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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
DANIELA S. ANGELI, PA,	:	LS # 0507209MED
RESPONDENT.	:	

[Division of Enforcement Case 04 MED 207]

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

Daniela S. Angeli, PA
N5502 Grandview Road
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

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Department of Regulation and Licensing
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Medical Examining Board
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A formal complaint was filed in this matter on July 20, 2005. The parties in this matter Daniela S. Angeli, PA, personally and through her attorney, Mary Lee Ratzel, Peterson, Johnson & Murray, and Pamela M. Stach have reached a proposed resolution. The parties 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 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. Daniela S. Angeli, PA, Respondent herein, (DOB 10/23/53), is duly registered to practice as a physician's assistant in the State of Wisconsin under license number 335 which was first granted on March 11, 1983.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is N5502 Grandview Road, Fond du Lac , WI 54935.
3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was employed as a physician's assistant at the Family Practice Clinic of Columbia- St. Mary's in Brown Deer, Wisconsin under the supervision of Jeanne Medina, M.D.
4. On December 16, 2003, a thirty two year old female patient JS presented to Respondent at the Family Practice Clinic for evaluation of her current blood pressure medication.
5. Patient JS had a history of hypertension, anisocoria right greater than left, sciatica, morbid obesity, headaches, chronic lower extremity edema, amenorrhea-polycystic ovarian disease, C-spine degenerative joint disease with mild spinal stenosis, Hyperlipoidemia, and Syndrome X.
6. At the December 16th appointment the patient complained of a cough, shortness of breath, low grade fever and pain of three days duration in her right calf.
7. Respondent examined the patient, ordered a chest x-ray, told the patient to take Tylenol or ibuprofen, steam therapy, saline nasal wash, to call if the symptoms worsen or did not improve in forty-eight (48) hours, to recheck in seven (7) days, and started Patient JS on Levaquin for possible pneumonia.
8. Respondent examined the patient's right leg and noted no redness or swelling of right calf but recorded that the patient had poor circulation in both feet. Respondent considered the possibility of deep vein thrombosis and provided the patient with a prescription for bilateral lower extremity ultrasound. She further advised the patient that she should arrange to have the Doppler study conducted at the hospital for a potential blood clot that afternoon, and told the patient to go to the clinic appointment desk to have the study scheduled with the hospital.
9. Respondent did not personally, however, schedule the Doppler study, instruct clinic staff schedule the appointment, or refer the patient to an emergency room or physician for further follow-up.
10. Patient JS left without scheduling the Doppler study at the clinic appointment desk as she had been instructed to do so by Respondent. At the time, it was the policy of the Family Practice Clinic, and Respondent had been so instructed, that patients requiring diagnostic studies, including Doppler studies, should arrange for those studies at the clinic appointment desk before leaving the clinic.
11. Respondent did not consult with her supervising physician or another physician on duty at the clinic on December 16th. The patient's primary care physician was not in the clinic on December 16th.
12. On the morning of December 17, Respondent consulted with Margaret Pearsall, M.D., Patient JS' primary care physician, with regard to her findings and prescription of a Doppler study for a potential blood clot. She also indicated that no findings from the Doppler study had been received from the hospital. Respondent checked with the hospital.
13. Dr. Pearsall attempted to reach the patient and eventually left a message for her to contact the clinic.

14. The patient was found dead in her apartment on December 22 of bilateral pulmonary emboli with an estimated date of death of December 17th.

15. Respondent's conduct as herein described with regard to Patient JS fell below the expected standards of competence established in the profession in that Respondent failed to personally schedule or see to it personally that clinic staff schedule the Doppler study for Patient JS for that day, or refer the patient to an emergency room for further evaluation, or have the patient further evaluated by a supervising physician when Respondent knew or should have known the patient could have a potentially life threatening condition which could result in serious medical consequences, including possible death.

16. Respondent's conduct as herein described tended to constitute a danger to the health, welfare and safety of Patients JS.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §448.02, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described in paragraph # 15 and #16 above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Stat. § 448.02 (3) and Wisconsin Administrative Code § MED 10.02 (2) (h) .

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The license of Daniela S. Angeli, PA, to practice as a physician's assistant in the State of Wisconsin is hereby LIMITED on the following terms and conditions:

A. Respondent shall, within 15 days of the date of this Order, obtain the services of a physician, preapproved by the Board, for the purpose of supervising Respondent's practice as a physician assistant for a period of three months. The three month period of review shall commence on May 15. The supervising physician shall review the medical records for all patients receiving non-first stage critical care, which is defined as those patients who present with conditions that would not be considered by the supervising physician to be routine or relatively minor medical conditions, but would be patients who presented with serious or potentially life threatening conditions.

In the event that the supervising physician is not immediately available that day to review Respondent's care and treatment, Respondent will have her attending physician for that patient review her chart entries and her care and treatment of the patient before the end of her work day and have that physician countersign her medical record entries.

The supervising physician will review all patient charts of non-first stage critical care patients of the Respondent on a weekly basis and countersign all medical entries for such patients made by the Respondent.

B. Upon completion of the three month period of review, the supervising physician shall provide an affidavit to the Medical Examining Board affirming that Respondent's evaluation, diagnoses and treatment choices were appropriate to each non-first stage critical care patient's condition. The supervising physician shall identify five cases and provide details of the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment recommendation made by Respondent. The affidavit shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address provided below. Respondent shall insure that the affidavit is submitted within fifteen days of completion of the review period.

C. All costs of this review shall be the responsibility of Respondent and shall be paid within thirty days of receipt by Respondent of any bill from the supervising physician.

D. Upon completion of the period of review, Respondent shall appear before the Medical Examining Board, if requested, to provide evidence of successful completion of the period or review, and answer any questions the Board may have regarding the review period. If such an appearance is required, Respondent shall be notified in writing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Respondent shall, within six months days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of three thousand four hundred fifty four (\$3,454.00) dollars.

Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
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3. 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 if any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails submit the name of a supervising physician within 15 days of the date of the Board Order, fails to submit the affidavit of the supervising physician within 15 days of the completion of the review period or fails to pay costs as ordered, unless good cause can be shown as to why Respondent could not comply, the Respondent's license(#335) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

4. This Order is effective on April 19, 2006.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By: Bhupinder Saini MD
A Member of the Board

4/19/06
Date