Section I of this Stipulation. Respondent, however, understands the allegations and admits that the Board has sufficient evidence to establish the allegations for purposes of disciplinary action against Respondent's license. Respondent further understands that these allegations, if proven, would constitute cause for disciplinary action upon Respondent's license to practice medicine in Idaho. Respondent specifically does not admit any allegations above for any other purpose.

20. The parties mutually agree to settle the matter in an expeditious manner in lieu of formal administrative hearings before the Board and agree to voluntarily enter into this Stipulation for the purpose of responding to and addressing these violations.

21. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily waives the following rights as a resolution of the pending allegations: the right to meet with the Committee on Professional Discipline or Board staff, the right to a full and complete hearing; the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses; the right to present evidence, call witnesses, and testify; the right to reconsideration and judicial review of the Board's orders; and all rights accorded by Idaho's Administrative Procedure Act and the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Idaho. This waiver only applies to Board disciplinary proceedings and not for any other purpose.

22. In signing this Stipulation, Respondent is enabling the Board to impose the disciplinary action set forth herein without further process. Moreover, the Board and its agents, without further notice or action otherwise required by Idaho law or administrative rules, is authorized to enforce all terms of this Stipulation.

23. In consideration of the resolution of the pending disciplinary action by the Board, Respondent hereby releases, acquits and forever discharges the Board, the Board's advisory committees and their respective members, employees, agents, officers, representatives, attorneys, consultants and witnesses, jointly and severally, from any known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, claims, actions, causes of action, demands, rights, injuries, damages, costs, loss of service, expense and compensation whatsoever which the undersigned now has or which may hereafter accrue on account of or in any way growing out of or resulting or which may result from the Board's investigation of Respondent and in the prosecution of this disciplinary proceeding.

III. STIPULATED DISCIPLINE

24. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that the following discipline imposed for the violations set forth herein is reasonable under the circumstances.

Educational Courses

25. Respondent shall take Board-approved courses on (1) autoimmune disease; (2) inflammatory bowel disease; and (3) cognitive bias in medicine.

- a. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Agreement, Respondent must submit proposed courses for approval by the Board or its agent, which may be accomplished by contacting the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses via email at health-inv@dopl.idaho.gov.
- b. Respondent will complete the approved courses within ninety (90) days after approval or at the next available offering, whichever is later.
- c. Within thirty (30) days of each course completion, Respondent shall submit proof to the Board's satisfaction establishing that Respondent has successfully completed the course. Such proof may be submitted by email to health-inv@dopl.idaho.gov.

Miscellaneous Provisions

26. Respondent is solely responsible for all costs associated with complying with this Stipulation.

27. Respondent's violation of any of the terms of this Stipulation may warrant further Board action. The Board, therefore, retains jurisdiction over this proceeding until all matters set forth in this Stipulation are resolved.

28. The terms of this Stipulation and Order will become effective upon the entry of the Consent Order by the Board and will terminate after one year, provided Respondent satisfactorily complies with its terms as verified by Board staff.

29. In the event Respondent violates or fails to timely comply with any term or condition of this Stipulation, the Board shall be authorized to take additional disciplinary action pursuant to Idaho law, administrative rules, or any other statutory or regulatory provision and shall be entitled to seek an injunction or order from the district court to enforce the provisions of this Stipulation without further notice or administrative hearing.

30. This Stipulation is the resolution of a contested case and is a public record, and the Board may be required by law or regulation to report this disciplinary action to another entity.

31. A faxed or scanned executed copy of this Stipulation shall be sufficient and the same as the original signed document.

32. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, and Respondent is not relying on any other agreement or representations of any kind, verbal or otherwise.

VI.
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read, understood, and voluntarily enter into the attached Stipulation in its entirety and have had the opportunity to discuss it with legal counsel before executing this Stipulation. I hereby declare and represent that I relied wholly upon my own judgment, belief, and knowledge of the matters set forth herein and/or the advice of my counsel, if any, and execute this document without any reliance upon any statement or representation of the Board or its members, representatives, or employees. I understand that, by its terms, I am waiving certain rights accorded me under Idaho law. I understand that the Board will issue an Order on this Stipulation according to the aforementioned terms, and I hereby agree to the above Stipulation for settlement.

DATED 06/30/25

Dr. Jeff Baker

[Dr. Jeff Baker \(Jun 30, 2025 14:18 MDT\)](#)

Jeffrey Baker, MD

Respondent

ORDER

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 54-1806A, the Board hereby accepts the terms and conditions of the foregoing Stipulation and it is hereby ordered that Respondent comply with said terms and conditions. Based upon the foregoing, further formal proceedings will be waived.

DATED 07/09/2025

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

By: 
[Guillermo Guzman, MD FACOG \(07/09/2025 12:19 MDT\)](#)

Board Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 10TH day of JULY, 2025,
I caused to be served, by the method(s) indicated, a true and correct copy of the foregoing upon:

Portia Rauer
Powers Farley
[REDACTED]
Attorney for Respondent

- U.S. Mail
- Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
- Email: [REDACTED]
- Fax Transmission

Joan Callahan
Naylor & Hales, P.C.
[REDACTED]
Board Prosecutor

- U.S. Mail
- Hand Delivered
- Email: [REDACTED]
- Fax Transmission: 208-383-9516

[REDACTED]

Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses

2025 Idaho Code

Title 54 - PROFESSIONS, VOCATIONS, AND BUSINESSES

Chapter 18 - PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Section 54-1814 - GROUNDS FOR MEDICAL DISCIPLINE.

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54-1814. GROUNDS FOR MEDICAL DISCIPLINE. Every person licensed to practice medicine, or registered as an intern or resident in this state is subject to discipline by the board pursuant to the procedures set forth in this chapter and rules promulgated pursuant thereto upon any of the following grounds:

- (1) Being convicted of a felony, pleading guilty to a felony, or the finding of guilt by a jury or court of commission of a felony.
- (2) Using false, fraudulent or forged statements or documents, diplomas or credentials in connection with any licensing or other requirements of this act.
- (3) Practicing medicine under a false or assumed name in this or any other state.
- (4) Advertising the practice of medicine in any unethical or unprofessional manner.
- (5) Knowingly aiding or abetting any person to practice medicine who is not authorized to practice medicine as provided in this chapter.
- (6) Performing or procuring an unlawful abortion or aiding or abetting the performing or procuring of an unlawful abortion.
- (7) Providing health care which fails to meet the standard of health care provided by other qualified physicians or physician assistants in the same community or similar communities, taking into account his training, experience and the degree of expertise to which he holds himself out to the public.
- (8) Dividing fees or gifts or agreeing to split or divide fees or gifts received for professional services with any person, institution or corporation in exchange for referral.
- (9) Giving or receiving or aiding or abetting the giving or receiving of rebates, either directly or indirectly.

- (10) Inability to obtain or renew a license to practice medicine, or revocation, suspension, or other discipline of a license to practice medicine by any other state, territory, district of the United States or Canada, unless it can be shown that such action was not related to the competence of the person to practice medicine or to any conduct designated herein.
- (11) Prescribing or furnishing narcotic or hallucinogenic drugs to addicted persons to maintain their addictions and level of usage without attempting to treat the primary condition requiring the use of narcotics.
- (12) Prescribing or furnishing narcotic, hypnotic, hallucinogenic, stimulating or dangerous drugs for other than treatment of any disease, injury or medical condition.
- (13) Failing to safeguard the confidentiality of medical records or other medical information pertaining to identifiable patients, except as required or authorized by law.
- (14) Directly promoting the sale of drugs, devices, appliances or goods to a patient that are unnecessary and not medically indicated.
- (15) Abandoning a patient.
- (16) Willfully and intentionally representing that a manifestly incurable disease or injury or other manifestly incurable condition can be permanently cured.
- (17) Failing to supervise the activities of interns, residents, nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, clinical nurse specialists, or physician assistants.
- (18) Practicing medicine when a license pursuant to this chapter is suspended, revoked or inactive.
- (19) Practicing medicine in violation of a voluntary restriction or terms of probation pursuant to this chapter.
- (20) Refusing to divulge to the board upon demand the means, method, device or instrumentality used in the treatment of a disease, injury, ailment, or infirmity.
- (21) Committing any act constituting a felony.
- (22) Engaging in any conduct which constitutes an abuse or exploitation of a patient arising out of the trust and confidence placed in the physician by the patient.
- (23) Being convicted of or pleading guilty to driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other intoxicating substances or being convicted of or pleading guilty to other drug or alcohol related criminal charges.
- (24) Failing to comply with a board order entered by the board.
- (25) Failing to comply with the requirements of the abortion complications reporting act, chapter 95, title 39, Idaho Code.
- (26) Engaging in a pattern of unprofessional or disruptive behavior or interaction in a health care setting that interferes with patient care or could reasonably be expected to adversely impact the quality of care rendered to a patient. Such behavior does not have to have caused actual patient harm to be considered unprofessional or disruptive.

(27) Interfering with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding by willful misrepresentation of facts or by use of threats of harassment against any patient, member of a board or committee on professional discipline, board staff, hearing officer, or witness in an attempt to influence the outcome of a disciplinary proceeding, investigation, or other legal action.

(28) Delegating professional responsibilities to:

(a) An unlicensed person when the licensee knows or has reason to know that such person is not qualified by training, experience, or license to carry them out; or

(b) A person licensed by this state to engage in activities which may involve the practice of medicine when the delegating licensee knows or has reason to know that the delegated activities are outside the licensed person's scope of practice.

(29) Failure to report the charge or conviction of a felony to the board within thirty (30) days of the charge.

History:

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