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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : FINAL DECISION & ORDER
: FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
SENTHIL N. SAMBANDAM, M.D., :

ORDER 0001208

Division of Enforcement Case No. 10MED053

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

Senthil N. Sambandam, M.D.
1841 Bluegrass Circle
Cheyenne, WY 82009

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
PO Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Enforcement
PO Box 8935
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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. Senthil N. Sambandam, M.D., date of birth April 26, 1977, 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 52397-20. This license was granted on November 20, 2008.

2. Dr. Sambandam's practice specialty is orthopedic surgery and his most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is 1841 Bluegrass Circle, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009.

3. On February 2, 2010, Dr. Sambandam performed a right shoulder arthroscopy to assess and repair a chronic massive rotator cuff tear on a 46 year old male at the Cheyenne Veterans Administration Medical Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Due to the long standing nature of the tear, the supraspinatus and infraspinatus were irreparable. The subscapularis was

also torn and retracted medially but could be repaired by open repair. Dr. Sambandam performed a soft tissue release around the torn tendon to mobilize the tendon and the repair was completed through an open incision.

Prior to closure Dr. Sambandam noticed a lack of pulse in the distal arm. Dr. Sambandam consulted with two general surgeons who saw the patient, and then a vascular surgeon at another facility. The vascular surgeon found the axillary artery to be ligated. An interpositional graft was performed and vascularity was restored. The patient suffered no permanent sequelae.

4. An investigation into this matter has been opened and it is alleged that Dr. Sambandam's ligation of the axillary artery is not an accepted risk of the procedure and therefore tended to constitute a danger to the health, safety and welfare of the patient.

5. Dr. Sambandam denies this allegation and affirmatively asserts his care and treatment met applicable standards of care and that this complication was an accepted risk based upon the unique circumstances surrounding this patient's chronic massive rotator cuff tear. Nonetheless, in the interest of resolving this matter, he agrees to entry of the following Order.

6. The Board has made no findings with regard to this allegation and the following Order does not constitute a disciplinary action against Dr. Sambandam.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction in this proceeding pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02.

2. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has authority to resolve this proceeding by stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Within six months of the effective date of this Order, Senthil N. Sambandam shall participate in and successfully complete four (4) hours of continuing education in the repair of complicated shoulder injuries to include rotor cuff repair.

2. Dr. Sambandam shall be responsible for locating the course/s required under this Order, for providing adequate course descriptions to the Department Monitor and for obtaining pre-approval of the course/s from the Board or its designee prior to commencement of the programs. The Board may reject in whole or in part any educational opportunity which is nominated by Dr. Sambandam when, in the Board's judgment, the syllabus or description of the course or other educational opportunity is insufficient to fulfill the purpose of this Order.

3. Within 30 days after the course/s identified in paragraph one above are concluded, Dr. Sambandam shall provide proof sufficient to the Board, or its designee, of satisfactory completion of the course/s.

4. Dr. Sambandam shall not apply any of the hours of education completed to satisfy the terms of this Order toward the biennial training required under Wis. Stat. § 448.13.

5. All costs of the educational programs shall be the responsibility of the Dr. Sambandam.

6. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22(2), within six months of the date of this Order, Dr. Sambandam shall pay to the Department of Safety and Professional Services the costs of this proceeding in the amount of one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300.00). This payment is for the incurred costs of the investigation and does not constitute a fine or forfeiture.

7. All requests, notices, reports and payments required by this Order shall be provided to:

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

8. 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 Dr. Sambandam's license as provided by Wis. Stats. § 448.02 (4). 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 after reasonable notice and an opportunity for hearing. In the event Dr. Sambandam fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education as set forth above, the Dr. Sambandam's license (#52397-20) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be suspended, without further notice or hearing, until Dr. Sambandam has complied with payment of the costs or completion of the continuing education.

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

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

By:



A Member of the Board

11/16/11

Date