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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

DENNIS A. KORANDA, R.Ph.,

RESPONDENT

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

LS0105152PHM

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

Dennis A. Koranda, 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 Dennis A. Koranda (dob 12/11/50), 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 #8893, originally granted on 12/4/75. At all times relevant to the matters set forth below, respondent was the managing pharmacist of Horizon Pharmacy, Tomah, where the incident described below took place.
2. On 12/10/96, respondent was disciplined in file 96 PHM 47, in that he inappropriately dispensed C-V codeine cough syrups to multiple patients; he was reprimanded, ordered to forfeit \$5,000, and required to pass the pharmacy law exam.
3. Respondent's pharmacy did, on 12/23/99, receive a written prescription order for Tegretol® for a patient who was 3½ weeks old. The prescription read: "Tegretol syrup 100/tsp, #6 oz., Sig: 15mg qid, 3 refills." The prescription was filled with the prescribed syrup, but the technician's entry into the computer system caused the label to read: "Take 3 teaspoonfuls by mouth four times a day." This would result in the patient receiving 300 mg, instead of the prescribed 15 mg, per dose. The label should have read: "take 15 mg., (0.75 cc [or ml]) by mouth four times a day." Neither respondent nor the other pharmacist on duty detected the error. The other pharmacist is no longer licensed for reasons unrelated to this matter.
4. When the mother came to pick up the prescription, respondent transferred the medication to her. The mother questioned whether 3 teaspoonfuls was correct, as she considered this to be an unusual amount for a baby. Respondent assured her that it was correct, and did not check the original prescription or call the

prescriber's office. He advised her to use a syringe, if necessary, to place the medication in the baby's mouth to be swallowed.

5. The mother gave the patient the medication as the label directed, and the patient suffered substantial harm and was hospitalized.
6. The Board finds that a minimally competent pharmacist would have realized that 300mg of this medication would not be appropriate for a patient of this age, and would have checked the original prescription and/or called the prescriber. Additionally, a minimally competent pharmacist, upon checking the original prescription and realizing the error, have re-labeled the bottle to indicate that the correct dose.

#### 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 paragraphs 2-5, above, violated §450.10(1)(a)6., Wis. Stats., and § Phar 10.03(2) and (3), 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 the license of Dennis A. Koranda, R.Ph., is SUSPENDED for ten days, effective July 1, 2001.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondent's license is LIMITED in the following respects:

For a period of one year commencing April 1, 2001, for each pediatric prescription for which respondent is responsible for any of the steps listed in § Phar 7.01(1), Wis. Adm. Code, respondent shall record the following computation on the back of the hardcopy: age and weight of patient, dosage in mg/kg for the patient, and the maximum safe dosage for the patient. Respondent shall consult a standard pediatric dosing reference for each such prescription. For the purpose of this Order, a pediatric patient is a patient 12 year of age or younger. If respondent handles a refill but did not handle an earlier fill, the computation shall be performed and recorded. If respondent has recorded the computation for a prescription, he need not re-do the computation for subsequent refills. On or before May 7, 2001, respondent shall forward to the Department Monitor copies of the back of each such hardcopy handled in the month of April, 2001, showing the computation. Respondent shall appear before the Board at its March or April, 2002, meeting (depending on the convenience of the Board and respondent) to discuss this process with the Board.

Respondent shall, no later than one year from the date of this Order, have taken and passed four of the 15 hour modules in the Pharmacotherapy for Continuing Education series offered by the University of Wisconsin--Madison School of Pharmacy. Respondent shall do one module per quarter, at a minimum, and shall report to the Department Monitor every three months on his progress with this program. All costs of the CE shall be born by respondent. If the Board has not received satisfactory evidence from the provider that respondent has taken and passed all required CE by one year from the date of this Order, respondent's license shall be automatically SUSPENDED by staff until the CE is taken and passed.

It is respondent's responsibility to ensure that the Department Monitor has received documentation directly from the school in a timely manner, and respondent shall sign all necessary releases to ensure that the Board and department staff have access to all school records relevant to his performance and completion of the course.

Respondent may propose an equivalent course from another accredited source of continuing education through the Department Monitor, but shall ensure that it is acceptable to and pre-approved by the Board or its designee before commencing a different course.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondent shall pay COSTS in this matter in the amount of \$650, within 30 days of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that an investigator of the department shall observe the practice of pharmacy at respondent's practice location, without advance notice to respondent, at a time convenient to the department, but no less than twice a year for the next three years from the date of this Order. Respondent shall cooperate by furnishing respondent's work schedule upon request.

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 May 15, 2001.

WISCONSIN PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD, by:

John Bohlman

A member of the board