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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : **FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**
:
SUSAN KAY CHANDRE, R.N., : LS0609142NUR
RESPONDENT. :

03 NUR 137

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

Susan Kay Chandre, RN
3936 Maple Grove Dr. Unit 2
Madison, WI 53719

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
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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

1. Susan Kay Chandre (D.O.B. 12/21/74) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse (license # 130402). This license was first granted on 8/14/98.
2. On 11/6/00, Respondent was asked by a physician for a vial of 1% lidocaine with epinephrine for the purpose of preparing a patient for sutures. Respondent processed the order and procured a vial of medication from the Accudose dispensing cabinet which was supposed to be the requested medication; but Respondent failed to check the label even after the physician noted that the vial appeared to be a different color from what he had seen before. In fact, the vial had been mis-stocked by pharmacy staff, and contained 1:1000 epinephrine. The physician injected the patient with the medication from the vial, and the patient developed polymorphic ventricular tachycardia, which resolved without permanency. Respondent and her insurer settled the patient's claim against Respondent and her employer before trial, with a payment. The physician did not settle and a trial was held where neither Respondent nor her employer was represented. The case went to trial, resulting in a jury verdict that the physician and the Respondent were each negligent, with an award of \$50,000, plus costs, of which \$12,500 was attributed to Respondent.
3. Following this incident, Respondent underwent a period of 3 months where all of her medications were double checked with the charge nurse, and Respondent was trained to hold a vial with the label exposed and readable so that the physician could read it. She has had no further errors.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

By the conduct described above, respondent is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code § N 7.03(1)(b).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Susan Kay Chandre, RN, is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall pay the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter, in the amount of \$900.00, within 180 days of this Order; failure to pay the costs in full shall result in the immediate suspension of Respondent's license by staff, without further Board action, until it is paid, in full, together with any accrued interest.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Marilyn Kaufmann
A Member of the Board

9/14/06
Date