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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:

STEVEN S. DUDLEY, M.D.

FINAL DECISION & ORDER

FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION

LS0206191MED

Division of Enforcement Case # 01 MED 105

The parties to this proceeding for purposes of § 227.53, Stats. are:

Stephen S. Dudley, M.D.

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Oshkosh, WI 54902

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

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The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board received a Stipulation submitted by the parties to the above-captioned matter. The Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto, was executed by Stephen S. Dudley, M.D. personally and by his attorney, Paul H. Grimstad, and by Michael J. Berndt, attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement. Based upon the Stipulation of the parties, the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Steven S. Dudley, M.D., 503 Doctors Court, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, was born on March 13, 1944, and has been licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin since April 12, 1973, license # 18258.

2. Dr. Dudley specializes in ophthalmology.

3. An informal complaint received by the Medical Examining Board alleges Dr. Dudley performed monovision LASIK surgery on patient JM correcting the right eye for distance and the left eye for close vision. Patient JM was advised prior to surgery that her left eye was dominant and would be corrected for distance and her right eye for close vision.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction in this proceeding pursuant to § 448.02, Stats.
2. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has the authority to resolve this proceeding by stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to § 227.44(5), Stats.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Stipulation of the parties is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to the Stipulation of the parties, that Stephen S. Dudley, M.D. will participate in and satisfactorily complete the following risk management program:

1. The risk management educational program will be developed by and administered through the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, Continuing Education Department.
2. An on-site assessment of the physician's office practices and procedures (and those of the hospital, in the discretion of the assessors), to include the office's layout, personnel issues, procedures, medical records, informed consent procedures, follow-up systems, drug and prescription policies, and such other relevant practices and procedures as the assessors may determine are appropriate for review, in their professional judgment and discretion. Dr. Dudley and his staff will cooperate fully with the assessors in this process, and Dr. Dudley will request that his colleagues cooperate fully in this process.
3. The assessment will be commenced within 30 days of this Final Decision and Order.
4. A report of the assessment will be written by the assessors, including a proposed educational program which will include a review of the objectives, educational requirements, expected behavior changes for both physician and staff, timeline and budget. The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, Continuing Medical Education Program will submit the proposed educational program to the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board for approval.
5. Dr. Dudley will commence the educational program within 30 days of the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board's approval of the program, subject to the availability of faculty and staff to initiate the educational program.
6. Dr. Dudley will comply with the timeline of the program and will respond within 14 days to the written follow-up questionnaires to be sent to him approximately 3 and 6 months following the initial site visit. Dr. Dudley will cooperate fully with a final site visit that will be conducted within 30 days of completion of the educational program.
7. Dr. Dudley will complete the educational program and the final site visit within 15 months of the commencement of the educational program.
8. Following the final site visit, the assessors will prepare a final assessment which sets forth Dr. Dudley's compliance with the objectives of the program, including evidence that he has implemented all recommended changes in office procedures and practices, and describes the extent that he has reduced the risks in his practice to a level consistent with the standards of practice of the profession.
9. Within 30 days of the conclusion of the educational program and the final site visit, if they have been satisfactorily completed by Dr. Dudley, the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, Continuing Medical Education Program, will certify to the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board that the educational program and the final site visit have been completed and that he has met the objectives of the program.
10. Dr. Dudley will pay the costs of the assessment, educational program and site visits, including the professional fees and expenses of the assessors and faculty, within 30 days of the dates on which statements for professional services and expenses are submitted to him.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that certifications, affidavits or other documents required to be filed with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board be filed with:

Department Monitor
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
1400 East Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53708-8935

All certifications, affidavits or other documents required to be filed with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

will be deemed filed with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board upon receipt by the Department Monitor.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stephen S. Dudley, M.D. will appear before the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, if an appearance is requested by the Board, at the conclusion of the risk management program to establish that he has complied with all of the terms of this Final Decision and Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Dudley is responsible for compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this Final Decision and Order. Dr. Dudley will promptly notify the Department Monitor of any suspected violations of any of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any failure of the Dr. Dudley to timely fulfill his/her responsibilities under the terms of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to § 448.02(4), Stats., if the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board determines that there is probable cause to believe that Stephen S. Dudley, M.D. has violated the terms of this Final Decision and Order of the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, the Board may order that the license of Dr. Dudley to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin be summarily suspended pending investigation of the alleged violation.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Final Decision and Order to petition the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth in the attached "Notice of Appeal Information."

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 19th day of June, 2002.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Virginia Heinemann

Secretary