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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

RICHARD J. RANICKE, D.C.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0001595

[Division of Enforcement Case #08 CHI 061]

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

Richard J. Ranicke, D.C.
1387 Homestead Court
Hubertus, WI 53033

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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 Chiropractic 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. Richard J. Ranicke, D.C., ("Respondent") was born on May 3, 1962 and is licensed to practice as a chiropractor in the State of Wisconsin (license #2513-12). This license was first granted on December 14, 1989.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Chiropractic Examining Board is 1387 Homestead Court, Hubertus, Wisconsin.

3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was working as a chiropractor at his own clinic, Great Lakes Chiropractic, Ltd., located in Brown Deer, Wisconsin.

4. On January 9-11, 2008, Respondent hosted a Contact Reflex Analysis Seminar at his clinic featuring Dick Versandaal, D.C. Dr. Versandaal is not licensed to practice in Wisconsin.

5. On each day during the seminar, Respondent provided chiropractic services and nutritional supplements to attendees following an "evaluation" by Dr. Versandaal. Respondent stated that services were provided based on his own evaluation of the patients.

6. Respondent recommended and sold nutritional supplements without providing a diagnosis or basis for his recommendation.

7. Providing chiropractic services to a patient on three consecutive days is appropriate only in severe cases requiring immediate and intense treatment. Attendees of Respondent's seminar did not present with severe conditions requiring chiropractic services on three consecutive days.

8. Respondent's patient records were deficient as follows:

- a. No record of whether nutritional supplements were purchased;
- b. No indication of the type or quantity of supplements sold despite record of a sale; and
- c. No record of the diagnosis or rationale for treatment.

9. In the course of this investigation, it was discovered that Respondent provided Sympathetic Resonance Technology (SRT) as a part of his services. SRT is outside the scope of chiropractic and is not approved by the Board as a safe or effective technique.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Chiropractic Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 446.03, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described above in paragraph 6 constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Chir 6.02(9) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 446.03(5).

3. The conduct described above in paragraph 7 constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Chir 6.02(8) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 446.03(5).

4. The conduct described above in paragraph 8 violates Wis. Admin. Code § Chir 11.02(6) which constitutes unprofessional conduct and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 446.03(5).

5. The conduct described above in paragraph 9 constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Chir 6.02(4) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 446.03(5).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The license of Richard J. Ranicke, D.C., (license #2513-12), is **SUSPENDED** for a period of thirty (30) days. This period of suspension shall start thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. During this period of suspension, Respondent is prohibited from providing chiropractic services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Respondent's license is LIMITED as follows:

- a. Within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall locate and successfully complete a minimum of **twelve (12) hours** of education in record keeping and **twelve (12) hours** of education in patient history and examination.
- b. Respondent shall locate and have the Board or its designee pre-approve each educational program prior to Respondent completing it. Requests for approval of education shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address below.
- c. Within 30 days after Respondent has completed the educational programs, Respondent shall submit to the Department Monitor proof of his attendance and that he has successfully completed the educational programs.
- d. Respondent cannot apply these hours of education to the biennial continuing education requirements.
- e. The record keeping courses may be provided by approved chiropractic or medical colleges.

- f. Proof of successful completion shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address below.
 - g. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after he has satisfied the Board or its designee that he has successfully completed all of the ordered education
 - h. Respondent is responsible for all costs of compliance with this Order.
3. Respondent's license to practice chiropractic is further LIMITED as follows:
- a. For at least two (2) years following the termination of Respondent's period of suspension, Respondent shall comply with monitoring by a Mentor appointed by the Board or its designee.
 - b. Respondent shall arrange for the Mentor to conduct reviews of Respondent's records and provide formal written reports to the Board on a quarterly basis, as directed by the Department Monitor. Respondent's Mentor shall immediately report to the Board any conduct or condition of the Respondent that may constitute unprofessional conduct, a violation of this Order, or a danger to the public or patient. All reports shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address below. Respondent shall be responsible for the timely submission of reports.
 - c. This limitation shall remain in place for at least two calendar years following the termination of Respondent's period of suspension. The limitation shall only be lifted upon a successful petition to the Board for removal of this limitation.
 - d. At all times during which this limitation is imposed, Respondent shall post a notification in his clinic reception area, in 72-point font, stating that the Sympathetic Resonance Technology is a prohibited practice outside of the scope of the practice of Chiropractic.
 - e. Petitions for removal of the limitation shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address below.
4. All requests, petitions, proof of successful course completion, and reports shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
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5. 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 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 provide evidence of satisfactory completion of education as set forth above in a timely matter, the Respondent's license (#2513-12) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has submitted evidence of satisfactory completion of the education.

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

Wisconsin Chiropractic Examining Board

By:



A member of the Board

5/24/12

Date