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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION

MICHAEL S. FRONTIERA, M.D.

RESPONDENT. : LS0902184MED

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Division of Enforcement Case #07 MED 253

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

Michael S. Frontiera, M.D. 1200 John Q Hammons Dr Ste 400 Madison, WI 53717

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

Department of Regulation and Licensing Division of Enforcement 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. 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. Respondent Michael S. Frontiera (dob 10/10/52) 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 #27625, first granted on 7/1/1986. Respondent is an oncologist and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a subspecialty certificate in medical oncology.
- 2. On 5/27/07, Respondent issued a prescription order for dextroamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, for patient M.K., for fatigue associated with chemotherapy. The patient was not receiving any opioid analgesic compounds, and did not fall within any other category specified in Wis. Adm. Code § Med 10.02(2)(s).

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. 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).

## <u>ORDER</u>

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Michael S. Frontiera, M.D., shall, no later than 120 days from the date of this Order, take and pass the Wisconsin jurisprudence examination required of applicants for licensure as physicians by the Board. Respondent may not attempt the test more than twice without permission of the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Respondent shall, no later than 6/30/09, successfully complete no fewer than 7.5 hours of Category 1 continuing medical education in the area of treating cancer patients with fatigue and related conditions, and appropriate use of stimulants, which education shall have been pre-approved by the Board or its designee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondent shall pay the COSTS of investigating and prosecuting this matter of \$600 within 30 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. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit full payment of the costs as ordered or fails to pass the examination by the specified date, or fails the examination twice, the Respondent's license SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order in full, including paying any accrued interest.

Dated this February 18, 2009.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by: Gene Musser MD a member of the Board