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IN THE MATTER OF :
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : **FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**
JAMES BASS, Jr., M.D., :
RESPONDENT. : LS0510121MED

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

James Bass, M.D.
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Racine, WI 53406

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

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
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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. 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

- Respondent James [no middle name] Bass Jr. (dob 2/10/40) 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 #19037, first granted on 8/13/74. Respondent is a surgeon.
- On 11/6/2000, Respondent performed a surgical debridement and closure of a left thigh wound upon patient P.H., a 58 year old diabetic man with multiple medical problems, in an facility which did not have a Fogarty catheter, nor was the operating room prepared with vascular clamps. Preoperatively, the patient had a hemoglobin of 7.9 and a hematocrit of 22; these were not addressed before surgery. There is no charted record of a preoperative physical examination by Respondent during the three days that the patient was hospitalized immediately before the procedure. During the procedure, Respondent detected a pseudoaneurysm, but elected to proceed instead of packing the area and moving the patient to a fully equipped hospital or obtaining appropriate surgical equipment. He then inadvertently opened the pseudoaneurysm and subsequently closed it with sutures. The patient lost at least 1500cc of blood through the pseudoaneurysm, and suffered cardiac arrest, following which he was resuscitated, but suffered anoxic encephalopathy during the period of arrest. He did not regain consciousness and ultimately died several months later.
- Respondent has since been diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease, and is, through no fault of his own, currently unable to practice medicine with skill and safety to patient and public.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- The conduct described in paragraph 2, above, violated Wis. Adm. Code § Med 10.02(2)(h). Such conduct is unprofessional conduct as defined by the Code and Wisconsin statute.

ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that James Bass, Jr., M.D., shall not renew the biennial registration of his license, and shall not practice medicine without being currently registered. Additionally, effective on the date of this Order, Respondent shall not practice clinical medicine until such time as he can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he can do so with skill and safety to patient and public.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Respondent shall pay the COSTS of investigating and prosecuting this matter of \$1,100 within 60 days of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 227.51(3) and § 448.02(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. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit any payment of the costs as set forth above, the Respondent's license SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

Dated this October 12, 2005.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by: Alfred L. Franger, MD
a member of the Board