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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

TRACY L. RINGE, R.PH.	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RESPONDENT.	99 PHM 43
	LS9910134PHM

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

Tracy L. Ringe, R.Ph.
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Wisconsin Pharmacy 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 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 Tracy L. Ringe, R.Ph. (dob 6/30/1970) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a registered pharmacist licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license #12067, originally granted on 1/12/1994. At all times relevant to the matters set forth below, respondent was a pharmacist at Dan Fitzgerald Pharmacy, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the conduct set forth below took place.
2. On 6/22/1999, a patient picked up a refill prescription. An unlicensed person transferred the prescription to the patient without consultation from a pharmacist. The respondent was one of three pharmacists that were present and on duty at this time.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. The Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to §450.10, Wis. Stats. and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to §227.44(5), Wis. Stats.

B. The conduct described in paragraph 2, above, violated § Phar 7.01(1)(e) and (em) Wis. Adm. Code. Such conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the Code and statutes. Each and every patient (or patient's agent) must receive a face-to-face consultation from a registered pharmacist (or supervised intern) at the time a prescribed drug or device is transferred to the patient in the pharmacy, whether the prescription is new or a refilled or renewed prescription. This duty is non-delegable and is not satisfied by having auxiliary staff ask if the patient has questions.

ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Tracy L. Ringe, R.Ph. is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondent shall FORFEIT \$200, to be paid within 60 days, for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to §227.51(3), Wis. Stats., and ch. RL 6, Wis. Adm. Code, 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 of respondent be summarily suspended pending investigation of the alleged violation.

Dated this October 13, 1999.

WISCONSIN PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD, by

Daniel F. Luce, R.Ph.

a member of the board