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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :  
PROCEEDING AGAINST :

ABDUL Q. ARIF, M.D., :  
RESPONDENT. :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
LS0811122MED

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[Division of Enforcement Case # 05 MED 398]

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

Abdul Q. Arif, M.D.  
14520 Post Oak Court  
Libertyville, IL 60048

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

Medical Examining Board  
Department of Regulation & Licensing  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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 Medical Examining Board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Abdul Q. Arif, M.D. (“Respondent”) was born on March 1, 1955, and is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license # 35366. This license was first granted on May 27, 1994.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is 14520 Post Oak Court, Libertyville, Illinois 60048.
3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a physician at Aurora Medical Group (“AMG”) in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Respondent is a general internist.

4. On June 20, 2001, Patient TG, a male born on June 20, 1950, presented for an office visit with Respondent to follow up on hypothyroidism and hypertension. Respondent performed a physical examination including a rectal examination of the prostate, and recorded the results of the prostate examination as 1+. Respondent gave Patient TG an order for several laboratory tests, including a prostate specific antigen test (PSA).

5. On June 25, 2001, Patient TG had the PSA test and other laboratory testing done. PSA results were 3.9, which was above the laboratory's values for the normal range.

6. There is evidence that Respondent never saw the results of any of the laboratory results, and that no copy of the test results was ever placed in Patient TG's medical chart. AMG did not send a copy of the results to Patient TG.

7. Respondent next saw Patient TG on December 20, 2001, and again on June 21, 2002, and December 23, 2002, for focused examinations and did not inquire about or mention the PSA test or any of the other laboratory work he ordered on June 20, 2001.

8. On June 23, 2003, during an annual physical examination, Respondent performed another rectal examination of Patient TG's prostate, and again gave Patient TG an order for a PSA test and other laboratory work.

9. Patient TG had a PSA test and other laboratory work done on June 23, 2003, the day Respondent ordered it. PSA results were 34.7. Respondent contacted Patient TG regarding the results and arranged for Patient TG to return for another PSA test.

10. On July 11, 2003, Patient TG returned for another PSA test. The PSA test was done, with a result of 47.6. Respondent referred Patient TG to an urologist.

11. Aurora Medical Group has instituted new policies and procedures to ensure that patients are notified about the results of laboratory tests in a timely manner, and to ensure that any troubling results are followed up.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. 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 and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described in paragraph(s) 5, and 6, above, constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code §MED 10.02(2)(h).

#### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Abdul Q. Arif, M.D., is REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. a. Respondent shall, within three months of the date of this Order, complete the course "Risk Management Consult: Avoiding Medical System Failures" offered by MedRisk e-learning services.

b. Respondent shall submit satisfactory evidence of his completion of the education required by this Order to the Board's designee within thirty days of completing the education.

c. No part of the education required by this Order may be credited to any other continuing medical education that Respondent may be required to complete.

d. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs associated with compliance with this order.

e. For purposes of this Order, the Board's designee is

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Division of Enforcement  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
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3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of ONE-THOUSAND (\$1,000) dollars. Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

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4. 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 pay costs as ordered, the Respondent's license (# 35366) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

By: Gene Musser MD  
A Member of the Board

11/12/08  
Date