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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JEFFREY J. ENTRESS, M.D.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 MED 199

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

Jeffrey J. Entress, M.D.
20855 Saxon Court
Brookfield, WI 53045

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

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 Wisconsin 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 Jeffrey J. Entress, M.D., (dob 08-23-1955), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 25247-20, first issued on July 1, 1983, with registration current through October 31, 2015. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 20855 Saxon Ct., Brookfield, WI 53045.

2. At all times relevant, Respondent was contracted as an anesthesiologist at Waukesha Memorial Hospital in Waukesha, Wisconsin (WMH).

3. Respondent is board certified in anesthesiology.
4. On May 26, 2013, Patient A presented to the WMH emergency department with complaints of chest pain. Patient A was admitted and transferred to the Hospital heart catheterization lab for emergent treatment by a cardiologist.
5. During the course of the heart catheterization procedure, the right coronary artery was perforated, a complication which led the attending cardiologist to call a "code blue." Respondent was the on-call anesthesiologist at WMH that day, and responded to the heart catheterization lab within 1-2 minutes after the code was called.
6. Respondent intubated Patient A and confirmed placement of the endotracheal tube with a CO² sensor and repeated auscultation of Patient A's lungs to confirm placement of the endotracheal tube for airway management.
7. Patient A's blood oxygen levels remained critically low and unstable for at least 15 minutes after the intubation until Respondent discovered that the endotracheal tube that he had placed was in Patient A's esophagus, thereby depriving Patient A of oxygen. Respondent re-intubated Patient A and his blood oxygen levels immediately rebounded to, and stayed at, appropriate levels.
8. In the interim between when Respondent first intubated Patient A and the time that it was determined that the endotracheal tube was in Patient A's esophagus, Respondent failed to timely respond to Patient A's clinical presentation, and failed to take alternate available airway management measures to determine and correct the cause of Patient A's critically low and unstable blood oxygen levels.
9. Patient A did not regain consciousness and subsequently died. The county medical examiner conducted an autopsy and the report thereof lists as the primary causes of death: anoxic encephalopathy and prolonged esophageal intubation.
10. Respondent denies any unprofessional conduct, but in order to avoid the expense and uncertainty of litigation, consents to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Jeffrey J. Entress, M.D., violated Wis. Admin. Code § MED 10.02(2)(h)¹ by engaging in conduct which constituted a danger to the health, welfare or safety of Patient A.
3. As a result of the above violations, Jeffrey J. Entress, M.D. is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

¹ Reference is to code in effect at the time of the conduct at issue.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Jeffrey J. Entress, M.D., is REPRIMANDED.
3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Jeffrey J. Entress, M.D., shall pay the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$5,585.08.
4. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

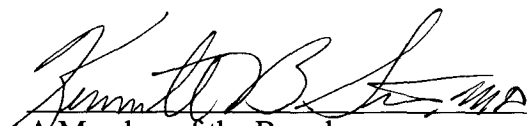
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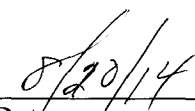
5. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered, Respondent's license (no. 25247-20) 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.

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:


A Member of the Board


Date

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STIPULATION

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Respondent Jeffrey J. Entress, M.D., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has chosen to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent denies any unprofessional conduct, but to settle this matter and avoid the expense and uncertainty of litigation, Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board).

4. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



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7/30/2014
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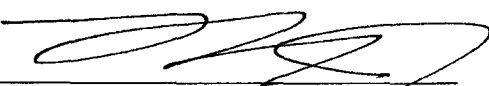
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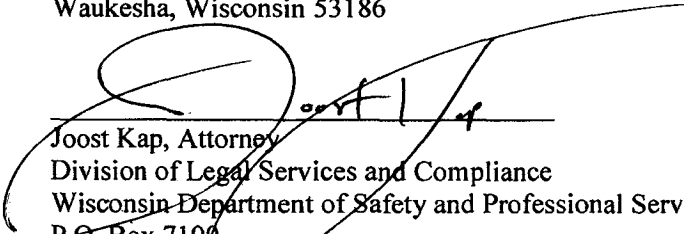
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