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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
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 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
 : FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
VINCENT P. GIBBONS, M.D., :
LICENSEE. :
ORDER 0006248

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 MED 485

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

Vincent P. Gibbons, M.D.
VG Neurosolutions, LLC
2820 Marshall Court, Unit 11
Madison, WI 53705-2270

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, Conclusion of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Licensee Vincent P. Gibbons, M.D. (DOB April 21, 1949) is licensed by the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 66042-20, first issued on August 4, 2016, with registration current through October 31, 2019. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is VG Neurosolutions, LLC, 2820 Marshall Court, Unit 11, Madison, Wisconsin 53705-2270.

2. At all times pertinent to this matter, Licensee practiced pediatric neurology at a hospital in Madison, Wisconsin (Hospital).

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PATIENT A

3. Patient A (a male born in 2008) was admitted to the Hospital on September 30, 2016, upon transport from an emergency department at another hospital. Patient A presented with altered mental status, right upper and lower extremity weakness, and urinary/bowel incontinence. Patient A's family reported a possible head injury at a water park, and a family history of migraines.

4. Licensee was consulted on the day of admission regarding Patient A's condition and concluded he was possibly experiencing hemiplegic migraine, was unlikely to be experiencing seizures, and his condition was not likely to be the result of a spinal lesion based on unremarkable MRI studies.

5. Licensee recommended continuous EEG, infectious disease workup, lumbar puncture, brain MRI and other treatment. Licensee did not include incomplete transverse myelitis in his differential diagnosis and did not recommend repeat imaging.

6. Licensee saw Patient A on day #2 of admission (October 1, 2016) at which time he noted that right hemiplegia persisted, again suggested familial hemiplegic migraine as a cause of Patient A's symptoms, and recommended IV medications to treat ongoing migraine attacks. Licensee again did not include incomplete transverse myelitis in his differential diagnosis and did not recommend repeat imaging.

7. Patient A was subsequently seen by a different pediatric neurologist on day #2 of admission (October 1, 2016) who concluded that symptoms of urinary/stool incontinence and paralysis were reflective of incomplete transverse myelitis and recommended treatment directed toward that condition, repeat imaging, as well as other treatment and tests.

8. Patient A was diagnosed with incomplete transverse myelitis which was confirmed by an MRI on October 4, 2016, which showed cervical spinal cord lesion suggestive of demyelination or infectious/inflammatory myelitis.

PATIENT B

9. Patient B (a male born in 2013) was admitted to the Hospital on October 16, 2016, with myalgia and weakness. Licensee was consulted on the day of admission regarding Patient B's condition and treatment. Licensee noted that Patient B's differential diagnosis included, among other things, Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS). However, Licensee did not recommend or order a full spine MRI or a lumbar puncture to check for GBS.

10. On October 17, 2016, a different pediatric neurologist saw Patient B and indicated that GBS was likely and recommended a full spine MRI and lumbar puncture and as possible IVIG for GBS treatment.

11. Patient B was diagnosed with GBS and treated accordingly.

PATIENT C

12. Patient C (a female born in 2016) was hospitalized for seizures from October 19 - 28, 2016, during which time Licensee was consulted regarding her care. During the hospitalization, Patient C's seizures were eventually controlled on a combination of phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, pyridoxine and oral prednisolone.

13. Patient C was discharged from the Hospital on October 28, 2016, with instructions to continue taking the prednisolone (20 mg BID for 2 weeks) with an end date of November 8, 2016, and to follow up with Licensee in one month. Neither Licensee nor the discharging physician mentioned the need to taper the prednisolone in order to avoid recurrence of Patient C's seizures due to the medication being abruptly stopped.

14. On November 9, 2016, Patient C presented to Licensee for a follow up appointment. At that time, Licensee noted that Patient C had been given the last dose of prednisolone on November 8, 2016, and Licensee again did not address any need to taper the medication.

15. On November 10, 2016, Licensee was informed by another pediatric neurologist at the Hospital that Patient C needed to be tapered off the prednisolone in order to avoid adverse reactions due to the medication being stopped abruptly. Licensee subsequently arranged for a tapered dose of the medication to be prescribed to Patient C.

16. In resolution of this matter, Licensee consents to the entry of the following Conclusion of Law and Order.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

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

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Vincent P. Gibbons, M.D. shall at Licensee's own expense take and successfully complete sixteen (16) hours of education in the Management of Pediatric Patients in Neurology as follows:

- a. 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).
- b. 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.

3. 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
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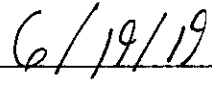
You may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System, here: <https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring>

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by: 

A Member of the Board



Date

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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.

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

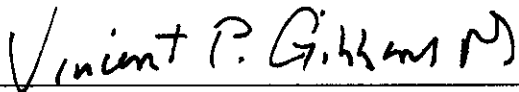
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not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

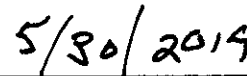
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Licensee, for purposes 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.



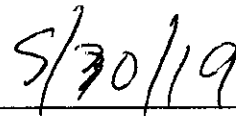
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