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State of Wisconsin
Before the Medical Examining Board

In the Matter of Disciplinary Proceedings Against

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| Pablo Pedraza, M.D. | Final Decision and Order |
| Respondent | LS0203202MED |

The parties to this proceeding for purposes of s. 227.53, Stats., are:

Pablo Pedraza, M.D.
5001 N. Palisades Road
Milwaukee WI 53217

Medical Examining Board
Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison WI 53708

Division of Enforcement
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The parties having agreed to the attached stipulation, the Medical Examining Board makes the following:

Findings of Fact

1. Pablo Pedraza, M.D., was born on March 11, 1941, and is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 17338, first granted August 19, 1970. Dr. Pedraza specializes in cardiovascular surgery.
2. On January 11, 2000, a 67 year old woman presented at St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for implantation of a cardiac pacemaker.
3. During the surgery, Respondent inadvertently pierced the patient's aorta and her left lung.
4. The patient began to demonstrate unusual distress, but Respondent did not immediately recognize his error.
5. The patient went into cardiac and pulmonary arrest, and, despite the efforts of Respondent, the attending cardiologist, and additional medical staff called to the incident by Respondent, she died.
6. On autopsy, the cause of death was determined to be perforation of the aorta during pacemaker placement.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to s. 448.02(3), Stats.
2. Respondent's conduct described above constitutes a violation of s. MED 10.02(22)(h), Wis. Admin. Code.

Order

Now, therefore, the Board accepts the stipulation of the parties.

It is further ordered that Pablo Pedraza, M.D., is reprimanded.

It is further ordered that the license previously issued to Pablo Pedraza, M.D. , is limited by the conditions that he may not perform cardiac or thoracic surgery, and that he may not undertake, assist, or attend the placement of any cardiac stent, coil, pacemaker or implanted defibrillator, or any cardiac catheterization or angioplasty, or any other invasive cardiology procedure.

It is further ordered that Pablo Pedraza, M.D., shall pay the costs of this proceeding to the Department of Regulation and Licensing in the amount of \$1312.00 pursuant to s. 440.22, Stats., within thirty days of the date of this order.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2002.

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

Darold Treffert
A Member of the Board