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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
MEGAN LANDAUER, M.D.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0000 863

Division of Enforcement Case No. 10MED149

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

Megan Landauer, M.D.
189 East Railroad Street
Verona, WI 53593

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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 this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Megan Landauer, M.D., Respondent, date of birth November 16, 1950, is licensed and currently registered by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 24969-20, which was first granted October 22, 1982.

2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 189 East Railroad Street, Verona, WI 53593.

3. At the time of the events set forth below, Respondent's practice specialty was obstetrics and gynecology.

4. At the time of the events set forth below, Respondent was employed as a physician at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

5. On February 19, 2008, the Respondent diagnosed Patient P.J. with a complete uterovaginal prolapse. The Respondent referred the patient to a physician who specialized in uro gynecologic procedures for the repair surgery.

6. On March 14, 2008, the Respondent assisted the specialist in performing a pelvic reconstruction and Monarc sling procedure, but did not make any of the operative decisions. There were no reported complications to the surgery.

7. Patient P.J. was discharged from Aurora Medical Center on March 16, 2008.

8. On March 18, 2008, Patient P.J. called the osteopathic physician's office reporting no bowel movement and a bloated, hard stomach. She was advised to take milk of magnesia and to follow up with the Respondent. The Respondent was not aware of this discussion.

9. On March 18, 2008, Patient P.J. was examined by the Respondent. Patient P.J. had a blood pressure of 110/70 and reported the following: vomiting after eating although feeling keeping down some liquids and food; no bowel movements since surgery; but no significant pain and not taking any pain medication for the previous two days. The Respondent found as follows: "I am reassured that she is able to keep down liquids and that she is passing gas. I see no reason to think she has a bowel obstruction. This appears more like an ileus. As long as she can keep clear liquids down I think she ok to go home and see how she feels with results from the milk of magnesia I have asked her to return at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning for me to have another quick look at her." Based on her findings, the Respondent did not hospitalize the patient to further evaluate the patient.

10. On March 19, 2008, Patient P.J. died at home during the night. The death certificate lists the causes of death as: 1) aspiration pneumonia 2) postoperative small bowel obstruction 3) focal compression of segment of small bowel during vaginal hysterectomy for uterovaginal prolapse 4) during surgery, section of small bowel pinched together.

11. The Respondent felt Patient P.J. had an ileus that might resolve shortly and the patient was ambulatory, alert and afebrile. The abdomen was distended and bowel sounds could be heard.

12. The Respondent is currently retired from the practice of medicine but is considering a possible return to practice in August 2011.

13. The Respondent's conduct as set forth above fell below the minimum standards of the profession and tended to constitute a danger to the patient in the following respect:

A) The post surgical symptoms displayed by Patient P.J. constituted a potential surgical emergency which required immediate further evaluation.

14. Respondent's conduct in the treatment of Patient P. J. created the following unacceptable risks to the patient:

A) By failing to further evaluate the patient's post surgical symptoms, the Respondent created the unacceptable risk that the patient's condition would not be properly diagnosed or appropriately addressed leading to failure of appropriate treatment and a medical emergency requiring immediate intervention with the potential for further complications, up to and including death.

15. The Respondent has voluntarily completed 50 hours of reeducation from the American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology through the PROLOG course which included the following subtopics: surgical management of post-operative intestinal obstruction, pelvic organ prolapsed, surgery for utero-vaginal prolapsed, uterosacral ligament suspension for vaginal prolapsed and peer review of operative complications.

16. The Respondent has cooperated fully throughout this investigation and, while not admitting the allegations, understands the concerns of the Board and agrees to entry of this Final Decision and Order in resolution of this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent's conduct as set forth in the above-referenced paragraphs of the Findings of Fact is a violation of Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and Wis. Admin. Code § MED 10.02(2) (h).

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the Stipulation of the parties is hereby accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Megan Landauer, M.D. is hereby REPRIMANDED by the Medical Examining Board.

The Board recognizes that Dr. Landauer voluntarily completed 50 hours of reeducation from the American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology through the PROLOG course as set forth in Finding of Fact #15 above. This coursework satisfies the Board's reeducational concerns and the Board finds no further action is necessary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:


Respondent shall within 90 days of this Order pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of nine hundred fifty eight dollars and thirty-four cents (\$958.34) dollars. Payment shall be made to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

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Violation of any 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. The Respondent is entitled to a hearing within the provisions of Wis. Stat. sec. 448.02(4) (b). In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered or complete the education as ordered, the Respondent's license (No. 24969-20) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs or completion of the continuing education.

This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By:  MD MBA 5/18/11
A Member of the Board Date