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State Of Wisconsin

Before The Wisconsin Board Of Nursing

In The Matter Of Disciplinary Proceedings Against

JENNIFER L. SCHWARTZ,
Respondent

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LS0108024NUR

Division of Enforcement Case # 98 NUR 211

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

Jennifer L. Schwartz, R.N.
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Wisconsin Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8935
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The Wisconsin Board of Nursing received a Stipulation submitted by the parties to the above-captioned matter. The Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto, was executed by Jennifer L. Schwartz, R.N., personally, and by Claudia Berry Miran, attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement. Based upon the Stipulation of the parties, the Wisconsin Board of Nursing makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jennifer L. Schwartz, R.N., was born April 17, 1949. Ms. Schwartz's latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 2912 Warwick Way, Rockford, IL 61101.
2. Ms. Schwartz is licensed to practice in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse pursuant to license #97988, which was first granted on September 4, 1987.
3. On October 27, 1998 Ms. Schwartz failed to check the requisition number on a unit of blood against the number on the patient's identification band. As a result Ms. Schwartz administered the wrong blood to the patient who subsequently suffered a reaction but did survive.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to § 441.07 (1), Stats.

2. The Board of Nursing has the authority to resolve this disciplinary proceeding by Stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to § 227.44 (5), Stats.
3. The conduct described in paragraph 3, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code N 7.03 (1)(a).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the stipulation of the parties is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Jennifer L. Schwartz is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Within nine (9) months from the date of this Order, Respondent shall submit proof of conducting a presentation of a nursing staff in-service acceptable to the Board on the subject of checking and administering blood. An outline of the in-service must be submitted to the Board for approval prior to its presentation.
3. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
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The rights of a party aggrieved by this Final Decision and Order to petition the Wisconsin Board of Nursing for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth in the attached "Notice of Appeal Information."

This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

By: Ann Brewer

8-2-01

A Member of the Board

Date