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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
GREGORY A. TESTER, M.D., :
LICENSEE. : **ORDER 0006303**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 MED 217

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

Gregory A. Tester, M.D.
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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 Gregory A. Tester, M.D. (DOB February 18, 1983) is licensed by the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 57105-20, first issued on April 24, 2012, with registration current through October 31, 2019. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) 1110 Swallowtail Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53717.

2. At all times pertinent to this matter, Licensee was an interventional cardiologist practicing at a hospital in Madison, Wisconsin (Hospital).

3. On May 31, 2018, Patient A (a female born in 1938) was seen by a cardiothoracic surgeon for surgical evaluation of severe aortic valve stenosis. The physician recommended that Patient A undergo a transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR).

4. On June 5, 2018, Patient A was seen by Licensee for consideration of TAVR for treatment of her aortic valve stenosis. Licensee agreed with the recommendation for TAVR and recommended a CT scan and a preoperative visit with a cardiothoracic surgeon in the next several weeks. The procedure was scheduled for June 20, 2018.

5. On June 19, 2018, Licensee saw Patient A at the Hospital and signed a preoperative History and Physical Note.

6. Licensee performed the TAVR procedure on Patient A on June 20, 2018, with another surgeon¹.

7. The procedure on June 20, 2018, was complicated by migration of the aortic valve bioprosthesis following deployment that resulted in coronary occlusion leading to profound cardiogenic shock and death. During the procedure, Licensee did not perform a sternotomy or otherwise open the patient's chest to resolve the complications.

8. Licensee failed to document in Patient A's health care record, at any time preoperatively, her refusal to undergo a median sternotomy in the event of operative complications.

9. 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, Gregory A. Tester, M.D. shall at Licensee's own expense take and successfully complete two (2) hours of education in medical documentation 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).

¹ Vijay Kantamneni, M.D. (cardiothoracic surgeon) is also a party to this matter.

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
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

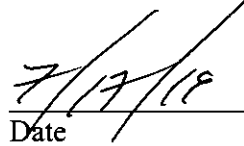
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4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:


A Member of the Board


Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
	:	STIPULATION
GREGORY A. TESTER, M.D.,	:	
LICENSEE.	:	ORDER 0006303

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 MED 217

Licensee Gregory A. Tester, 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 Thayer Bryant.
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, 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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1110 Swallowtail Dr.
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License No. 57105-20

6/30/2019
Date



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7/18/19
Date



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7/11/2019
Date