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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :  
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
GERHARD K. KRASKE, M.D. :  
RESPONDENT. : ORDER 0002141

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance<sup>1</sup> Case No. 12 MED 237

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

Gerhard K. Kraske, M.D.  
Meriter Medical Group  
7780 Elmwood Avenue  
Middleton, WI 53562-5407

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (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, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Gerhard K. Kraske, M.D., (dob December 18, 1957), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 20-55749, first issued on May 10, 2011 with registration current through October 31, 2013. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is Meriter Medical Group, 7780 Elmwood Avenue, Middleton, WI 53562-5407.

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<sup>1</sup> The Division of Legal Services and Compliance was formerly known as the Division of Enforcement.

2. On May 22, 2012, Respondent and the Virginia Board of Medicine entered into a Consent Order reprimanding Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The basis for the discipline included the following:

a. Respondent failed to obtain a comprehensive patient history and failed to obtain treatment records from prior physicians before prescribing Trazodone for insomnia and Prozac for anxiety and depression; and

b. Respondent failed to perform a physical exam, evaluation or assessment and failed to obtain prior records for the patient's shoulder pain prior to prescribing Dilaudid. Respondent continued to prescribe Dilaudid in varying strengths for approximately eight months without an examination and without monitoring her pain levels or that she was taking the medication as prescribed.

#### 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 pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Gerhard K. Kraske, M.D., engaged in unprofessional conduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § MED 10.02(2)(q) by having discipline taken against his medicine and surgery license in another state.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Gerhard K. Kraske, M.D. is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Gerhard K. Kraske, M.D., is REPRIMANDED.

3. The medicine and surgery license issued to Respondent Gerhard K. Kraske, M.D., (license number 20-55749) is LIMITED as follows:

a. Within nine (9) months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete a minimum of 12 hours of education on the topic of appropriate prescribing of controlled substances. The following courses are preapproved, and Respondent may propose others which are the substantial equivalent of any of the following:

- Prescribing Controlled Drugs, offered by the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Continuing Medical Education.
- Mini Residency in Appropriate Prescribing, offered by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine (UMDNJ-SOM) through the Department of Family Medicine.

- Prescribing Controlled Substances, jointly sponsored by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and the Santé Institute of Professional Education and Research.
- Physician Prescribing Course, offered by the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine.

b. Respondent shall be responsible for obtaining the course(s) required under this Order, for providing adequate course(s) descriptions to the Department Monitor, and for obtaining pre-approval of the course(s) from the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, or its designee, prior to commencement of the course(s).

c. The Board or its designee may reject any course(s) and may accept a course(s) for less than the number of hours for which Respondent seeks approval.

d. Within thirty (30) days of completion of each educational component, Respondent shall file an affidavit with the Department Monitor stating under oath that he has attended, in its entirety, the course(s) approved for satisfaction of this requirement along with supporting documentation of attendance from the sponsoring organizations.

e. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with compliance with this educational requirement.

f. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any other continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department.

4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent Gerhard K. Kraske, M.D., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$75.00.

5. Proof of successful course completion and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264  
[DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov)

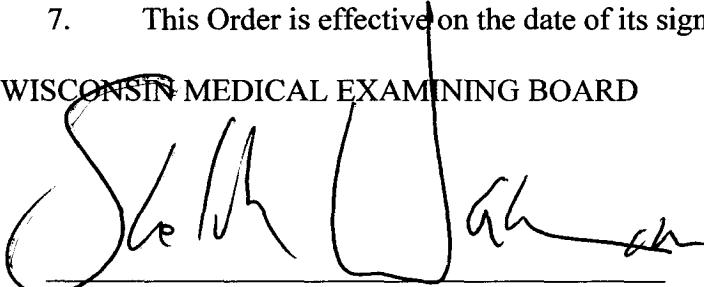
6. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional

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 costs as ordered or fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education as set forth above, Respondent's license (no. 20-55749) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of costs and completion of the education.

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John J. ...", written over a horizontal line.

A Member of the Board

11/14/12

Date