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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FINAL DECISION
	:	AND ORDER
DAVID L. COFFMAN, D.O.,	:	LS # <u>0908191 MED</u>
	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	

Division of Enforcement Case # 08 MED 402

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

David Coffman, D.O.
29 Marston Hill Rd
Auburn, ME 04210

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

Medical Examining Board
Department of Regulation & Licensing
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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 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. David L. Coffman, D.O., (DOB 04/19/1967) is duly licensed as a physician in the State of Wisconsin (license #21-45880). This license was first granted on July 14, 2003.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is 1405 Mill Street, New London, Wisconsin, 54961. Upon information and belief, his current address is actually 29 Marston Hill Rd., Auburn, ME 04210.

3. A review of seven of Respondent's patient who underwent total mastectomies indicates:

- (a) All patients with breast cancer underwent total mastectomy. No patient had a lumpectomy or partial mastectomy, even though every patient reviewed would have been a candidate for such treatment. This is inconsistent with most published reports of breast cancer treatment and current recommendations by cancer experts.
- (b) While all patients reviewed were said to have "modified radical mastectomy," in fact no patient had that operation. Instead, all had simple mastectomy.
- (c) There were repeated disparities between Respondent's dictated account of what he claims he was told by the pathologist intra-operatively, and what is clearly documented in the chart.
- (d) Respondent documented that one patient had an "axillary dissection" when in fact the patient did not have that operation.
- (e) Respondent did not perform a sentinel node biopsy in one patient. The dictated description of other sentinel node biopsies were so inadequate that it was impossible to determine if it was being done properly in those cases.

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 alleged in paragraph 3 above constitute a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code § Med 10.02(2)(h) and subject Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. David L. Coffman, D.O. is REPRIMANDED.

2. The license of David L. Coffman, D.O. to practice as a physician in the State of Wisconsin is LIMITED such that:

(a) Respondent shall not perform any breast surgeries.

(b) If Respondent desires to perform breast surgeries at any time in the future he must first petition the Board and provide proof of completion of 24 hours of continuing education in breast surgeries and 6 hours of continuing education in medical recordkeeping.

(1) Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be approved by the Medical Examining Board or its designee. Respondent will be responsible for locating courses satisfactory to the Medical Examining Board and for obtaining the required approval of the courses from the Medical Examining Board or its designee.

(2) Respondent will, within 60 days of completion of this educational requirement, file an affidavit with the Medical Examining Board stating under oath that he has attended in its entirety each of the courses approved for satisfaction of this requirement, along with supporting documentation of attendance from the sponsoring organizations. This affidavit and the supporting documentation of attendance will be filed with:

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

All certifications, affidavits or other documents required to be filed with the Medical Examining Board will be deemed filed upon receipt by the Department Monitor.

(3) Respondent will be responsible for paying the full cost of attendance at these courses.

(4) Respondent will not apply any of the continuing education credits earned in satisfaction of this Order toward satisfaction of his Wis. Stat. § 448.13 biennial training requirements.

(c) Upon proof of successful completion of the above ordered continuing education, Respondent may petition the board to remove the limitation that prevents him from performing breast surgeries. At that time, the Board may require Respondent to personally appear before the board to answer questions the Board members may have regarding his ability to safely and reliably perform breast surgeries. If the Board is satisfied that Respondent is competent to perform breast surgeries, it may lift the limitation or amend the limitation to allow for supervised breast surgeries, as it sees fit.

3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00). Payment shall be made to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

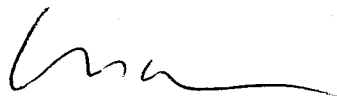
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4. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Licensee's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.

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

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

By:


A Member of the Board

8/15/05
Date