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

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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 Paul Richard Egge (dob 8/9/52) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a physician and surgeon licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license #23956, first granted on 7/2/81. Respondent is an internist certified by The American Board of Internal Medicine.
2. Respondent cared for patient P.W., a female born in 1950, beginning in 1993. The patient had duodenal ulcer disease since at least 1993, and was being treated medically with ranitidine. The patient had a stressful home situation and was a tobacco smoker.
3. On July 16, 1997, the patient presented for the first time in over two years. She reported feeling “terrible” and unable to keep food down other than a little sweetened milk. She had a blood pressure of 150/80, a normal temperature, Respondent charted that she reported having “coffee ground emesis” three times, epigastric pain with some tenderness in the epigastrium without masses or rebound, and hemoglobin of 10.1, representing a decrease from 12.3 some three years before. Respondent’s chart states that his diagnosis is “probably PUD [peptic ulcer disease] with mild anemia secondary to UGI [upper gastrointestinal] blood loss.” He scheduled her for a UGI series (x-rays) and started her on omeprazole 20mg. Respondent’s chart entry further recites that the patient had no health insurance and therefore she wanted to delay UGI endoscopy if at all possible.
4. A reasonable internist, confronted with the same or similar circumstances, would have ordered an immediate endoscopy to determine the cause of the probable upper-GI bleed, which could have been done on an outpatient basis. The patient’s condition was life-threatening, and the patient did in fact die on 7/25/97, as a result of internal hemorrhage from a gastric ulcer, which endoscopy would have revealed and which could have been treated. To the extent that the patient declined endoscopy, the chart does not reflect that the patient was fully informed of the seriousness of her condition.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to §448.02(3), Wis. Stats. and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to §227.44(5), Wis. Stats.
- B. The conduct described in ¶3, above, constitutes negligence in treatment within the meaning of §448.02(3), Wis. Stats.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Paul R. Egge, M.D., is REPRIMANDED, for his unprofessional conduct in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondent’s license is LIMITED as provided in §448.02(3)(e), Stats., and in the following respects:

1. Respondent shall, within six months, successfully complete no fewer than eight hours of Category 1 Continuing Medical Education in the elements of patient informed consent, which course of study shall have been pre-approved by the Board or its designee.

2. Respondent shall, within six months, successfully complete no fewer than eight hours of Category 1 Continuing Medical Education in the proper diagnosis, care and treatment of upper gastrointestinal disease, which course of study shall include recognizing and appropriately responding to complications of ulcers, and which course of study shall have been pre-approved by the Board or its designee.

When respondent has successfully completed the required education, respondent’s unlimited license shall be restored by staff without further action by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondent shall pay the COSTS of investigating and prosecuting this matter of \$950 within 30 days of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to §448.02(4), Wis. Stats., 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 and registration of respondent be summarily suspended pending investigation of the alleged violation.

Dated this February 18 , 2004.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Alfred Franger  
A Member of the Board