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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY | : |                          |
| PROCEEDINGS AGAINST               | : |                          |
|                                   | : | FINAL DECISION AND ORDER |
| REY F. FARNE, M.D.,               | : |                          |
| RESPONDENT                        | : | LS0610181MED             |
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[Division of Enforcement Case 05 MED 402]

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

Rey F. Farne, M.D.  
121 Monroe St.  
Mauston, WI 53948

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

State of Wisconsin  
Medical Examining Board  
Department of Regulation & Licensing  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter, Rey F. Farne, M.D., Respondent, and Pamela M. Stach, Attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition 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. Rey F. Farne, M.D., (DOB 08/13/36) is duly licensed and currently registered to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license # 20798 which was first granted on June 1, 1977.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 121 Monroe St., Mauston, WI 53948.
3. Respondent specializes in general surgery.
4. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was providing emergency room coverage at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hillsboro, Wisconsin.
5. On March 8, 2003, at 4:40 p.m., a 58 year old male, JB, presented at the emergency room at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hillsboro, Wisconsin with complaints of severe pain in his upper back and below the base of his neck which began while he was shoveling snow.
6. On arrival the patient evidenced no respiratory distress or diaphoresis. He denied chest pain, epigastric discomfort or pain in the arms.
7. Upon examination the patient's blood pressure was 202/129 initially on arrival, declining to 161/109 at 5:15 p.m. His pulse was 68 bpm, respiration was 20/min, temperature was normal, color was good and his oxygen saturation was 100% at room temperature.
8. Further examination revealed strong carotid pulses, equal on both sides and no bruit. The heart showed a faint systolic murmur in the left sternal border which was non radiating. The heart rhythm was slightly irregular. The lungs were clear and the abdomen normal. The radial and femoral pulses were strong and equal on both sides.
9. Respondent ordered an EKG which was read as normal sinus rhythm with occasional ventricular complexes. CK and troponin were normal.
10. Respondent noted no signs of acute coronary syndrome and diagnosed probable musculoskeletal strain.
11. Respondent ordered Toradol 60 mg IM which significantly decreased the patient's pain.
12. The patient was discharged at 5:30 p.m. with a blood pressure of 167/117 noted shortly before discharge.
13. Discharge instructions given by the Respondent advised Patient JB to have a medical follow-up in the clinic in three to four days, including recheck of his blood pressure. The patient should take Tylenol or Ibuprofen for pain and return to the hospital immediately if there was any further problem or concern. He was further advised to have a complete medical evaluation in the near future.
14. Patient JB was brought back to the hospital via emergency medical service transport at 0530 on March 9 with cyanosis of the face, fixed and dilated pupils, no spontaneous respiration and in asystole by monitor. The patient was pronounced dead at 0544 with an assessment of cardiopulmonary arrest.
15. Respondent's conduct, as herein described, fell below the minimum standards of competence established in the profession in that he discharged the patient when the patient's blood pressure was noted at 167/117 without adequately addressing the blood pressure; failed to perform stress testing or take enzyme readings over a six hour period and failed to obtain a consultation with a cardiologist or, in the alternative, admit the patient for further evaluation.
16. Respondent's conduct as set forth in paragraph 15 above created the unacceptable risk to Patient JB that his condition would not be promptly and appropriately treated thus creating the possibility of ongoing or recurring cardiac events which could result in significant harm, including death, to the patient.
17. Respondent has cooperated fully throughout this investigation and voluntarily agrees to the entry of this Order in resolution of this matter.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.03 (2), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent's conduct as set forth in paragraphs 15 and 16 above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Stat. § 448.03 (2) and Wisconsin Administrative Code § MED 10.02 (2) (h).

### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the stipulation of the parties as attached hereto, is accepted;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that REY F. FARNE, M.D., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the license of REY F. FARNE, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin is hereby LIMITED as follows:

1. Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Farne shall obtain eighteen (18) hours of continuing education in the area of cardiovascular emergencies. The courses attended in satisfaction of this requirement shall be courses that require the physical presence of the attendees at the location where the course is being conducted. Courses conducted via the internet or by other electronic means of communication or courses conducted by correspondence or through a home study program shall not satisfy this requirement. The courses may not be used in satisfaction of the statutory CME requirement.

2. Dr. Farne shall be responsible for locating the course/s required under this Order, for providing adequate course descriptions to the Department Monitor and for obtaining pre-approval of the course/s from the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board prior to commencement of the programs. The Board may reject in whole or in part any educational opportunity which is nominated by Dr. Farne when, in the Board's judgment, the syllabus or description of the course or other educational opportunity is insufficient to fulfill the purpose for which it is offered.

3. Within 30 days after the course/s identified in paragraph one above are concluded, Dr. Farne shall file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board certifications from the sponsoring organization of his attendance at the required course/s.

4. All costs of the educational program/s shall be the responsibility of Dr. Farne.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

5. Dr. Farne shall pay costs in this matter in the amount of thirteen hundred twenty three (\$1323.00) payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing within sixty days of the effective date of this Order.

6. Submission of all required documentation and payment of costs shall be 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

7. 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 or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education the Respondent's license (#20798) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without

further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

8. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

State of Wisconsin  
Medical Examining Board

By: Bhupinder Saini MD  
A Member of the Board

10-18-2006  
Date