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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SHAKUNTALA P. CHHABRIA, M.D.,  
RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 MED 467

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

Shakuntala P. Chhabria, M.D.  
222 S Green Leaf Street, Suite 111  
Gurnee, IL 60031

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 Shakuntala P. Chhabria, M.D. (DOB February 1, 1944), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 295-20, first issued on March 31, 1976, with registration expiring on November 3, 2015. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 222 S Green Leaf Street, Suite 111, Gurnee, Illinois 60031.

2. Respondent practices neurology and is also licensed in Illinois.

3. In 2016, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) commenced an investigation of Respondent's prescribing practices.

4. In March of 2017, the DEA conducted an undercover visit to Respondent's office. Respondent prescribed 60 tablets of 7.5-325 Norco, a Schedule II controlled substance, to an undercover agent who stated during the visit that he/she previously obtained controlled substances for purchase in a bar.

5. On August 21, 2017, Respondent voluntarily surrendered her DEA registration AC7653668, Schedule II-V. Respondent's DEA registration for Schedule II N was retained.

6. On September 27, 2017, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) ordered a temporary suspension of Respondent's Illinois license to practice medicine surgery upon finding that "the public interest, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action to prevent the continued practice of ... [Respondent] in that Respondent's actions constitute an immediate danger to the public" (Illinois Order).

7. The Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Legal Services and Compliance (Division) opened DLSC Case No. 17 MED 467 after receiving a Federation of State Medical Boards report of Respondent's Illinois Order. Although Respondent was aware of the Division's active and ongoing investigation, Respondent completed the online renewal process on April 13, 2018. Respondent license to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin, license number 295-20, is current through October 31, 2019.

8. 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 Shakuntala P. Chhabria, M.D., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(c) by having any credential pertaining to the practice of medicine and surgery or any act constituting the practice of medicine and surgery become subject to adverse determination by any agency of this or another state, or by any federal agency or authority.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Shakuntala P. Chhabria, M.D., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The PERMANENT SURRENDER by Shakuntala P. Chhabria, M.D., of her license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin (license no. 295-20) and any appurtenant right to renew that license, is hereby accepted, effective the date of this Order.

3. This surrender constitutes Respondent's permanent relinquishment of her right to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin. The Board will not, at any time in the future, process or otherwise consider an application or attempt at renewal by Respondent of credentials necessary to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin.

4. If Respondent ever seeks any other license under Wis. Stat. chs. 440-480, Shakuntala P. Chhabria, M.D., shall, as a prerequisite to application, pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$ 1,381.00.

5. If applicable, payment of costs would 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  
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

5/16/18  
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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SHAKUNTALA P. CHHABRIA, M.D.,  
RESPONDENT.

STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 MED 467

Respondent Shakuntala P. Chhabria, M.D., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

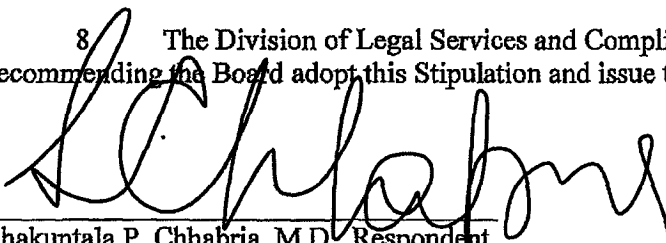
1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives 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.
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.

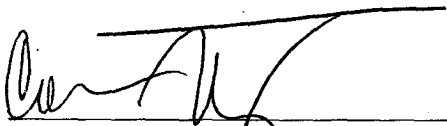
7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

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.



Shakuntala P. Chhabria, M.D., Respondent  
222 S Green Leaf Street, Suite 111  
Gurnee, IL 60031  
License no. 295-20

05/15/2018  
Date



Colleen L. Meloy, Attorney  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
P.O. Box 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7190

05/15/2018  
Date