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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF  
THE INVESTIGATION OF

JACK P. MARCH, M.D.,

Licenses

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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER ON SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

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TO: Thomas B. Rusboldt  
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An informal settlement conference was conducted in the above-captioned matter before an informal settlement conference committee of the Medical Examining Board on July 26, 1995. The purpose of the conference was to provide interested parties with an opportunity to discuss allegations received pertaining to the practice of Dr. March as a physician, and to attempt to reach a fair and consensual resolution of the matter.

The committee consisted of Michael Mehr, M.D., and James Esswein, M.D. Dr. March appeared in person and by Attorney Thomas Rusboldt. Others present included Wayne Austin, the board's legal counsel, and Gilbert Lubcke, attorney for the Department of Regulation & Licensing, Division of Enforcement.

The parties orally presented their respective positions regarding the matter to the committee, and the committee deliberated on a possible disposition of the matter. The committee thereafter presented a proposed Stipulation for Dr. March's consideration, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Stipulation was ultimately executed by Dr. March, Mr. Rusboldt, Mr. Lubcke, and W.R. Schwartz, M.D., board Secretary.

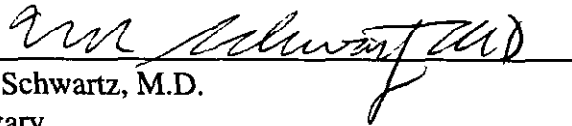
Based upon the proceedings at the conference, and upon the Stipulation of the parties, the board enters the following order.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that based on the findings and conclusions in this case, as set forth in the Stipulation of the parties hereto, Dr. March is hereby reprimanded, and his license is limited to require that, within nine months of the date hereof, he shall successfully complete the SPEX examination administered by the Federation of State Medical Boards, and that he shall complete not less than 20 hours of continuing education approved by the board, in addition to the requirements under sec. Med 13.02, Code, in the areas of hypertension and of fluid and electrolyte management.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1995.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by   
W.R. Schwartz, M.D.  
Secretary

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STIPULATION

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Jack F. March, M.D. (Dr. March), and the Medical Examining Board (board), having reached agreement on disposition of the informal complaint identified as 92 MED 435, agree and stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation shall be made a part of a Memorandum and Order on Settlement Conference to be issued by the board, and all terms of the Stipulation shall be binding on Dr. March as a part of the board's order.

2. This Stipulation and the board's order shall be placed in Dr. March's permanent file, and may be used if there are further complaints against him.

3. Dr. March is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin by license #11297, issued on July 18, 1952 and he practices at 413 4th Street, Algoma, WI 54201.

4. On 12/09/91, the patient, S.G., age 68, presented at Dr. March's office and reported that she had tripped and fallen on 12/01/91 or 12/02/91. She had cut her head in two places and had a bump on her head as a result of the fall. She reported having been nauseated and dizzy at times. Dr. March examined the patient's eyes and took skull x-rays. The patient's blood pressure at this 12/09/91 office visit initially was 198/102 and later at the same visit was 180/104. There was no evidence of skull fractures. Dr. March obtained no patient history regarding previous treatment of hypertension nor any baseline laboratory tests.

5. Dr. March diagnosed hypertension, concussion and acne. He prescribed Erythromycin for the acne and Aldoril 15mg two times daily for the hypertension. The Aldoril was dispensed from a supply maintained by Dr. March in his office. It is Dr. March's recollection that he orally advised Patient S.G. of the type of blood pressure medication he was giving her and instructed her with regard to taking the medication. At the reception desk, she was given a box containing 50 pills for which she paid \$12.00. The only information recorded on the

box was "DIRECTIONS", "12.00", "Methyldopa-15" and "2 a day." The box did not contain any literature on the drug.

6. The patient returned to Dr. March's office on 12/13/91. She reported no nausea but that she was dizzy upon arising. She had no headaches. Dr. March's examination disclosed that her coordination was good. Her blood pressure was 160/96. Dr. March performed an examination of the patient's eyes and this examination was normal. She still had severe acne but it was his impression that her concussion was improved. Dr. March continued the Aldoril and the Erythromycin. The patient also received a flu shot.

7. The patient returned on 12/19/91. She reported that she had no appetite, had lost weight and was dizzy. She was also experiencing nausea. Her blood pressure was 120/68. Dr. March felt she had mild flu and that her loss of weight and lack of appetite probably was an effect of the Erythromycin. He planned to re-evaluate her in one week. He continued the Aldoril. Dr. March failed to do a laboratory examination of the patient's significant complaints.

8. The patient was again given the antihypertensive medication by the receptionist. The only notations on the box containing the medication were "DIRECTIONS," "METHYLDOPA-15" AND "ALDORIL."

9. On 12/20/91, the patient's daughter called Dr. March from Chicago to report that the patient was ill, had fainting episodes and had reported possible blood in her stool. The daughter also advised Dr. March that her mother drinks alcohol. An ice storm that day prevented Dr. March from making a house call on the patient. Dr. March recommended to the daughter that she contact the sheriff's department and have the patient transported to the hospital in Green Bay. The daughter drove to Algoma and transported her mother to the hospital.

10. On admission to St. Vincent Hospital on 12/20/91, the patient had a blood pressure of 80/40 with a pulse of 78 and a temperature of 101 degrees. She was admitted by another physician, who began intravenous fluids and potassium replacement as well as antibiotics for a probable urinary tract infection. She was discharged on 12/26/91. Her discharge diagnoses were hypotension resulting in syncope, probably secondary to hypovolemia related to blood pressure medication plus infection; probable urinary tract infection; diarrhea, possibly related to recent use of Erythromycin; decreased renal function, which resolved with fluid replacement; hypokalemia with potassium down to 2.3, most likely secondary to diuretics but hypokalemia unrelated to diuretics not ruled out; and possible glucose intolerance. The patient was discharged on Bactrim DS and Micro-K. The last three sets of lying and standing blood pressures were, lying -- 160/80, 152/80 and 152/70; and standing -- 160/88, 154/82 and 164/80.

11. The parties agree that Dr. March's treatment of Patient S.G. constitutes a violation of sec. Med 10.02(2)(h), Code, and sec. Med 17.04, Code.

12. The parties agree that in resolution of this matter, Dr. March shall be reprimanded, and that his license shall be limited to require that, within nine months of the date of the board's order adopting the terms of this stipulation, he successfully complete the SPEX examination administered by the Federation of State Medical Boards, and that he complete not less than 20 hours of continuing education approved by the board, in addition to the requirements under sec. Med 13.02, Code, in the areas of hypertension and of fluid and electrolyte management.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1995.

Jack F. March  
Jack F. March, M.D.

Dated this 27 day of Sept., 1995.

Thomas B. Rusboldt  
Thomas B. Rusboldt  
Attorney for Dr. March

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1995.

Gilbert C. Lubcke  
Gilbert C. Lubcke  
Attorney, Division of Enforcement

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1995.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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