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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
WARREN L. TRIPP, M.D. : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
: FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
:
ORDER 0002208

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 MED 315

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

Warren L. Tripp, M.D.
Southern WI Emergency Associates, S.C.
1446 N. Randall Ave.
Janesville, WI 53711-1122

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (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, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Warren L. Tripp, M.D., (dob November 4, 1954) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 20-32160, first issued on May 22, 1991, with registration current through October 31, 2013. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is Southern WI Emergency Associates, S.C., 1446 N. Randall Ave., Janesville, Wisconsin 53711-1122.

¹ The Division of Legal Services and Compliance was formerly known as the Division of Enforcement.

2. On July 18, 2012, Respondent was on duty while practicing as a physician in an emergency room in Stoughton, Wisconsin.

3. A seventy-two year old female patient presented to the emergency room with left-side flank pain, determined to be associated with a kidney stone.

4. Respondent saw the patient and initially ordered 1 mg of hydromorphone intravenously, which the patient tolerated well. Approximately 90 minutes later, prior to discharge, Respondent ordered a 3 mg subcutaneous injection of hydromorphone. After discharge, the patient began to desaturate and was readmitted to the emergency room.

5. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance alleges that 3 mg of hydromorphone is outside of treatment guidelines.

6. Respondent does not believe his care of the patient fell below minimal standards but is willing to resolve this matter through stipulation. Respondent acknowledges that the facts set forth here are sufficient to sustain the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

a. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Respondent Warren L. Tripp, M.D., shall at his own expense take and successfully complete Responsible Opioid Prescribing CME Activity, including the post-test, sponsored by the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Alliance of State Pain Initiatives and the Federation of State Medical Boards and with registration available online at: <http://trc.wisc.edu/rop.html>.

b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department.

2. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$150.00.

3. Proof of successful course completion and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

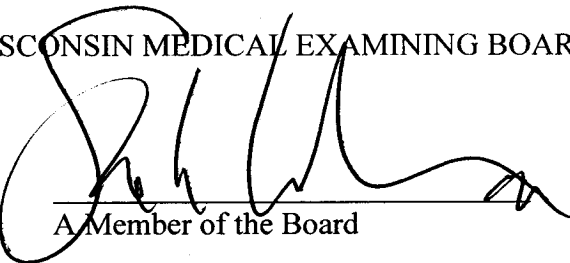
Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

4. 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 for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered or fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education as set forth above, Respondent's license (no. 20-32160) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs and completion of the education.

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:



A Member of the Board

Date

12/12/12