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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :		
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :		
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
PATRICIA J. CARRAN, RN,	:	LS0308082NUR
RESPONDENT	:	

Division of Enforcement Case No’s. 01 NUR 319

The parties to this action for the purposes of section 227.53 of the Wisconsin statutes are:

Patricia J. Carran
310 Edgewood Drive
Waupun, WI 53963

Board of Nursing
PO Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
PO Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation, 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. Patricia J. Carran (formally known as Patricia J. Shepp; D.O.B. 01/25/1951) is duly licensed as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license #93392). This license was first granted on 03/26/1986.

2. Respondent’s most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 310 Edgewood Drive, Waupun, WI 53963.

3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent worked as a registered nurse at Waupun Correctional Institution in Waupun, Wisconsin.

4. On or about September 29, 1995, Respondent saw RP, a 70-year-old inmate, who presented with a complaint of chest pain.

5. RP’s prior medical history included a myocardial infarction in July 1993 with a follow-up coronary angioplasty. RP experienced recurrent occlusion of the previously angioplastied artery and underwent subsequent percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasties [PTCA’s] in August 1993, March 1994, and May 1994. RP was declared to be an unsuitable candidate for further angioplasty after the 1994 procedure. RP’s history in addition included diagnoses of severe coronary artery disease and pulmonary emphysema.

6. RP had been seen by the Waupun staff physician on the previous evening, who had charted the following:

S	C/o chest pain after eating not relieved by NTG but after belching out his pain goes away. This has been ongoing x 3 days. No dyspnea + orthopnea. No radiation of pain
O	BP 88/60 PR 80 R18. Heart NSR strong & single S1 & S2 no (m) Lungs clear
A	GI upset (indigestion)
P	SU [Simethicone] PO - FU in a.m. if no better

7. On September 29, 1995, Respondent charted the following:

5:45 AM	Called to upper HSU. Inmate c/o chest pain since yesterday. B/P 98/64 P. 110 R. 20 unlabored. SaO ₂ 88% SOB diaphoresis. Does not appear in acute distress but will refer to MD for further follow-up.
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8. RP was found dead in his cell at approximately 7:35 am.

9. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to issuance of the Conclusions of Law and Order set forth below.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over this matter, pursuant to sec. 441.07, Stats.

2. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing is authorized to enter into the attached stipulation, pursuant to sec. 227.44(5), Stats.

3. By the conduct described above, Patricia J. Carran is subject to disciplinary action against her Wisconsin nursing license, pursuant to sec. 441.07(1), Wis. Stats., and Wis. Admin. Code §§ N7.03 (1) and N7.04 (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that

1. Patricia J. Carran is REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Wisconsin nursing license of Patricia J. Carran (license #93392) is LIMITED as follows:

Continuing education

2. Within six [6] months from the date of this order, Respondent shall submit acceptable documentation of successful completion of at least fifteen [15] hours of continuing education or of other training pre-approved by the Board in the areas of nursing assessments and care of cardiac patients. Acceptable documentation of completion of continuing education shall include: certification from the sponsoring organization as well as a statement signed by Respondent verifying her attendance at the course and completion of course requirements.

3. Respondent shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by her in complying with the terms of this Order.

Department Monitor

4. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order, including coordinating all requests for approval of education or other petitions. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows:

Department Monitor

Division of Enforcement

PO Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708-8935

FAX (608) 266-2264

Termination of restrictions

5. Upon timely and acceptable completion of the terms of this Order, Respondent shall be returned to full and unrestricted licensure status.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

6. Violation of any of the other terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license pursuant to the procedures set forth in Wis. Admin. Code RL Ch. 6. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.

Effective date of Order

7. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

BOARD OF NURSING

By: Jacqueline Johnsrud	8-8-03
On behalf of the Board	Date