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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
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GOPE C. HOTCHANDANI, M.D., : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RESPONDENT. :
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 MED 252

The parties to these actions for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Gope C. Hotchandani, M.D.
2771 Ramada Way
Green Bay, WI 54304

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 these matters agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of these matters, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in these matters adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Gope C. Hotchandani, M.D. (DOB September 2, 1947), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 41587-20, first issued on August 27, 1999, with registration current through October 31, 2019. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 2771 Ramada Way, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54304.

2. Respondent practices cosmetic surgery.

3. On August 15, 2012, the Board issued a Final Decision and Order which reprimanded Respondent and limited his license to prohibit him from performing laser hair removal procedures on any patients with Fitzpatrick VI skin type.

4. On February 28, 2014, the Board granted Respondent's petition to reinstate his full, unrestricted license.

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5. On August 17, 2015, Respondent saw Patient A, a female born in 1945, for lower extremity laser treatment consultation. That same day, Respondent performed laser treatment to Patient A's lower extremities and recommended a second treatment session in fourteen days.

6. On August 26, 2015, Patient A was diagnosed with bilateral lower extremity second degree burns resulting from Respondent's laser treatment.

7. Respondent fell below minimal competency standards in his care of Patient A.

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 Gope C. Hotchandani, M.D., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(2)(b) by departing from or failing to conform to the standard of minimally competent medical practice which creates an unacceptable risk of harm to a patient or the public whether or not the act or omission resulted in actual harm to any person.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Gope C. Hotchandani, M.D., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Gope C. Hotchandani, M.D., is REPRIMANDED.

3. The medicine and surgery license issued to Gope C. Hotchandani, M.D., (license number 41587-20) is LIMITED as follows:

a. Within nine (9) months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete twenty-four (24) hours of continuing medical education on the topic of laser use.

b. Respondent shall be responsible for obtaining the course(s) required under this Order, for providing adequate course descriptions to the Department Monitor, and for obtaining pre-approval of the course(s) from the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, or its designee, prior to commencement of the course(s). The course(s) must be taken in person and have a hands-on clinical training component.

c. The following course is pre-approved: *5-Day CME Laser Training Course*, sponsored by National Laser Institute.

d. The Board or its designee may reject any course and may accept a course for less than the number of hours for which Respondent seeks approval.

e. Within thirty (30) days of completion of each educational component, Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below.

f. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with compliance with this educational requirement.

g. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any other continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department.

4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Gope C. Hotchandani, M.D., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$1,861.00.

5. Proof of successful course completion and costs made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services shall be sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

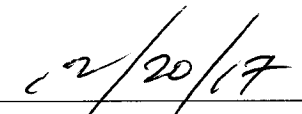
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Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
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6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (no. 41587-20), or Respondent's right to renew his license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by: 
A Member of the Board


Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 MED 252

Respondent Gope C. Hotchandani, 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 been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent is represented by Attorney Kathleen Bonville.

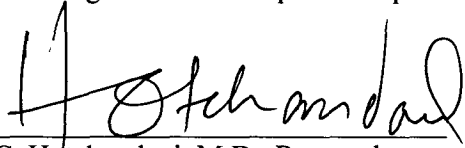
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent 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 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 or Respondent'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.

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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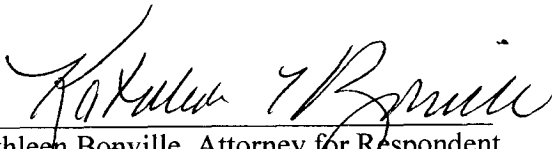
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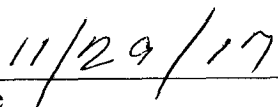
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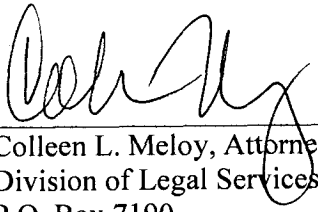
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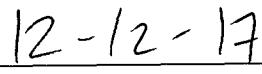
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