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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

RONALD K. MEYER, M.D.
RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION & ORDER
FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION

ORDER 0001362

Division of Enforcement Case No. 11MED058

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

Ronald K. Meyer, M.D.
36594 Country Cove Ct.
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
1400 East Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Safety & Professional Services
Division of Enforcement
1400 East Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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 Wisconsin Medical Examining Board ("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. Ronald K. Meyer, M.D., (DOB November 2, 1961) is duly licensed as a physician in the state of Wisconsin (License No. 39107-20). This license was first granted on July 25, 1997.

2. Ronald K. Meyer, M.D.'s most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is 36594 Country Cove Ct., Oconomowoc, WI 53066.

3. At all times relevant to this action, Ronald K. Meyer, M.D., was working as an emergency physician at Fort Atkinson Memorial Hospital, 611 Sherman Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538.

4. There is a pending investigation in this matter which contains allegations that Respondent failed to properly interpret a radiograph with infiltrates.

5. On December 4, 2010 at 0:44 a then 61 year old female patient, M.E.T., presented to the emergency department at Fort Memorial Hospital in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin with complaints of pain in the chest, mid back and right hand after a fall which had occurred the prior day.

6. Upon examination the patient appeared to be in mild distress which Respondent attributed to the pain. Radiographs were ordered of the right hand, chest and spine which were noted as normal by the Respondent. The patient's symptoms improved and she was discharged as stable with a recommendation to the patient to return if symptoms returned or worsened.

7. The chest radiographs were later interpreted by the radiologist as showing an infiltrate in the left helium which may reflect focal pneumonia on lateral view and patchy airspace disease in the right upper lobe and base which were concerning for pneumonia.

8. On December 4, 2010 at 1625 Patient M.E.T. returned to the emergency room with chief complaint of chills, weakness and respiratory distress. The X-ray showed an infiltrate in the right lung and left lung consistent with pneumonia. Patient M.E.T. was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit.

9. Patient M.E.T.'s condition worsened, however, the family requested the patient be transferred to St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, WI against medical advice as an unstable patient.

10. Patient M.E.T. died several days later at St. Mary's Hospital. The autopsy report attributed the death to multi-organ failure secondary to bacterial sepsis due to pneumonia.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §448.02, 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:

1. Ronald K. Meyer, M.D. will, within 3 months of the date of this Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education, successfully complete 4 hours of continuing education course in radiograph interpretation, with an emphasis on radiographic evidence of lung infiltrates. The course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be preapproved by the Medical Examining Board or its designee. Ronald K. Meyer, M.D. will 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. Ronald K. Meyer, M.D. will within 30 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 & Professional Services
Division of Enforcement
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8935

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.

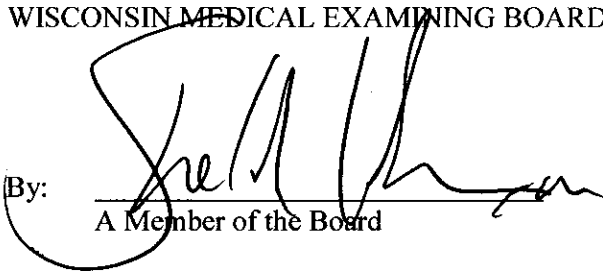
2. Ronald K. Meyer, M.D., will be responsible for paying the full cost of attendance at these courses. Ronald K. Meyer, M.D., will not apply any of the continuing education credits earned in satisfaction of this Order toward satisfaction of his Wis. Stat. § 448.13, biennial training requirements.

3. 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. In the event Respondent fails to comply with the ordered continuing education as set forth above, the Respondent's license (No. 39107-20) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with completion of the continuing education.

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By:


A Member of the Board

2/15/12
Date