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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
	:	
SUSAN A. WATSON, M.D.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0001490

Division of Enforcement Case No. 11MED096

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

Susan A. Watson, M.D.
400 Nash Medical Arts Mall
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

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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 this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Susan A. Watson, M.D., Respondent, date of birth January 3, 1954, 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 49143-20, which was first granted April 6, 2006.

2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Safety and Professional Services is 400 Nash Medical Arts Mall, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

3. At the time of the events set forth below, Respondent's practice specialty was ophthalmology.

4. At all times relevant to this matter, Respondent was working for Watson Eye Associates in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

5. On March 21, 2011, the Department of Safety and Professional Services received a Medical Malpractice payment report dated March 16, 2011 from the National Practitioner's Databank regarding Respondent.

6. There is a pending investigation in this matter based on the malpractice payment report which contains allegations that Respondent failed to recognize a fungal infection in a patient's eye, resulting in permanent damage to the eye. The complaint further alleges that Respondent violated the standard of care by telling the patient to follow-up with her in nine days. The patient was located in North Carolina. The Board has made no determination with regard to these allegations.

7. Respondent is also currently licensed in the State of North Carolina and the State of Virginia. The State of North Carolina Medical Board investigated the allegations in paragraph 6, above, and took no action. The Virginia Board of Medicine website currently shows no notices or actions by their Board.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

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

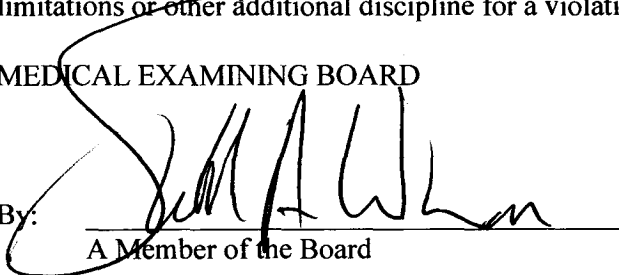
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Susan A. Watson, M.D., Respondent, shall not practice or attempt to practice medicine and surgery under her current State of Wisconsin license and registration and shall not renew her registration in the future except as set forth below.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event Respondent wishes to resume the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin at some future date, she shall appear before the Board to request the right to renew her registration and to satisfy the Board as to her competence to resume the practice of medicine and surgery. Evidence of such competence may include, but not be limited to, any testing, evaluation, assessment or retraining the Board deems appropriate. The Board may grant the right to renew, deny the request, or allow renewal under a limited license on terms and conditions the Board feels appropriate and necessary at the time of the request. In the event the Board denies Respondent's request to renew, or allows renewal for a limited license only, such denial or limitation shall not constitute a denial of a license within the meaning of Wis. Stats. § 227.01(3) (a).

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 (no. 49143-20). 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.

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By:


A Member of the Board

4/12/12
Date