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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY | : | |
| PROCEEDINGS AGAINST | : | FINAL DECISION AND ORDER |
| | : | 87 MED 114 |
| ROBERT M. EDWARDS, M.D., | : | 91 MED 476 |
| RESPONDENT. | : | |

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.53 are:

Robert M. Edwards, M.D.
927 Congress Street
Ganeseo, IL 61254

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

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
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 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. Robert M. Edwards, M.D., Respondent herein, (D.O.B. 3/26/25) is duly licensed and registered to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 19098, which license was first granted on 12/5/74.
2. Respondent's latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 1102 Regis Court, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701, but his actual address is 927 Congress Street, Ganeseo, IL 61254.
3. Respondent's specialty area of practice is psychiatry.
4. While practicing psychiatry in the State of Wisconsin during the period 1986 through 1991, Respondent prescribed Lithium Carbonate to four patients without first adequately determining that they suffered from conditions which warranted treatment with that drug.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

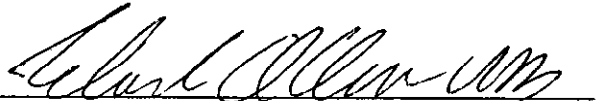
1. That the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution pursuant to secs. 227.44(5) and 448.02(5), Wis. Stats.
2. That the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to sec. 448.02(3), Wis. Stats.
3. That Respondent's conduct, as set out above, is a violation of Wis. Stats. sec. 448.02(3), and Wis. Adm. Code sec. MED 10.02(2)(h).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin is hereby accepted, effective immediately.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Respondent shall ever reapply for a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin that Respondent shall, subsequent to the date of this Order, take and pass all examinations then required for original licensure in the state of Wisconsin.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 25th day of March, 1993.



Clark O. Olsen, M.D., Secretary
Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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| IN THE MATTER OF | : | |
| DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST | : | STIPULATION |
| | : | 87 MED 114 |
| ROBERT M. EDWARDS, M.D., | : | 91 MED 476 |
| RESPONDENT. | : | |

It is hereby stipulated and agreed, by and between, Robert M. Edwards, M.D., Respondent; James W. Bannen of Bannen & Bannen, attorneys for Respondent; and, John R. Zwieg, attorney for the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of two pending investigations (87 MED 114 and 91 MED 476) by the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement. The investigative files contain allegations that Respondent inappropriately prescribe Lithium to patients.

2. Respondent understands that by the signing of this Stipulation he voluntarily and knowingly waives his rights, including: the right to have a disciplinary complaint issued against him; the right to a hearing on the allegations against him, at which time the state has the burden of proving those allegations which occurred prior to 1/1/86 by clear, satisfactory and convincing evidence, those events that took place between 1/1/86 and 6/30/89 by a preponderance of the evidence, those events that took place between 7/1/89 and 8/8/89, by clear and convincing evidence, and those events that took place after 8/8/89 by a preponderance of the evidence; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to call witnesses on his behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena; the right to testify himself; the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision; the right to petition for rehearing; and all other applicable rights afforded to him under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, and the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

3. Respondent is aware of his right to seek legal representation and has exercised that right prior to signing this stipulation.

4. Respondent denies the allegations against him, but acknowledges that there is evidence from which the Board could find that they occurred and agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Medical Examining Board. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

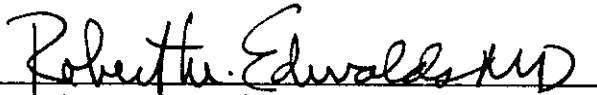
5. That Respondent agrees to voluntarily surrender his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin, and agrees to the conditions to be met prior to relicensure in Wisconsin, as set out in the attached Final Decision and Order.

6. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Enforcement for further proceedings. In the event that this Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.


7. The parties to this stipulation agree that the Respondent, his attorney, and the attorney for the Division of Enforcement may appear before the Board for the purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the members of the Board may have in connection with their deliberations on the stipulation.

8. The parties to this stipulation agree that the member of the Board appointed as the investigative advisor in this matter may appear before the Board in open or closed session for the purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the members of the Board may have in connection with their deliberations on the stipulation.

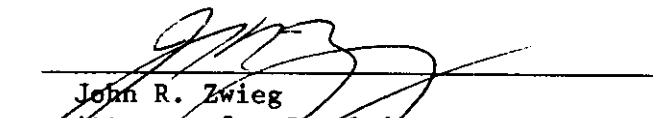
Dated this 18 day of March, 1993.


Robert M Edwalds, M.D.
Respondent

Dated this 16 day of March, 1993.


James W. Bannen
Bannen & Bannen
Attorney for Respondent

Dated this 1st day of March, 1993.


John R. Zwieg
Attorney for Complainant
Department of Regulation & Licensing
Division of Enforcement

NOTICE OF APPEAL INFORMATION

**(Notice of Rights for Rehearing or Judicial Review,
the times allowed for each, and the identification
of the party to be named as respondent)**

The following notice is served on you as part of the final decision:

1. Rehearing.

Any person aggrieved by this order may petition for a rehearing within 20 days of the service of this decision, as provided in section 227.49 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a copy of which is attached. The 20 day period commences the day after personal service or mailing of this decision. (The date of mailing of this decision is shown below.) The petition for rehearing should be filed with the State of Wisconsin Medical Examining Board.

A petition for rehearing is not a prerequisite for appeal directly to circuit court through a petition for judicial review.

2. Judicial Review.

Any person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review of this decision as provided in section 227.53 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a copy of which is attached. The petition should be filed in circuit court and served upon the State of Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

within 30 days of service of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing, or within 30 days of service of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition by operation of law of any petition for rehearing.

The 30 day period commences the day after personal service or mailing of the decision or order, or the day after the final disposition by operation of the law of any petition for rehearing. (The date of mailing of this decision is shown below.) A petition for judicial review should be served upon, and name as the respondent, the following: the State of Wisconsin Medical Examining Board.

The date of mailing of this decision is March 26, 1993.