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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF :
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : **INTERIM DECISION AND ORDER**
:
ROBERT J. WETZLER, M.D., : LS-0705161-MED
RESPONDENT. :

Division of Enforcement Cases #06 Med 7, 07 Med 47/63/136

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

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A Petition for Summary Suspension has been filed in this matter. The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the interim 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. Respondent Robert Joseph Wetzler (dob 3/23/33) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a physician and surgeon licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license #16857, first granted on 7/9/69. Respondent is not licensed in any other jurisdiction, is not board certified by any ABMS board, and is listed in the Board's records as an obstetrician-gynecologist.
2. Respondent was previously disciplined in 85 Med 154/88 Med 37 (1991) for inappropriately prescribing controlled substances including Quaalude® for non-medical purposes to a female patient, outside the course of legitimate practice. His license was limited to obstetrics and gynecology, he was ordered to refrain from practicing for a period of time of not less than 60 days, to take an intensive course in prescribing controlled substances, to not provide medical services to his spouse, to use only an approved recordkeeping system, to take specified steps to improve certain of his surgical abilities, and to not prescribe Schedule II controlled substances outside a hospital setting. Respondent's license was restored to unlimited status in 1998.
3. On and between 1998 and 2005, Respondent provided medical care and treatment to the late D.C., a man born in 1970. Respondent's patient health care records for the patient were alleged not to meet the current standard of care. In resolution of that matter, Respondent agreed to take an in-depth course in medical recordkeeping, and that agreement was memorialized by Order of the Board in file 05 Med 292 (2007).
4. A disciplinary proceeding was commenced in this matter by the filing of a Notice of Hearing and Complaint with the

Medical Examining Board on 5/16/07, and an Answer has been filed; a hearing is scheduled to begin on December 10, 2007.

A Petition for Summary Suspension has been granted in this matter, and a Petition for Extension of Summary Suspension has been filed.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that effective the date respondent signed the attached Stipulation, and continuing in effect until the issuance of a Final Decision and Order by the Board in this matter, the license to practice medicine and surgery of Robert J. Wetzler, MD, is LIMITED as provided in §448.02(3)(e), Wis. Stats., and as follows: Respondent shall not administer, dispense, prescribe, supply or otherwise obtain or order any controlled substance as defined in Wis. Stat. § 961.01(4).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if the Board determines that there is probable cause to believe that respondent has violated any term of this Interim Decision and Order, the Board may order that the license and registration of respondent be summarily suspended until a Final Decision and Order is issued in this matter.

Dated this August 15, 2007.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD, by:

by: Gene Musser MD
a member of the Board