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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
STEVEN G. TARANGLE, M.D.,	:	96 MED 379
RESPONDENT	:	

The parties to this action for the purposes of section 227.53 of the Wisconsin statutes are:

Steven G. Tarangle, M.D.
8786 Maplewood
PO Box 159
Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Medical Examining Board
PO Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
PO Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Steven G. Tarangle, M.D. (DOB 12/28/22) is duly licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin (license #17538). This license was first granted on May 13, 1971.
2. Dr. Tarangle's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is 9082 Maplewood, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

3. On February 14, 1996, the Michigan Board of Medicine issued an order which imposed discipline upon the Michigan license of Dr. Tarangle to practice medicine. The factual basis for the imposition involved allegations of improper prescription of controlled substances. A true and correct copy of the Administrative Complaint, Consent Order and Stipulation are attached to this document as Exhibit A. Exhibit A is incorporated into this document by reference.

4. In resolution of this matter, Dr. Tarangle consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to sec. 448.02(3), Stats. and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to sec. 227.44(5), Stats.
2. The conduct described in paragraph 3, above, constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code § Med 10.02(h), (p) and (q).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The license of Steven G. Tarangle (license # 17538) to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin is **SUSPENDED** for an **INDEFINITE PERIOD** of time.
2. At any time following full and successful completion by Dr. Tarangle of the terms and conditions imposed against his practice of medicine in the state of Michigan, Dr. Tarangle may petition the Board for permission to practice within this state.
 - a. In conjunction with a petition by Dr. Tarangle, the Board shall require current documentation of the status of Dr. Tarangle's compliance with the terms and conditions imposed against his Michigan license to practice medicine.
 - b. In the exercise of its discretion, the Board in addition may require a personal appearance by Dr. Tarangle to answer questions in conjunction with his petition.
 - c. Denial in whole or in part of a petition under this paragraph shall not constitute denial of a license and shall not give rise to a contested case within the meaning of Wis. Stats. §§227.01(3) and 227.42. *The Board may in its sole discretion determine whether, and under what terms and conditions, Dr. Tarangle may resume the practice of medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin.*
3. **Violation of any of the terms of this Order or the conditions imposed as a result of this Order shall be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Dr. Tarangle's license; the Board in its discretion may in**

the alternative deny an extension of the stay of suspension or impose additional conditions and limitations other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.

4. This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By Glenn Hoberg M.D.
A Member of the Board

4-23-87

Date



State of Michigan
John Engler, Governor

Department of Consumer & Industry Services
Kathleen M. Wilbur, Director

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Professional Regulation
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OFFICE OF LEGAL SERVICES
LEGAL RESOURCES DIVISION
(517) 335-4084

October 14, 1996

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary E. Hess, Assistant Freedom of Information Officer with the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Office of Legal Services, do hereby certify that the attached documents are true copies taken from the Master File maintained by the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Bureau of Occupational and Professional Regulation in the matter of:

**RE: STEVEN G. TARANGLE, M.D.
LICENSE NO. - 43-01-033286**

Dr. Tarangle's license to practice medicine in the state of Michigan is currently in disciplinary limited status.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Hess
Assistant Bureau Freedom
of Information Officer
Office of Legal Services

Exhibit A

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed said stipulation and, based upon the matters asserted therein, agrees that the public interest is best served by resolution of the outstanding complaint; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND that the allegations of fact set forth in the aforesaid complaint are true and constitute violation of section 16221(a), (b)(i) and (c)(iv) of the Public Health Code, as set forth in the complaint.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that for each of the aforesaid violations Respondent's license previously issued by this Board shall be and hereby is SUSPENDED for a period of thirty (30) days, commencing on the effective date of this order. Said periods of suspension shall run concurrently.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for each of the aforesaid violations Respondent shall be and hereby is placed on PROBATION for a period of one (1) year, commencing on the date Respondent's license is reinstated after the aforesaid suspension. Said periods of probation shall run concurrently. The terms and conditions of said probation are as follows:

A. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing regarding any change of employment. I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in the office of the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Occupational and Professional Regulation, Office of Legal Services, Legal Resources Division

its counterpart in federal law. Respondent is not precluded from prescribing controlled substances for patients seen in the course of his emergency room practice. Prescriptions issued in the course of Respondent's emergency room practice are subject to review under the aforementioned terms of probation. This limitation shall not be deemed to preclude Respondent from obtaining controlled substances and properly using the same where such is pursuant to a valid prescription from his personal physician for treatment of an illness, injury or condition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for the aforesaid violations Respondent shall be and hereby is assessed a FINE in the total amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), to be paid to the State of Michigan not later than thirty (30) days from the effective date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the timely payment of said fine shall be the responsibility of Respondent, and should Respondent fail to pay said fine within the time limitations herein provided, the Board may determine that Respondent has violated an order of the Board and proceed pursuant to 1980 AACS, R 338.983, and section 16221(g) of the Public Health Code.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that payment of said fine shall be mailed to the Board, c/o the Compliance Section, Legal Resources Division, Bureau of Occupational and Professional Regulation, Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 30185, Lansing, MI 48909.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should Respondent violate any law or condition set forth herein, the Board may determine that

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but is agreeing that the Board may enter its order treating the allegations as true for purpose of resolution of said complaint.

2. Respondent understands and intends that by signing this stipulation Respondent is waiving the right pursuant to the Public Health Code, the rules promulgated thereunder, and the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, as amended; MCL 24.201 et seq; MSA 3.560(101) et seq, to require the People to prove the charges set forth in the aforesaid complaint by presentation of evidence and legal authority, and to appear with an attorney and such witnesses as Respondent may desire to present a defense to said charges before the Board or its authorized representative.

3. The Board's conferee in this matter, Harold Sauer, M.D., may participate freely in any deliberations of the Board regarding acceptance of this proposed consent order and stipulation, and may relate to the Board any knowledge and views of the case acquired by said conferee.

4. The foregoing consent order is approved by the respective parties and may be entered as the final order of the Board in said cause.

5. The foregoing proposal is conditionally approved by the Board, the parties expressly

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF MEDICINE

In the Matter of

STEVEN G. TARANGLE, M.D. /

Complaint 43-93-1723-02

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

NOW COME the People of the State of Michigan, by Attorney General Frank J. Kelley, by Assistant Attorney General Julie K.A. Royce, and file this complaint against Steven G. Tarangle, M.D. (Respondent), alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The Board of Medicine (Board), an administrative agency established by the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, as amended; MCL 333.1101 et seq; MSA 14.15(1101) et seq, is empowered to discipline licensees thereunder.

2. Respondent is currently licensed to practice medicine pursuant to the Public Health Code.

3. Percocet, Dilaudid and Nembutal are schedule 2 controlled substances; Roxicet is a generic brand of Percocet.

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E. CG made an appointment for ten days later, at which time Respondent conducted an examination of CG but was unable to pinpoint any tenderness. Respondent was suspicious of CG's conduct but gave him a fourth prescription for Percocet.

F. On July 27, 1993 CG told Respondent that his jaw had been manipulated at his doctor's office and he was in a lot of pain. Therefore, Respondent gave CG a fifth prescription for Percocet.

G. On July 28, 1993 CG complained he was still in pain and wanted another prescription for Percocet. Respondent refused, but did prescribe 24 Valium.

H. On July 29, 1993 CG met Respondent in the doctor's lounge complaining of pain, and Respondent ordered an injection of Demerol 100mg.

7. On August 16, 1994 the Attorney General's office issued a subpoena, authorized by the Ingham County Circuit Court, requiring Respondent to produce his patient records for CG by August 30, 1994. On August 30, 1994 Respondent requested a one-week extension to September 6, 1994 to allow him to produce his records. The extension was granted. On October 27, 1994 a letter was sent to Respondent noting that he still had not responded to the subpoena, and requesting that he do so within seven days. On November 28, 1994 the subpoenaed records were received in the Attorney General's office.

8. A computer printout was run through the State of Michigan's Triplicate Prescription Program. Both the patient records and the computer printout clearly show that Respondent began prescribing Percocet for CG on February 9, 1993.

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trolled substances in spite of the fact that CG refused to see a dentist and Respondent could not visualize any cavity.

15. Patient TP, d/o/b February 16, 1903, began seeing Respondent in June of 1977. Throughout the course of his treatment, Respondent prescribed controlled substances to TP without documenting any reason. There are few comments in Respondent's records concerning TP's condition. On June 9, 1989 there is a note which states: "Feeling fine. No chest pain. Usually dly activity s dyspnea." On June 25, 1990 there is a notation: "Condition approx. same - sleeps well. Takes vitamins." On July 14, 1991 there is a note: "Bloating, uses Metamucil, Nervous, pain under breast 3 days" and the word "tenants," although the context for that word is unclear. On August 12, 1993 there is a note stating: "Hot flashes. Has been taking injectables," with a prescription of Premarin.

16. In January of 1987 Respondent prescribed over 600 dosage units of tranquilizers and barbiturates to TP. From March 4, 1993 through May 4, 1994 Respondent prescribed 1,000 dosage units of Nembutal to TP.

17. Medications Respondent prescribed to TP from January of 1987 through August 18, 1994 included, among others, the following controlled substances:

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09/12/90	Nembutal, 100mg	100
	Phenobarb, 30mg	100
11/19/90	Nembutal, 100mg	?
02/05/91	Nembutal, 100mg	100
	Librium, 25mg	100
	Phenobarb, 30mg	100
04/24/91	Nembutal, 100mg	100
	Phenobarb, 30mg	100
	Restoril, 30mg	60
07/14/91	Nembutal	100
	Restoril	?
09/24/91	Nembutal, 100mg	100
	Librium, 25mg	100
	Restoril, 30mg	60
10/03/91	Nembutal	100
	Restoril, 30mg	60
12/02/91	Nembutal, 100mg	100
	Librium, 25mg	100
	Phenobarb, 30mg	100
02/04/92	Nembutal, 100mg	100
	Xanax, 0.5mg	?
03/12/92	Nembutal, 100mg	100
	Xanax, 0.5mg	?
	Restoril, 30mg	60
04/29/92	Nembutal, 100mg	100
	Restoril, 30mg	60
10/09/92	Nembutal, 100mg	100
	Xanax	60
	Restoril, 30mg	?
12/15/92	Nembutal, 100mg	?
	Xanax, 0.5mg	?
	Restoril, 30mg	60
03/04/93	Nembutal, 100mg	100
	Restoril, 30mg	?
05/14/93	Nembutal, 100mg	100
07/16/93	Nembutal, 100mg	100

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whether or not actual injury to an individual occurs"], in violation of section 16221(b)(i) of the Public Health Code.

COUNT III

Respondent's conduct set forth above constitutes obtaining, possessing, or attempting to obtain or possess a controlled substance or a drug without lawful authority, and/or selling, prescribing, giving away, or administering drugs for other than lawful diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, in violation of section 16221(c)(iv) of the Public Health Code.

THEREFORE, the People request that this complaint be served upon Respondent and that Respondent be offered an opportunity to show compliance with all lawful requirements for retention of the aforesaid license. If compliance is not shown, the People further request that formal proceedings be commenced pursuant to the Public Health Code, rules promulgated pursuant to it, and the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, as amended; MCL 24.201 et seq; MSA 3.560(101) et seq.

FRANK J. KELLEY
Attorney General



Julie K.A. Royce (P32213)
Assistant Attorney General

STATE OF MICHIGAN - INGHAM COUNTY
Health Professions Division
P.O. Box 30212

Lansing, Michigan 48909
We certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in the office of the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Occupational and Professional Regulation, Office of Legal Services, Legal Resources Division
Telephone: (517) 251-1100

DATED: September 8, 1995

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	STIPULATION
STEVEN G. TARANGLE, M.D.,	:	96 MED 379
RESPONDENT	:	

It is hereby stipulated between Steven G. Tarangle, M.D., personally on his own behalf and Steven M. Gloe, Attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation of Dr. Tarangle's licensure by the Division of Enforcement (96 MED 379). Dr. Tarangle consents to the resolution of this investigation by stipulation and without the issuance of a formal complaint.

2. Dr. Tarangle understands that by the signing of this Stipulation he voluntarily and knowingly waives his rights, including: the right to a hearing on the allegations against him, at which time the state has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to call witnesses on his behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena; the right to testify himself; the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision; the right to petition for rehearing; and all other applicable rights afforded to him under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, and the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

3. Dr. Tarangle is aware of his right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal advice prior to signing this stipulation.

4. Dr. Tarangle agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Medical Examining Board. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

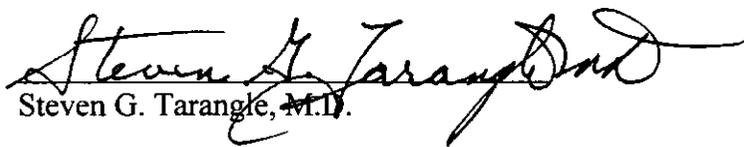
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Enforcement for further proceedings. In the event that this Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. Attached to this Stipulation is the current licensure card of Steven G. Tarangle. If the Board accepts the Stipulation, Dr. Tarangle's license shall be reissued only in accordance with the

terms of the attached Final Decision and Order. If the Board does not accept this Stipulation, the license of Dr. Tarangle shall be returned to him with a notice of the Board's decision not to accept the Stipulation.

7. The parties to this stipulation agree that the attorney for the Division of Enforcement and the member of the Medical Examining Board assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Medical Examining Board for the purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the members of the Board may have in connection with their deliberations on the stipulation.

8. The Division of Enforcement joins Dr. Tarangle in recommending the Medical Examining Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.


Steven G. Tarangle, M.D.

4-15-97
Date


Steven M. Gloe, Attorney
Division of Enforcement

4.22.97
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

In the Matter of the Disciplinary Proceedings Against

Steven G. Tarangle, M.D.,

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Respondent.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

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COUNTY OF DANE)

I, Kate Rotenberg, having been duly sworn on oath, state the following to be true and correct based on my personal knowledge:

1. I am employed by the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.

2. On April 24, 1997, I served the Final Decision and Order dated April 23, 1997 upon the Respondent Steven G. Tarangle, M.D. by enclosing a true and accurate copy of the above-described document in an envelope properly stamped and addressed to the above-named Respondent and placing the envelope in the State of Wisconsin mail system to be mailed by the United States Post Office by certified mail. The certified mail receipt number on the envelope is P 201 374 181.

3. The address used for mailing the Decision is the address that appears in the records of the Department as the Respondent's last-known address and is:

Steven G. Tarangle, M.D.
8786 Maplewood
P.O. Box 159
Berrien Springs MI 49103



Kate Rotenberg
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Office of Legal Counsel

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 24th day of April, 1997.


Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My commission is permanent.

NOTICE OF APPEAL INFORMATION

Notice Of Rights For Rehearing Or Judicial Review. The Times Allowed For Each. And The Identification Of The Party To Be Named As Respondent.

Serve Petition for Rehearing or Judicial Review on:

STATE OF WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

1400 East Washington Avenue

P.O. Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708.

The Date of Mailing this Decision is:

April 24, 1997

1. REHEARING

Any person aggrieved by this order may file a written petition for rehearing within 20 days after service of this order, as provided in sec. 227.49 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, a copy of which is reprinted on side two of this sheet. The 20 day period commences the day of personal service or mailing of this decision. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)

A petition for rehearing should name as respondent and be filed with the party identified in the box above.

A petition for rehearing is not a prerequisite for appeal or review.

2. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

Any person aggrieved by this decision may petition for judicial review as specified in sec. 227.53, *Wisconsin Statutes* a copy of which is reprinted on side two of this sheet. By law, a petition for review must be filed in circuit court and should name as the respondent the party listed in the box above. A copy of the petition for judicial review should be served upon the party listed in the box above.

A petition must be filed within 30 days after service of this decision if there is no petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after service of the order finally disposing of a petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition by operation of law of any petition for rehearing.

The 30-day period for serving and filing a petition commences on the day after personal service or mailing of the decision by the agency, or the day after the final disposition by operation of the law of any petition for rehearing. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)