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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

LAWRENCE B. BURKERT, M.D.,  
RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
93 MED 75

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

Lawrence B. Burkert, M.D.  
17050 West North Avenue  
Brookfield, WI 53005

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. Respondent Lawrence B. Burkert (dob 1/17/39) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a physician and surgeon licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license #15627, first granted on 7/13/66. Respondent is an internist.
2. The Respondent did, on and between August 21, 1986, and October 8, 1993, treat patient David F. for pain resulting from fibrosarcoma in his neck and shoulder. The patient did have several successive excision procedures, and suffered severe and long-lasting pain. Respondent's chart does not reflect that regular physical examinations were performed or that regular consultations from other physicians were requested and received, and fails to document accurately and completely all medical symptoms, signs, analysis, and treatments given.
3. On at least one occasion, respondent signed and placed in the chart an undated prescription for Dilaudid 4 mg. for later pickup by the patient.
4. Since the dates of the events described in ¶¶2-3, above, respondent has successfully completed a 40 hour course in prescribing controlled substances, and has successfully completed a training program in patient charting and recordkeeping under the auspices of the University of Wisconsin Continuing Medical Education program.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to §448.02(3), Wis. Stats. and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to §227.44(5), Wis. Stats.

6. The conduct described in ¶2, above, was negligence in treatment, pursuant to §448.02(3)(c), Wis. Stats. The conduct described in ¶3, above, violated 21 CFR §1306.05(a) and § Med 10.02(2)(r), Wis. Adm. Code.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

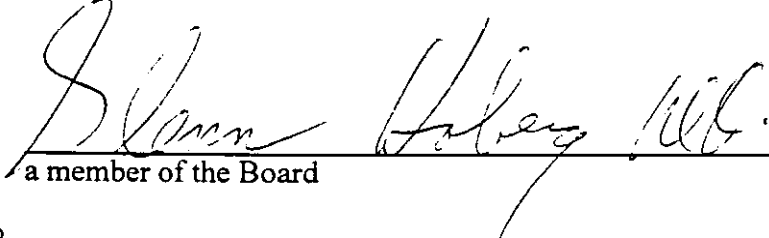
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Lawrence B. Burkert, M.D., is REPRIMANDED for his conduct in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondent shall pay the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter in the amount of \$3,000.00, within 30 days of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to §448.02(4), Wis. Stats., if the Board determines that there is probable cause to believe that respondent has violated any term of this Final Decision and Order, the Board may order that the license and registration of respondent be summarily suspended pending investigation of the alleged violation.

Dated this Jan 30, 1997

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:   
a member of the Board

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF :  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

LAWRENCE B. BURKERT, M.D., :  
RESPONDENT. :

STIPULATION  
93 MED 75  
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It is hereby stipulated between the above Respondent and the undersigned prosecuting attorney for the Division of Enforcement of the Department of Regulation and Licensing, as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation of licensure of Respondent by the Division of Enforcement. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by agreement and without a hearing on the formal complaint which has been issued in this matter.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, respondent waives the following rights with respect to disciplinary proceedings: the right to a statement of the allegations against respondent; a right to a hearing at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against respondent; the right to call witnesses on respondent's behalf and to compel attendance of witnesses by subpoena; the right to testify personally; 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 respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, and the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

3. Respondent is aware of respondent's right to seek legal representation and has obtained legal advice before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent does not admit to any inappropriate conduct, but solely to settle this matter only and to avoid the expenses and uncertainties of litigation, agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Board. The parties 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. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation or the proposed Final Decision and Order, 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.

6. The parties agree that an attorney for the Division of Enforcement may appear before the Board, in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, for the purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the members of the Board and its staff may have in connection with their deliberations on the case.

7. The Board Advisor in this matter may participate freely in any deliberations of the Board regarding acceptance of this Stipulation and the proposed Final Order, and may relate to the Board any knowledge and view of the case acquired during the investigation.

Stipulation  
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8. This stipulation is subject to approval by the Division of Enforcement's attorney-supervisor. If approved by the supervisor, the Division of Enforcement joins Respondent in recommending that the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

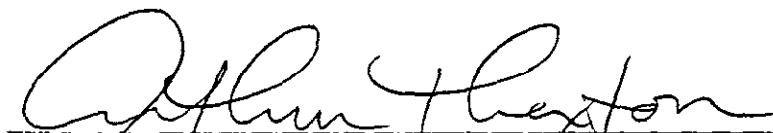
9. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this stipulation, the Board's final decision and order is a public record and will be published in the Monthly Disciplinary Report issued by the department. A summary of the order will be published in the Wisconsin Regulatory Digest issued semiannually by the Board. This is standard department procedure and in no way specially directed at Respondent.

  
Respondent

11/10/96  
Date

  
Paul R. Erickson, Attorney for Respondent

11/11/96  
Date

  
Prosecuting Attorney  
Division of Enforcement

1/16/96  
Date

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On January 30, 1997, the Medical Examining Board  
took disciplinary action against your license. Part of the discipline was an assessment of costs and/or a  
forfeiture.

The amount of the costs assessed is: \$3000.00 Case #: LS9505172MED

The amount of the forfeiture is: \_\_\_\_\_ Case # \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit a check or a money order in the amount of \$ 3000.00

The costs and/or forfeitures are due: March 1, 1997

NAME: Lawrence B. Burkert LICENSE NUMBER: 15627

STREET ADDRESS: 17050 West North Avenue

CITY: Brookfield STATE: WI ZIP CODE: 53005

Check whether the payment is for costs or for a forfeiture or both:

COSTS  FORFEITURE

Check whether the payment is for an individual license or an establishment license:

INDIVIDUAL  ESTABLISHMENT

If a payment plan has been established, the amount due monthly is:  
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1400 E. WASHINGTON AVE., ROOM 141  
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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

In the Matter of the Disciplinary Proceedings Against

Lawrence B. Burkert, M.D.,

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Respondent.

STATE OF WISCONSIN    )  
                                  )  
COUNTY OF DANE        )

I, Kate Rotenberg, having been duly sworn on oath, state the following to be true and correct based on my personal knowledge:

1. I am employed by the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.

2. On February 3, 1997, I served the Final Decision and Order dated January 30, 1997, and Guidelines for Payment of Costs and/or Forfeitures, LS9505172MED, upon the Respondent Lawrence B. Burkert's attorney by enclosing a true and accurate copy of the above-described document in an envelope properly stamped and addressed to the above-named Respondent's attorney and placing the envelope in the State of Wisconsin mail system to be mailed by the United States Post Office by certified mail. The certified mail receipt number on the envelope is P 201 377 299.

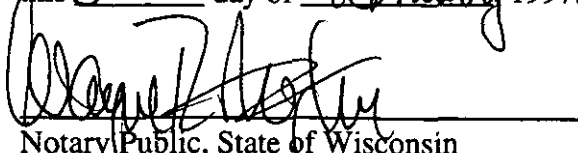
Paul R. Erickson, Attorney  
735 N. Water Street, Suite 1400  
Milwaukee WI 53202-4267



Kate Rotenberg  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Office of Legal Counsel

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1997.



Notary Public, State of Wisconsin  
My commission is permanent.

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## NOTICE OF APPEAL INFORMATION

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**Notice Of Rights For Rehearing Or Judicial Review. The Times Allowed For Each. And The Identification Of The Party To Be Named As Respondent.**

**Serve Petition for Rehearing or Judicial Review on:**

STATE OF WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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1400 East Washington Avenue

P.O. Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708.

**The Date of Mailing this Decision is:**

February 3, 1997

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### **1. REHEARING**

Any person aggrieved by this order may file a written petition for rehearing within 20 days after service of this order, as provided in sec. 227.49 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, a copy of which is reprinted on side two of this sheet. The 20 day period commences the day of personal service or mailing of this decision. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)

A petition for rehearing should name as respondent and be filed with the party identified in the box above.

A petition for rehearing is not a prerequisite for appeal or review.

### **2. JUDICIAL REVIEW.**

Any person aggrieved by this decision may petition for judicial review as specified in sec. 227.53, *Wisconsin Statutes* a copy of which is reprinted on side two of this sheet. By law, a petition for review must be filed in circuit court and should name as the respondent the party listed in the box above. A copy of the petition for judicial review should be served upon the party listed in the box above.

A petition must be filed within 30 days after service of this decision if there is no petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after service of the order finally disposing of a petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition by operation of law of any petition for rehearing.

The 30-day period for serving and filing a petition commences on the day after personal service or mailing of the decision by the agency, or the day after the final disposition by operation of the law of any petition for rehearing. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)