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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE	:	
OF	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
	:	FOR
MICHAEL R. MAJOR, M.D.,	:	REMEDIAL EDUCATION
RESPONDENT.	:	
	:	ORDER 0001277

Division of Enforcement Case #09 MED 423

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

Michael R. Major, M.D.
5057 Evening Star Dr.
St. George, UT 84770

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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. Michael R. Major, M.D., (“Respondent”) was born on November 20, 1946, and

licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 20153-20. This license expired on October 31, 2009, however, Respondent retains the right of automatic renewal through October 31, 2014.

2. Respondent's specialty is orthopedic surgery.

3. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is 5057 Evening Star Dr. St. George, UT 84770.

4. There is a pending investigation involving Respondent containing allegations that, in 2004, he performed a three level anterior and posterior spinal fusion rather than the planned two level procedure on the patient, that the procedure was performed at the incorrect site and that the patient was not informed of the error. It is further alleged that the error required a second operation to complete the procedure at the correct site and the patient ultimately suffered cauda equina syndrome as a result of complications from the surgery. The Board has made no determination regarding the validity of these allegations.

5. A lawsuit filed by the patient subsequent to the events set forth in paragraph 4 above was dismissed in favor of the Respondent after jury trial.

6. Respondent is currently practicing medicine and surgery in the State of Utah, but intends to retire in the near future.

7. Respondent has cooperated fully throughout the investigation and represents that he does not intend to resume the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in 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).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the stipulation of the parties is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, prior to reapplying for registration of his license in the State of Wisconsin, Michael R. Major, M.D., will obtain 4 hours of continuing education in preoperative and intraoperative methods of determining the appropriate site for surgical intervention for spinal surgeries and 2 hours of continuing education in informed consent.

The course/s attended in satisfaction of this Order must be preapproved by the Medical Examining Board or its designee. Michael R. Major, M.D. shall be responsible for locating a course satisfactory to the Medical Examining Board and for obtaining the required approval of

the course from the Medical Examining Board or its designee. Michael R. Major, M.D. shall 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 the course approved for satisfaction of this requirement along with supporting documentation of attendance from the sponsoring organization. This affidavit and the supporting documentation of attendance will be filed with:

Department Monitor
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Enforcement
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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.

2. Michael R. Major, M.D. will be responsible for paying the full cost of attendance at these courses.

3. Michael R. Major, M.D. will not apply any of the continuing education credits earned in satisfaction of this Order toward satisfaction of the Wis. Stat. § 448.13, biennial training requirements.

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By: 
A member of the Board

12/14/11
Date