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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

JEAN M. METZ, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

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

Jean M. Metz
226 Main Street
Delafield, WI 53018

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
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. Jean M. Metz (D.O.B. 8/09/45) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse (license # 59789). This license was first granted on August 2, 1974.
2. Respondent’s latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 226 Main Street, Delafield, WI 53018.
3. At all times relevant to this action Respondent was employed as a registered nurse at Countryside Home, Jefferson, Wisconsin. Her duties included serving as a unit coordinator.
4. On April 3, 1998, a staff discussion was held concerning a difficult patient who sought extra doses of his prn analgesic medication, Percocet. Staff consensus was to recommend that the administration of the analgesic be scheduled four times a day rather than prn.
5. On her own initiative Respondent wrote a physician order for medication and an order for physical therapy evaluation and treatment. the orders were worded as follows:

"Schedule Vicodin po q 6 hours for chronic pain 6-12-18-24"

" PT eval & Rx"

" TO Dr. Smith/ J. Metz BSN"

6. Respondent did not contact the physician and did not receive the orders that she entered into the record. In addition, by her action Respondent caused a change in the analgesic administered to the patient from Percocet to Vicodin.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described above, Jean M. Metz is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 441.07(1)(b) and (d), and Wis. Adm. Code sec. N 7.03(1)(a) and (b) and N 7.04(5) and (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that :

1. Jean M. Metz is REPRIMANDED.
 2. The license of Respondent to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. Respondent shall certify to the Board the successful completion of an approved course of training of not less than eight hours in nursing ethics as it relates to the scope of nursing practice and the execution of medical orders, within 9 months of the date of this order. Within 2 months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall submit to the Board designee an outline of the required training for approval, which shall contain the name of the institution providing the instruction, the name of the instructor, and the course content.
- Failure by Respondent to fully and timely comply with the requirements of this Order shall result in the suspension of Respondent’s license to practice as a nurse without further notice or hearing, until such time as full compliance with the provisions of this Order has been attained.
- b. Until certification of completion of the required training, Respondent shall engage in direct patient care only under the direct supervision of a registered nurse.
 - c. Respondent shall provide her nursing employers with a copy of this Order before engaging in any nursing employment.
3. The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information".
 4. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Timothy D. Burns CRNA January 29, 1999

A Member of the Board

