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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

WILLIAM J. CLARK, R.Ph.	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RESPONDENT.	98 PHM 75
	LS0003151PHM

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

William J. Clark, R.Ph.
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Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board
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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 William J. Clark (dob 11/2/59) 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 #10418, originally granted on 8/9/83.
2. Respondent did, on 3/9/95, receive a telephone order for warfarin for a geriatric patient who was a regular customer. The order was understood by respondent to be for 2 ½ tablets of the 5 mg tablets per day, and he attempted to verify this with the staff person who telephoned the order; the staff person stated that respondent’s understanding was correct. The patient’s profile revealed that 30 days before, she had received #30 of 2mg and #30 of 1mg warfarin. However, respondent did not check the patient’s profile and dispensed #30 of 5mg warfarin tablets, labeled for the patient to take 2 ½ tablets each day.
3. In fact, the prescriber intended that the order be for 2 ½ mg per day. The patient suffered harm as a result of this error.

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 7.07(4), Wis. Adm. Code. Such conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the Code and statutes.

ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that William J. Clark, R.Ph., is REPRIMANDED for his unprofessional conduct in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondent shall pay COSTS in this matter in the amount of \$300, within 30 days of this order.

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 March 15, 2000.

WISCONSIN PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD, by:

John P. Bohlman, R.Ph.
a member of the board