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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
DAVID D. SPRINGER, M.D., :
RESPONDENT. :

ORDER 0000960

Division of Enforcement Case No. 09MED396

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

David D. Springer, M.D.
110 N. 23rd Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

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Department of Regulation and Licensing
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Medical Examining Board
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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 D. Springer, M.D., (“Respondent”) was born on March 11, 1959, and was licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 30338-20. This license expired on October 31, 2007. Respondent retains the right of renewal through October 31, 2012.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is 110 N. 23rd Street, La Crosse, WI 54601.

3. Respondent is Board Certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, with a Surgical Pathology Fellowship at the University of Missouri with emphasis in Gastrointestinal Pathology.

4. There is an investigation of Respondent pending before the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board.

5. The investigation involves allegations that Respondent failed to diagnose a patient's malignant melanoma after excision of an atypical nevus in 2003, resulting in an approximate thirty one month delay in treatment. The Board has made no determination with regard to these allegations.

6. Respondent is prepared to defend these allegations and has three witnesses knowledgeable in oncologic pathology who are prepared to testify favorably on Respondent's behalf. Respondent also has three expert witnesses who are prepared to testify in support of his position. Because Respondent is unable medically to continue to practice, he is willing to agree to this resolution. Respondent's current disability, which consists of persistent disabling migraines, was not a factor in the care which is the subject of the investigation. In the interest of resolving this matter, and understanding that Respondent is unable to practice medicine, he agrees to entry of this Final Decision and Order by the Board.

7. Respondent retired from the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin in January 2007.

8. Respondent holds no active license to practice medicine and surgery from any other licensing authority.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction in this proceeding pursuant to Wis. Stats. secs. 448.02.

2. The Medical Examining Board has the authority to resolve this matter by stipulated agreement pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 227.44(5).

ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall not reapply for registration of his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin at any time in the future.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall not practice medicine or surgery in the State of Wisconsin when not currently registered.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event Respondent wishes to resume the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin at some future date, he shall appear before the Board to request the right to reregister and to satisfy the Board as to his competence to resume the practice of medicine and surgery. Evidence of such competence may include, but not be limited to, any testing, evaluation, assessment or retraining the Board deems appropriate. The Board may grant the right to reregister, deny the request, or allow registration under a limited license on terms and conditions the Board feels appropriate and necessary at the time of the request. In the event the Board denies Respondent's request to reregister, or allows reregistration for a limited license only, such denial or limitation shall not constitute a denial of a license within the meaning of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.01(3)(a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that 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.

Dated this 20 day of July, 2011.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Shane MD MBA
A Member of the Board