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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION ORDER
WILLIAM J. ALT, M.D.	:	
RESPONDENT	:	ORDER 0001115

Division of Enforcement Case No. 10MED311

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

William J. Alt, M.D.
386 Garden Ave.
Holland, MI 49422

Division of Enforcement
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Wisconsin 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 in this matter, subject to the approval of the board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. William J. Alt, M.D., Respondent herein, date of birth August 19, 1928, 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 12027, which was first granted January 28, 1955.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is 386 Garden Ave, Holland, MI 49422.

3. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent held a license to practice medicine in the State of Michigan.

4. On August 10, 2005, the Michigan regulatory agency issued an Administrative Complaint against Respondent, which alleged that Respondent over prescribed habit-forming and potentially addicting medications in excessive amounts. The evidentiary hearing was adjourned so that an independent evaluation of Respondent's skills could be conducted.

5. On July 27, 2007 a report was issued by the Physician Assessment Program, Office of Continuing Professional Development, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, which evaluated Respondent's skills and abilities. The report concluded that Respondent had significant deficiencies in his understanding of pain management and addiction.

6. On March 3, 2008, the Michigan regulatory agency issued a First Superseding Administrative Complaint against Respondent, which alleged failure to exercise due care and incompetence. A hearing was held and concluded on March 5, 2008 and the record remained open until April 1, 2008. On May 28, 2008 an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a Proposal for Decision. It included findings that the prescribing of controlled substances to a patient fell below the minimal standard of care and that Respondent was incompetent in prescribing of controlled substances.

7. On December 18, 2008 the Michigan Board of Medicine Disciplinary Subcommittee issued a Final Order which adopted the findings of the ALJ and suspended Respondent's Michigan license for an indefinite period of time. It also provided that the suspension would end when Respondent provided evidence he had undergone an approved assessment that deemed him safe to practice independently. Respondent chose not to participate in such an assessment and his Michigan license has continued to be suspended through the date of this Order.

8. On April 16, 2009, the State of Michigan Department of Community Health denied, due to untimely filing, the request for Respondent's Request for Reconsideration of the DSC's Final Order on April 7, 2009.

9. On July 20, 2009 the Court of Appeals issued an Order granting Respondent's Motion for Immediate Consideration but denied the Motion for Stay.

10. On July 30, 2009, the Court of Appeals issued an Order denying Respondent's Emergency Application for Delayed Leave to Appeal for lack of merit on the grounds presented.

11. Respondent is considering additional appeals of the Michigan Final Order, if available.

12. Respondent has cooperated fully throughout the investigation and enters into this agreement as resolution of the matter in Wisconsin pending any further appeals.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent, by having been subject to adverse action by the Michigan Board of Medicine Disciplinary Subcommittee, is in violation of Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.02(2) (q) and is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the license of William J. Alt, Respondent, to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin is hereby LIMITED with the following RESTRICTIONS:

1. William J. Alt, M.D., Licensee, shall not practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin until he provides evidence, which is satisfactory to the Board, that he has fully complied with all terms and conditions of the 2008 Final Order imposed by the Michigan Board of Medicine Disciplinary Subcommittee and his license has been fully restored with no limitations.

2. In the event Respondent appeals the 2008 Final Order of the Michigan Board of Medicine Disciplinary Subcommittee, is successful in that appeal, and regains a full and unrestricted license in the State of Michigan, Respondent may petition the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board for removal of all limitations on his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin.

2. All documents required to be filed in this matter shall be mailed or delivered to:

Department Monitor
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Enforcement
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone: (608) 267-3817
Fax: (608) 266-2264

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay the costs of this proceeding in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY dollars (\$450.00). Payment shall be made to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and mailed to the Department Monitor at the address set forth above.

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 conditions and limitations or other discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs of this proceeding, Respondent's license (No. 12027) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without notice of hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs.

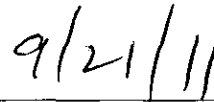
5. This Order is effective upon the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

By:



A Member of the Board



Date