

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR FULL LICENSURE & IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS
LEONARDO APONTE, M.D., RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER0004550

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TO: LEONARDO APONTE, M.D.  
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On February 17, 2016, the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (“Board”) issued a Final Decision and Order (“Order”) limiting Respondent’s license to practice medicine and surgery with certain terms and conditions. Respondent may petition the Board for modification of the limitations after the timely submission of four quarterly mentor reports. Pursuant to the Order, the Board in its discretion may impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.

On June 19, 2019, the Board considered Respondent’s request for the removal of the limitations and the return of his license to full, unrestricted status. Based upon the information of record, the Board has determined that Respondent is in violation of the terms of the Order which is conduct imperiling the public health, safety and welfare. As a result, the following is entered:

ORDER

1. Respondent’s request for the return of his license to practice medicine and surgery (#19077-20) to full, unrestricted status is hereby DENIED.
2. Respondent’s license is further limited as follows:
  - a. Within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall engage the services of a licensed physician pre-approved by the Board or its designee to serve as a professional mentor. The proposed mentor shall not be the same physician who was previously approved to serve in this capacity.
    - i. Respondent shall follow the appropriate guidance of the mentor. If the mentor finds any deficits with Respondent’s quality of care, the mentor shall suggest appropriate measures to address these deficits. These deficits and the measures taken to rectify them shall be included on the following quarter’s mentor report.

- ii. If the mentor is unable or unwilling to serve in the capacity as required by this order, Respondent shall immediately seek approval of a successor mentor by the Board or its designee. The Board may also in its discretion select a successor mentor.
  - iii. Respondent is responsible for ensuring the mentor reports are submitted in a timely manner, and for meeting all other mentoring requirements described in the February 17, 2016 Order.
- b. Within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall enroll in a professional competency assessment program acknowledged by the Federation of State Medical Boards (“FSMB”) and pre-approved by the Board or its designee. A competency assessment through The Center for Personalized Education for Professionals (“CPEP”) is approved.
  - i. Respondent shall provide the assessment program with a copy of Respondent’s Orders (including the February 17, 2016 Order, this order, and all subsequent orders).
  - ii. Respondent shall authorize the Board or its designee to communicate freely with the assessment program.
  - iii. Respondent shall provide the Board with, or have the assessment program provide the Board with, a copy of Respondent’s assessment report and any subsequent reports resulting from the assessment within fourteen (14) days of them being issued.
  - iv. Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete all the assessment program’s requirements and recommendations, including, but not limited to, all education, training and testing, within eighteen (18) months of his enrollment date. If additional time is required to complete all program activities and recommendations, Respondent shall submit a request to Board or its designee for an extension. This request shall be accompanied by verification from the assessment program of the expected length of time Respondent has left until all program activities and recommendations are complete. Failure to complete all the assessment program’s requirements and recommendations shall be considered a violation of the Order.
- c. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs associated with the assessment required under this order, including all additional evaluations, treatment, education and training, as may be recommended or required by the assessment program.

d. The Board may further limit Respondent's license to address any concerns the Board may have as a result of any violations, deficits or areas of need identified by the professional mentor and/or the assessment program.

3. All terms and conditions of the February 17, 2016 Order not otherwise modified remain in full force and effect.

4. This order is effective the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By: Dr. Timothy Westlake  July 9, 2019  
A Member of the Board Date