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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY:

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

CINDY M. SIEG, R.N. : LS05090810NUR

RESPONDENT. :

#### 03 NUR 036

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

Cindy M. Sieg, R.N. 1225 W. Parkway Blvd. Appleton WI 54914

Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Board of Nursing Department of Regulation & Licensing 1400 East Washington Avenue P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

# PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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 of Nursing. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Cindy M. Sieg, (DOB 12/22/1956) is duly licensed as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license # 108289). This license was first granted on 9/5/1991.
- 2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 1225 W. Parkway Blvd, Appleton, Wisconsin 54914.
- 3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a registered nurse at AFG Anticoagulation Clinic, 1611 S. Madison Street, Appleton, Wisconsin 54915.
  - 4. On several occasions between May 31, 2002, and January 24, 2003, Respondent adjusted the Coumadin

dosing of patients at the AFG Anticoagulation Clinic in amounts greater than permitted under the physician approved Clinic medication protocols, without first obtaining a physician's order to do so.

5. Respondent's adjustments of Coumadin dosing resulted in undesired increases in the prothrombin time/international normalized ratios for several patients so that those patients were outside of the intended prothrombin time/international normalized ratio range.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §441.07,[smg1] and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. The conduct described in paragraph(s) #4, above, constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code § NUR 7.04(5) or Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(d).

# **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Cindy M. Sieg, R.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. The Wisconsin nursing license of Cindy M. Sieg is LIMITED as follows:

#### **Practice Restrictions**

- a). For a period of at least one (1) year, the Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a licensed registered nurse.
- b). For a period of at least one (1) year, Respondent shall not work as a charge nurse, a float nurse, or a home health nurse; nor shall Respondent work for a pool agency other than on the medical/surgical floor at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac; or Aurora Hospital; or Ripon Medical Center.

# **Required Reporting**

- c). For a period of at least one (1) year, Respondent shall arrange for the supervising nurse to provide formal written reports to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, which shall report the terms and conditions of her employment and assess the Respondent's work performance with a special emphasis on Respondent's medication administration.
- d). Respondent shall report to the Board any change of employment status, residence, address or telephone number within five (5) days of the date of a change and shall include an explanation of the change. Upon completion of at least one (1) year of active nursing practice under the Board ordered requirements, petitioner may request removal of the limitations upon her license.

#### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

3. Respondent shall, within (60) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of Four Hundred Sixty Five (\$465.00) dollars. Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone (608) 267-3817
Fax (608) 266-2264

- 4. Violation of any of the 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. 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. In the event Respondent fails to pay costs as ordered the Respondent's license(#108289) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order. [smg2]
  - 5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Board of Nursing

By: Jacqueline Johnsrud, RN September 8, 2005

A Member of the Board Date

[smg1]THis should be deleted/ changed to a blank

[smg2] This section should be the standard summary suspension provision: Violation of any of the 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. 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. Where the terms of discipline consist of a forfeiture, costs or continuing education, alternative "self-effectuating" language should be utilized. E.g.: In the event Respondent fails to timely submit any payment of the forfeiture as set forth above, the Respondent's license(#1550) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.