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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION

CHRISTOPHER S. WILSON, M.D., LICENSEE.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 MED 178

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

Christopher S. Wilson, M.D. 7220 W. National Ave West Allis, WI 53214

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. Licensee Christopher S. Wilson, M.D. (DOB April 8, 1965), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 40285-20, first issued on August 7, 1998, with registration current through October 31, 2017. Licensee's professional address is 7220 West National Avenue, West Allis, Wisconsin 53214.
- 2. At all times pertinent to this matter, Licensee practiced general surgery at a hospital located in West Allis, Wisconsin (facility).
- 3. On June 13, 2010, Patient A, a male born in 1928, presented to the facility emergency room with complaints of left back and flank pain. A CT scan of the abdomen and

pelvis ordered by the ER physician was performed. The CT scan demonstrated an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

- 4. Licensee was contacted for a surgical consult and performed an examination which revealed a palpable pulsatile mass in Patient A's mid abdomen. Licensee's diagnosis was symptomatic abdominal aortic aneurysm.
 - 5. Licensee charted, in part, the following:

There appears to be some haziness in the left retroperitoneal portion of the superior portion of the aneurysm but no frank leak. I would like to size him for aortic stenting. I will order a CT angio today for his first sizing. I have discussed the situation with the patient and his wife.

CODE STATUS:

He is a full code and he would like surgery if stenting is not possible.

- 6. Licensee has no other medical charting in Patient A's health care record reflecting his informed consent discussion with the patient or surgical plan.
- 7. Licensee has represented to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) that he considered options of endovascular and open surgical repair. Licensee thought that endovascular repair represented the safer surgical alternative for Patient A because of the patient's age and past medical history which included coronary artery disease, hypertension, angioplasty and lobectomy.
- 8. Licensee relied upon an interventional radiologist to attempt to procure an endograft for the surgical procedure and was informed by the interventional radiologist that one could not be obtained until the following day on June 14, 2010.
 - 9. Licensee did not inform Patient A of the option of transfer to another hospital.
 - 10. Patient A was admitted to the facility's ICU and observed through the night.
- 11. On June 13, 2010, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Licensee was notified by the nursing staff that Patient A's pain level had increased. Licensee ordered additional narcotic pain medication and laboratory work to check Patient A's hemoglobin and hematocrit levels.
- 12. While Licensee's medical charting for Patient A does not contain Licensee's interpretation of Patient A's laboratory results, he has represented to the Department that he reviewed the laboratory results and concluded that Patient A's hemoglobin and hematocrit levels did not reflect any current leak or rupture.
- 13. On June 14, 2010, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Licensee was notified by nursing staff that Patient A became hypotensive with a drop of pressure in the undetectable range with a palpable pulse. Patient A received administration of fluids and blood transfusion. Licensee made arrangements for emergent surgical intervention to address a suspected aneurysm rupture.

- 14. Licensee performed emergent surgery on Patient A and aneurysm rupture was confirmed. Following surgery, Patient A was brought back to the ICU in critical condition. Despite multiple vasopressors and fluid resuscitation, Patient A was unable to recover. Patient A was extubated and expired on June 14, 2010.
- 15. In resolution of this matter, Licensee denies any wrongdoing or negligence, but consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Christopher S. Wilson, M.D., shall at Licensee's own expense take and successfully complete four (4) hours of education on the topic of medical documentation.
- 3. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Licensee shall be responsible for locating course(s) satisfactory to the Board and for obtaining the required approval of the course(s) from the Board or its designee. Licensee must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s).
- 4. Licensee 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.
- 5. Requests for course approval and proof of successful course completion shall be sent by Licensee 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
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:

A Member of the Board

STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

STIPULATION

CHRISTOPHER S. WILSON, M.D., LICENSEE.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 MED 178

Licensee Christopher S. Wilson, 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. Licensee consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
- 2. Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulation, Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Licensee, 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 Licensee;
 - the right to call witnesses on Licensee's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Licensee'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 Licensee under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
- 3. Licensee is aware of Licensee's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Licensee is represented by Attorney Michael Malone.
- 4. Licensee agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Licensee 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 Licensee's attorney, 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 for Remedial Education.
- 7. Licensee is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.
- 8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Licensee in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education.

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