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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
: LS0311191MED
ROBERT T. OBMA, M.D., :
RESPONDENT. :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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

Robert T. Obma, M.D.
8391 Sunset Drive
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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 Medical Examining 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. Robert T. Obma, M.D., Respondent, date of birth April 2, 1940, is licensed and currently registered by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 16619, which was first granted January 8, 1969.

2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 420 E. Division Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935 which was Respondent's last practice location. The Division of Enforcement has received information that Respondent's current home address is 8391 Sunset Drive, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

3. Respondent's practice specialty is internal medicine-cardiology.

4. On April 8, 2003, the Board of Directors of Agnesian Healthcare, Inc., Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, denied Respondent's application for reappointment to the Medical Staff and clinical privileges at that facility based on the results of a health assessment revealing cognitive impairment possibly indicative of early-onset dementia or other cognitive deterioration.

5. Respondent's current cognitive functioning impairs his ability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety to patients and public.

6. Respondent has retired from the practice of medicine and surgery and does not intend to renew his registration when it expires on October 31, 2003.

7. The Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States is a high-quality, objective, and standardized cognitive examination used as a tool in the assessment of current knowledge requisite for general, undifferentiated medical practice by physicians who hold or who have held valid, unrestricted licenses in a United States or Canadian jurisdiction.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to § 448.02(3), Stats.

2. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to § 227.44(5) and 448.02(5), Stats.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That Robert T. Obma, M.D., Respondent, shall not be registered to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin, until Respondent has complied with the conditions set out in paragraph 2 below.

2. Respondent shall have provided proof sufficient to the Board that Respondent can practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety to patients and public. Such proof shall include:

a. A complete evaluation of Respondent's psychological and cognitive functioning, performed by mental health care professionals, who shall first be approved by the Board, which concludes that Respondent can practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety to patients and public. The evaluation shall include a neuropsychological evaluation and shall have been performed subsequent to the date of this Order.

b. Respondent having taken and passed the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, subsequent to the date of this Order.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information."

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 19th day of November, 2003.

Alfred L. Franger, M.D.

Secretary

Medical Examining Board