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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SCOTT A. SCHLIDT, M.D.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 MED 212

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

Scott A. Schlidt, M.D.
1005 San Jose Drive
Elm Grove, WI 53122

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

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

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 Scott A. Schlidt, M.D. (dob September 13, 1968), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 47220-20, first issued on July 29, 2004, with registration current through October 31, 2017. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1005 San Jose Drive, Elm Grove, WI 53122. Respondent is board certified in cardiothoracic surgery.

2. At all times pertinent herein, Respondent performed services as a cardiothoracic surgeon at Waukesha Memorial Hospital (Waukesha Memorial).

3. On October 22, 2010, Patient A, a then 60-year-old man, presented to Waukesha Memorial's emergency department with complaints of significant shortness of breath. He was admitted to Waukesha Memorial with a primary diagnosis of acute congestive heart failure.

4. On October 27, 2010, Patient A underwent an echocardiogram and cardiac catheterization at Waukesha Memorial. Following the procedures, Patient A was referred to Respondent for a cardiac surgery consultation and possible mitral valve repair or replacement.

5. On October 28, 2010, Respondent attempted surgical repair of Patient A's mitral valve. Following completion, Respondent concluded that it was insufficient and that a valve replacement was necessary. Respondent performed a valve replacement, ligated a left atrial appendage, and performed a modified MAZE procedure.

6. Following the surgery, Patient A was transferred to the intensive care unit. His condition appeared to be stable within the first few hours following surgery, but became and remained unstable thereafter.

7. Respondent attributed Patient A's condition to right heart dysfunction. Respondent treated the patient for this condition and ultimately decided that Patient A needed to undergo surgery to place a right ventricular assist device, a procedure that could not be performed at Waukesha Memorial.

8. Patient A was transferred to another hospital where he died hours later.

9. There are inadequate records of Respondent's care and treatment of Patient A in the post-surgery time frame. The medical record is insufficient in providing information about the post-surgery events and does not include accurate and vital information about the volume of blood products administered to Patient A.

10. Respondent denies failing to meet any professional standard regarding his care and treatment of Patient A.

11. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the 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, Respondent Scott A. Schlidt, M.D., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.02(2)(za) (Nov. 2002) by failing to maintain patient health care records consistent with the requirements of ch. Med 21.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Scott A. Schlidt, M.D., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Scott A. Schlidt, M.D., is REPRIMANDED.
3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Scott A. Schlidt, M.D., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$ 3121.27.
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:

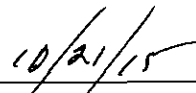
Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
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5. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety, 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 costs as ordered, Respondent's license (47220-20) 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

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SCOTT A. SCHLIDT, M.D.,
RESPONDENT.

STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 MED 212

Respondent Scott A. Schlidt, 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 is represented by Attorney Lori Gendelman.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). 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

Stipulation

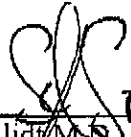
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of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted 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.



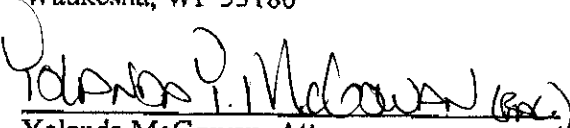
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