



State Medical Board of

**Ohio**

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Columbus, Ohio 43215  
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January 19, 2022

Case number: 22-CRF- 0017

Donald Alexander Gronbeck, M.D.  
1594 Dayton Yellow Springs Rd.  
Xenia, OH 45385

Dear Doctor Gronbeck:

Enclosed please find certified copies of the Entry of Order, the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, and an excerpt of the Minutes of the State Medical Board, meeting in special session on January 19, 2022, including a Motion adopting the Order of Summary Suspension and issuing the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing.

You are advised that continued practice after receipt of this Order shall be considered practicing without a certificate, in violation of Section 4731.41, Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing on the matters set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing. If you wish to request such hearing, that request must be made in writing and be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty days of the time of mailing of this notice. Further information concerning such hearing is contained within the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing.

THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

*Kim Rothermel*

Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.  
Secretary

*per authorization  
1/19/22 (ARC)*

KGR/JLR/brs  
Enclosures

*Mailed 01-19-2022*

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached copies of the Entry of Order of the State Medical Board of Ohio and the Motion by the State Medical Board, meeting in special session on January 19, 2022, to Adopt the Order of Summary Suspension and to Issue the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, constitute true and complete copies of the Motion and Order in the Matter of Donald Alexander Gronbeck, M.D., Case number: 22-CRF-0017 as they appear in the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio.

This certification is made under the authority of the State Medical Board of Ohio and in its behalf.

Kim Rothermel

Kim G. Rothermel, M.D., Secretary

per authorization  
ARC  
1/19/22

(SEAL)

January 19, 2022

Date

BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF :  
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Donald Alexander Gronbeck, M.D. :  
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CASE NUMBER: 22-CRF-0017 :

ENTRY OF ORDER

This matter came on for consideration before the State Medical Board of Ohio the 19th day of January 2022.

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, and upon recommendation of Kim G. Rothermel, M.D., Secretary, and Bruce R. Saferin, D.P.M., Supervising Member; and

Pursuant to their determination, based upon their review of the information supporting the allegations as set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, that there is clear and convincing evidence that Dr. Gronbeck has violated Section 4731.22(B)(3), 4731.22(B)(6), 4731.22(B)10), and 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, as alleged in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing that is enclosed herewith and fully incorporated herein; and,

Pursuant to their further determination, based upon their review of the information supporting the allegations as set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, that Dr. Gronbeck's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public;

The following Order is hereby entered on the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio for the 19th day of January 2022:

It is hereby ORDERED that the certificate of Donald Alexander Gronbeck, M.D. to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio be summarily suspended.

It is hereby ORDERED that Dr. Gronbeck, shall immediately cease the practice of medicine and surgery in Ohio and immediately refer all active patients to other appropriate physicians.

This Order shall become effective immediately.

Kim Rothermel  
Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.  
Secretary  
*per authorization 1/19/22 ARC*

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EXCERPT FROM TELECONFERENCE OF JANUARY 19, 2022

VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL OF JANUARY 19, 2022 TO CONSIDER THE SUMMARY  
SUSPENSION OF A CERTIFICATE

DONALD ALEXANDER GRONBECK, M.D. – ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND  
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

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**Dr. Bechtel moved to enter an Order of Summary Suspension in the matter of Donald Alexander Gronbeck, M.D., in accordance with Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, and to issue the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing to Dr. Gronbeck. Dr. Reddy seconded the motion. A vote was taken:**

Dr. Rothermel	Abstain
Dr. Saferin	Abstain
Dr. Soin	Abstain
Dr. Schottenstein	Y
Dr. Reddy	Y
Dr. Kakarala	Y
Dr. Feibel	Y
Mr. Gonidakis	Y
Dr. Bechtel	Y
Ms. Montgomery	Y

The motion carried.



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**NOTICE OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION  
AND  
OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

January 19, 2022

Case number: 22-CRF- *0017*

Donald Alexander Gronbeck, M.D.  
1594 Dayton Yellow Springs Rd.  
Xenia, OH 45385

Dear Doctor Gronbeck:

The Secretary and the Supervising Member of the State Medical Board of Ohio [Board] have determined that there is clear and convincing evidence that you have violated Section 4731.22(B) (3), 4731.22(B) (6), 4731.22(B) (10) and 4731.22(B) (20), Ohio Revised Code, and have further determined that your continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public, as set forth in paragraphs (1) through (6), below.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, and upon recommendation of Kim G. Rothermel, M.D., Secretary, and Bruce R. Saferin, D.P.M., Supervising Member, you are hereby notified that, as set forth in the attached Entry of Order, your certificate/license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio is summarily suspended. Accordingly, at this time, you are no longer authorized to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio.

Furthermore, in accordance with Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the Board intends to determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke, or suspend your license or certificate, or refuse to grant or register or issue the license/certificate for which you have a pending application in accordance with Section 9.79 of the Ohio Revised Code, or refuse to renew or reinstate your license or certificate to practice medicine and surgery, or to reprimand you or place you on probation for one or more of the following reasons:

During or about January 2013 through January 2022, in the course of your medical practice, you undertook the care of Patients 1-8, identified in the attached patient key.

1. On or between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2013 and the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2022, you digitally penetrated female patients 1, 6, 7, and 8, vaginally and/or anally, for sexual gratification and/or for a sexual purpose.
2. On or between the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2018 and the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, you were/are engaged in a romantic relationship (sexual) with Patient 2. You were also treating patient 2 as a patient during this time frame.

3. On or between the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2021 and 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021, you wrote a prescription for Rivastigmine patches to an employee/patient (Patient 2) and gave instructions to her to hand the patches out to other employees of your office staff. Patient 3 and Patient 4 both received Rivastigmine patches from Patient 2 in this way.
4. On or between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2013 and the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, you had sexual contact with patients 1, 3, and 5 by touching their breasts in a sexual manner.
5. On or between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2017 and the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, during medical appointments, you rubbed your erect penis against the body of patients 1, 5, and 8.
6. On or between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2018 and the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, you created a private email account and requested Patient 1 to message you on a messaging app called Cover Me, where the messages disappear rapidly and are not saved, and used this message app in order to engage in sexually explicit conversation with her.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraph (1) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute “[c]ommission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed,” as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(10), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Sexual Battery, Ohio Revised Code 2907.03.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraphs (1), (2), (4), (5), and (6) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute “violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board,” as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to-wit Prohibitions, Rule 4731-26-02, Ohio Administrative Code, regarding sexual misconduct, as currently in effect.

Pursuant to Rule 4731-26-03, Ohio Administrative Code, a violation of Rule 4731-26-02, Ohio Administrative Code, also constitutes a violation of Section 4731.22(B)(6), Ohio Revised Code, “departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established.”

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraph (3) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute “[s]elling, giving away, personally furnishing, prescribing, or administering drugs for other than legal and legitimate therapeutic purposes or a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction of, a violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution, or use of any drug,” as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(3), Ohio Revised Code.

Furthermore, for any violations that occurred on or after September 29, 2015, the board may impose a civil penalty in an amount that shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars, pursuant to Section 4731.225, Ohio Revised Code. The civil penalty may be in addition to any other action the board may take under section 4731.22, Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 4731., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing concerning these matters. If you wish to

request such hearing, the request must be made in writing and must be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty days of the time of mailing of this notice.

You are further advised that, if you timely request a hearing, you are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by your attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before this agency, or you may present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and that at the hearing you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you.

In the event that there is no request for such hearing received within thirty days of the time of mailing of this notice, the State Medical Board may, in your absence and upon consideration of this matter, determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke, or suspend your license or certificate, or refuse to grant or register or issue the license/certificate for which you have a pending application in accordance with Section 9.79 of the Ohio Revised Code, or refuse to renew or reinstate your license or certificate to practice, or to reprimand you or place you on probation.

Please note that, whether or not you request a hearing, Section 4731.22(L), Ohio Revised Code, provides that "[w]hen the board refuses to grant or issue a license or certificate to practice to an applicant, revokes an individual's license or certificate to practice, refuses to renew an individual's license or certificate to practice, or refuses to reinstate an individual's license or certificate to practice, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a license or certificate to practice and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the license or certificate or for issuance of a new license or certificate."

Copies of the applicable sections are enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,



Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.  
Secretary

1/19/22 Per  
Authorization  
AK

KGR/JLR/brs  
Enclosures

CERTIFIED MAIL #91 7199 9991 7039 7791 5017  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

cc: BY PERSONAL DELIVERY  
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**IN THE MATTER OF  
DONALD ALEXANDER  
GRONBECK, MD**

**22-CRF-0017**

**JANUARY 19, 2022, NOTICE OF  
OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING -  
PATIENT KEY**

**SEALED TO  
PROTECT PATIENT  
CONFIDENTIALITY AND  
MAINTAINED IN CASE  
RECORD FILE.**