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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
: **FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**
SAMI A. ROUMANI, M.D., :
RESPONDENT. :
: **ORDER 0002197**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 MED 35

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

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Milwaukee, WI 53215

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
P.O. Box 8935
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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 Sami Ali Roumani, M.D. (dob December 10, 1954), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 20-34275, first issued on April 28, 1993 with registration current through October 31, 2013. Sami A. Roumani, M.D.'s most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is Roumani Medical Clinic, 3046 S. 13th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215. Respondent is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

¹ The Division of Legal Services and Compliance was formerly known as the Division of Enforcement.

2. In September and October 2011, Respondent provided prenatal care to the patient, a woman born in 1985. On September 15, 2011, the patient had her first prenatal visit. The patient's weight was 194, and her blood pressure was 140/88, consistent with her pre-pregnancy blood pressure of 138/86 at a previous appointment on March 30, 2011. Prenatal vitamins were prescribed, and labs were ordered. Given the patient's blood pressure at this visit, Respondent should have ordered a 24 hour urine protein to check kidney function, and a pregnancy-induced hypertension lab.

3. On September 19, 2011, an ultrasound confirmed pregnancy corresponding to 25 weeks, 4 days.

4. The patient returned to care on September 22, 2011. The patient weighed 200, and had a blood pressure of 158/120. Respondent charted the possibility of pre-eclampsia. At this visit, the patient and her fetus were at risk of death and the patient should have been so informed. The chart is silent as to whether she was advised of the risk of death. Labetalol was prescribed, 200 mg BID.

5. The patient's laboratory testing results included: urine protein 100**, negative for blood and leucocytes, ProTime low at 9.4 (range 9.6-12.6, D-Dimer Quantitative high at 1.6 (0.0-0.6), albumin low at 3.1 (3.5-5.2), blood protein low at 6.1 (6.6-8.7). The patient's blood pressure and headache were significant indicators of a medical emergency.

6. The patient returned to care on September 23, 2011, when she was called by Respondent and asked to come in to discuss the lab results. The patient was advised to go to hospital, but refused; Respondent enlisted the support of the patient's mother, but the patient still refused. Respondent called a specialist, Dr. Kahn, who agreed to see the patient, and the patient was then to call Dr. Kahn to make an appointment. Respondent did not inform the patient of the potential of death: the chart notes that Respondent did tell the patient she could have seizures or stroke, but the chart is silent as to Respondent advising the patient that she and/or the fetus could die. Respondent should have set the appointment with the specialist himself when he spoke with Dr. Kahn's office on September 23, 2011, and not left it to the patient to follow up. This tended to send the message to the patient that she could wait and did not need to go to the hospital.

7. The patient returned to care on September 29, 2011 where she complained of a congestion and yellow nasal drainage. Her blood pressure was 150/120. The patient was again told that she must go to hospital because she could get seizures because of high blood pressure. The patient again refused. Labetalol was increased to 300 mg, TID was. Amoxicillin prescribed, 500 mg 2 daily. A 24 hour urine laboratory result was received, showing Protein U time was high at 10930 (reference range less than 149). Respondent increased her blood pressure drug, but that was not sufficient for the emergent nature of the presentation. Respondent documents the patient's cold and congestion, but did not document informing the patient of the severity of the patient's preeclampsia or of concerns that the patient or her fetus could die or suffer permanent injury.

8. The patient returned to care on October 3, 2011 (Monday), where her blood pressure was 160/130. The patient was again advised to go to hospital. The patient declined and said she would see Dr. Kahn. When Respondent was told that the patient still had not seen Dr. Kahn, Respondent called Dr. Kahn's office himself and scheduled the appointment for Thursday,

October 6, 2011. Respondent should have insisted that Dr. Kahn see the patient on October 3, 2011.

9. On October 5, 2011, the patient was hospitalized for eclampsia resulting in coding with revival, complete kidney shutdown requiring dialysis, anemia requiring multiple transfusions and pneumonia requiring intubation. A C-section was done at 27 weeks of pregnancy, with the baby surviving and cared for in the NICU.

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, Sami A. Roumani, M.D. engaged in conduct defined as unprofessional in Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.02(2)(h).

3. As a result of the above conduct, Sami A. Roumani, M.D. is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Sami A. Roumani, M.D. is REPRIMANDED.

3. The medicine and surgery license issued to Sami A. Roumani, M.D. (license number 20-34275) is LIMITED as follows:

a. Within one year of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete 6 hours of category I continuing medical education in recognizing and managing preeclampsia and obstetrical emergencies, which has been pre-approved by the Board's monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the courses. The course entitled "Family Centered Maternity Care Self-Study Package" offered by the American Academy of Family Physicians, is pre-approved, and respondent may propose other courses.

b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below.

c. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license and Respondent will be granted a full, unrestricted license after satisfying the Board or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all of the ordered education.

4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Sami A. Roumani, M.D. shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$950.

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:

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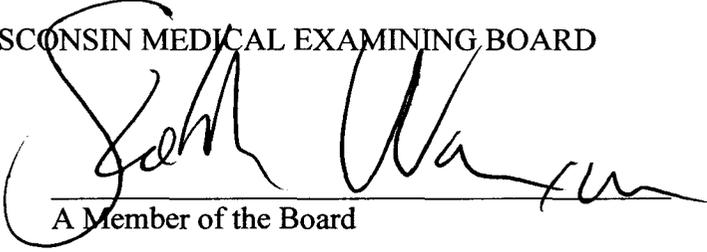
6. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline 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. 20-34275) 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:

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A Member of the Board

December 12, 2012
Date