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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

MATTHEW K. GENTILE, M.D., :
RESPONDENT. :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LS0511231MED

(DOE 04 MED 396)

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A disciplinary proceeding was commenced in this matter by the filing of a Notice of Hearing and Complaint with the Medical Examining Board on November 23, 2005. Prior to the hearing on the Complaint, the parties in this matter, Matthew K. Gentile, M.D., Respondent herein, personally and by his attorney, John A. Nelson, Von Briesen & Roper, and Pamela M. Stach, Attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, agreed to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition 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. Matthew K. Gentile, M.D., Respondent herein, whose date of birth is December 6, 1955, is duly licensed and currently registered to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin under license number 45443, which was granted on March 24, 2003.
2. Respondent's last known address filed with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is P.O. Box 1596, Manitowoc, Wi. 54221.
3. Respondent is a board certified cardiologist, but is not board certified in interventional cardiology.
4. On July 11, 2004, Patient RS, a 55 year old male patient was admitted to Holy Family Memorial Hospital with Non-ST segment myocardial infarction after experiencing chest and shoulder pain for three days prior to admission. The patient had no history of coronary disease and no previous anginal symptoms.
5. On July 12, 2004, Respondent performed a cardiac catheterization procedure upon Patient RS.
6. The patient was given 4700 units of heparin intravenously.

7. During the procedure, Respondent attempted a percutaneous coronary angioplasty on the patient's left anterior descending artery in the distal portion using a guidewire developed for total occlusions and a 2.0 mm balloon.
8. During advancement of the guidewire and balloon, Respondent perforated the artery.
9. The balloon was withdrawn.
10. At 0903 Respondent visualized the perforation on angiography.
11. The balloon angioplasty provoked bleeding into the pericardium and the development of cardiac tamponade with hypotension and respiratory failure.
12. Respondent did not reverse the anticoagulant at this time.
13. Respondent did not place a balloon immediately upstream from the perforation to prevent blood flow to the perforation and further extravasation of the blood into the pericardium.
14. At 0906 Respondent contacted a cardiac surgeon at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay for consultation and an agreed upon plan of action was instituted.
15. Holy Family Memorial Hospital had no on site cardiac surgery department.
16. Respondent performed pericardial centesis upon the patient.
17. Aspiration of hemorrhagic pericardial fluid revealed that the fluid was not clotting.
18. An intra-aortic balloon pump was placed and the patient transported to Bellin Hospital in Green Bay where the patient underwent successful repair of the perforated artery and revascularization surgery.
19. Respondent's conduct as herein described with regard to Patient RS fell below the minimum standards of competence established in the profession in the following respects:
 - A. Respondent failed to reverse the anticoagulant when confronted with the arterial perforation.
 - B. Respondent failed to insert a balloon immediately upstream of the site of the perforation of the artery for prolonged inflation.
20. Respondent's conduct as set forth in paragraph 19 above created the following unacceptable risks to the patient:
 - A. By failing to reverse the anticoagulant and appropriately placing a balloon for prolonged inflation, there was no opportunity for reducing the magnitude of the pericardial infusion which may have reduced the instability of the patient and the need for pericardiocentesis and further surgical intervention.
 - B. By failing to reverse the anticoagulant and appropriately placing a balloon for prolonged inflation, Respondent may have created the risk of further deterioration of the patient's condition by continued extravasation of blood into the pericardial space and further patient decompensation.
21. Respondent's conduct as herein described tended to constitute a danger to the health, welfare and safety of Patient RS.
22. An additional count contained in the complaint alleged Respondent failed to determine a patient's ACT prior to removal of a sheath during a cardiac catheterization where the initial sheath placement perforated the right femoral artery. The Board makes no findings with regard to this allegation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.03, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent's conduct as herein described constitutes a violation of Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and Wis. Admin. Code § MED 10.02(2) (h).

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the Stipulation of the parties is hereby accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. The license of Matthew Gentile, M.D. to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin shall be limited to require that, within eighteen (18) months of the date of this Order, Dr. Gentile shall obtain twenty (20) hours of education in the management of peripheral vascular injuries and intraprocedural coronary perforations. The courses attended in satisfaction of this requirement may not be used in satisfaction of the statutory continuing education requirements for licensure.

2. Dr. Gentile shall be responsible for obtaining the courses required under this Order, for providing adequate course descriptions to the Department Monitor and for obtaining pre-approval of the course from the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board or its delegee prior to commencement of the programs.

3. Within thirty (30) days following completion of the courses identified in paragraph one above, Dr. Gentile shall file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board certifications from the sponsoring organization verifying his attendance at the required courses.

4. All costs of the educational programs shall be the responsibility of Dr. Gentile.

5. Upon successful completion of the educational program and payment of the costs set forth below, the license of Matthew K. Gentile, M.D., shall be restored to unlimited status.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

6. Respondent shall, by June 1, 2007, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of eight thousand eight hundred twenty seven (\$8827.00) dollars. Payment shall be made to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
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7. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit any payment of costs as ordered or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education the Respondent's license (#45443) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

8. This Order is effective on February 14, 2007.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Count I of the pending formal complaint is hereby dismissed.

State of Wisconsin
Medical Examining Board

By: Gene Musser MD
A Member of the Board

2/14/07
Date