

CHAPTER 676
USE OF TITLES IMPORTING HEALTH CARE PROFESSION
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676.100 [Repealed by 2009 c.142 §6]

676.110 Use of title “doctor.” (1) An individual practicing a health care profession may not use the title “doctor” in connection with the profession, unless the individual:

(a) Has earned a doctoral degree in the individual’s field of practice; and

(b)(A) Is licensed by a health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160 to practice the particular health care profession in which the individual’s doctoral degree was earned; or

(B) Is working under a board-approved residency contract and is practicing under the license of a supervisor who is licensed by a health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160 to practice the particular health care profession in which the individual’s doctoral degree was earned.

(2) When an individual uses the title “doctor” on written or printed matter or in connection with advertising, billboards, signs or professional notices, the individual shall designate the health care profession in which the individual’s doctoral degree was earned. The designation must be in letters or print at least one-fourth the size of the largest letters used in the title “doctor,” and in material, color, type or illumination to give display and legibility of at least one-fourth that of the title “doctor.”

(3) Subsection (1) of this section does not prohibit:

(a) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684 from using the title “chiropractic physician”;

(b) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 from using the title “naturopathic physician”;

(c) A person licensed to practice optometry under ORS chapter 683 from using the title “doctor of optometry” or “optometric physician”; or

(d) A podiatric physician licensed under ORS 677.805 to 677.840 from using the title “podiatric physician.” [Amended by 1967 c.470 §66; 1983 c.169 §29; 1983 c.486 §1a; 1983 c.769 §1; 1991 c.314 §4; 1995 c.765 §1; 2007 c.418 §1; 2009 c.142 §1]

676.120 Use of deceased licensee’s name. Notwithstanding ORS 676.110, upon the death of any person duly licensed by a health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160, the executors of the estate or the heirs, assigns, associates or partners may retain the use of the decedent’s name, where it appears other than as a part of an assumed name, for no more than one year after the death of such person or until the estate is settled, whichever is sooner. [Amended by 1953 c.137 §2; 1983 c.769 §2; 1991 c.314 §5; 2009 c.142 §2]

676.130 Enforcement of ORS 676.110 and 676.120. Each health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160 shall notify the appropriate district attorney of any violation of ORS 676.110 and 676.120 which may be brought to the attention of such board. The district attorney of the county in which any violation of those sections takes place shall prosecute the violation upon being informed of the violation by any person or by one of such boards. [Amended by 1983 c.769 §3; 2009 c.142 §3]

676.140 [Repealed by 1967 c.470 §68]