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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
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 : FINAL DECISION & ORDER
 : FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
 DAVID BUCHANAN, M.D., :
 RESPONDENT. :
 : ORDER 0001429

Division of Enforcement Case No. 10MED121

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

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Appleton, WI 54911

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A formal complaint was filed in this matter on September 15, 2011 with a disciplinary hearing scheduled for August 21-23, 2012. 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 mater adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. David Buchanan, M.D., Respondent herein, whose date of birth is May 26, 1953, is duly licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin under license number 28137, which was granted on January 16, 1987.

2. Respondent's last known address filed with the Department of Safety and Professional Services is Appleton Cardiology Associates, 1818 N. Meade Street, Appleton, Wisconsin 54911.

3. Respondent's specialty is cardiology.

4. On January 25, 2010, Patient DH, a 47 year old male, presented to his primary care physician. His primary care physician noted in his records that the patient had complaints of chest pain at rest for several days. He further noted that the patient was not a diabetic and had no history of heart disease although he did have borderline hypertension. The primary care physician's records further reflect that the patient's most recent LDL was 129, HDL was 41 and triglycerides were 222 on June 26.

5. An exercise stress test performed on January 27, 2010, was abnormal.

6. An evaluation performed on January 28, 2010, by a cardiologist, identified untreated symptomatic coronary artery disease and the patient was scheduled for an outpatient cardiac catheterization procedure to be performed by Respondent the following day.

7. Patient DH presented to the Appleton Medical Center on January 29, 2010, for the cardiac catheterization procedure. It is Respondent's position that the patient had no symptoms since the stress test and had a normal EKG.

8. The procedure commenced at 9:20 a.m.

9. Respondent performed a left heart cardiac catheterization, coronary angiography, left ventriculogram, angioplasty/stenting of the circumflex bifurcation to 2 lateral branches using a 2 wire technique with alternating inflations, secondary stenting of the circumflex into the 2nd circumflex branch after intravascular ultrasound with adjunctive angioplasty, angioplasty/stenting of the mid right coronary artery, and primary stenting of the distal right coronary artery after intravascular ultrasound. A total of 5 stents were placed.

10. The procedure was successfully completed at 10:23 a.m. and the patient transferred to the Cardiac Special Procedures Area for monitoring.

11. Respondent wrote discharge orders at 1:58 p.m.

12. After Respondent evaluated Patient DH, he was discharged at 2:45 p.m.

13. Patient DH arrived home at approximately 3:00 p.m. and shortly thereafter his wife found Patient DH slumped over on a couch.

14. Patient DH's wife immediately called 911 and commenced CPR.

15. At 3:18 p.m. Appleton Fire Department EMS arrived at Patient DH's residence as CPR was being performed by Patient DH's wife.

16. At 3:47 p.m. Gold Cross Ambulance arrived with Patient DH at the Appleton Medical Center ER with CPR in progress.

17. At 4:10 p.m. resuscitation efforts were discontinued and Patient DH pronounced dead.

18. A February 19, 2010 report from Outagamie County Coroner's Office determined the cause of death as sudden cardiac death. It is Respondent's position that this was not a complication of the procedure.

19. There is a pending formal complaint in this matter alleging Respondent discharged the patient three and one half hours following the procedure and prior to completion of appropriate post procedure monitoring. The Board has made no determinations with regard to this allegation.

20. Respondent continues to deny the allegations in the formal complaint and is prepared to defend his conduct, however, in the interests of resolution of this matter without a disciplinary hearing, agrees to entry of this Final Decision and Order.

21. Respondent has completed 23 hours of continuing education in coronary interventions and 17 hours in echocardiology in 2011.

22. This Final Decision and Order does not constitute a disciplinary action against Respondent and the Board has made no finding that the Respondent has breached any applicable standard of care.

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. David Buchanan, M.D. will, within 3 months of the date of this Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education, successfully complete continuing education or a Board review course in interventional cardiology that includes 4 hours of education on criteria for discharge following catheterization procedures, including appropriate evaluation of post procedure condition and potential complications. Respondent may apply all or part of a course toward this requirement. The course/s attended in satisfaction of this Order must be preapproved by the Medical Examining Board or its designee. David Buchanan, 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. David Buchanan, 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:

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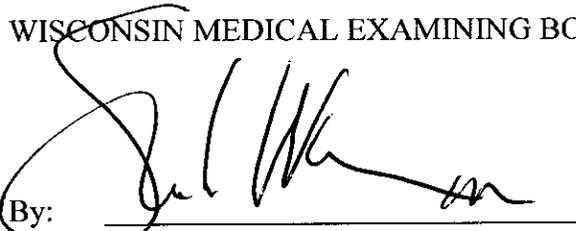
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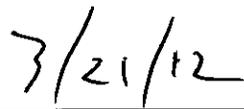
2. David Buchanan, M.D., will be responsible for paying the full cost of attendance at these courses. David Buchanan, M.D., will not apply any of the continuing education credits earned in satisfaction of this Order toward satisfaction of his Wis. Stat. § 448.13, biennial training requirements.

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, Respondent's license (No. 28137-20) 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


Date