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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RENE P. DUCRET, M.D., :
RESPONDENT. : **ORDER 0006494**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 MED 262

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

Rene P. Ducret, M.D.
2185 County Rd. B
P.O. Box 130457
St. Paul, MN 55113

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. Respondent Rene P. Ducret, M.D. (DOB December 1, 1954), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 46665-20, first issued on March 24, 2004, with registration EXPIRED on October 31, 2017. Respondent retains the right to renew the license until October 31, 2022. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 2185 County Road B, P.O. Box 130457, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113.

2. At all times pertinent to this matter, Respondent was employed at the Minneapolis Veteran Affairs (VA) Healthcare System where he practiced radiology.

3. A letter, dated June 15, 2017, was sent to the Department by the VA stating there was substantial evidence Respondent significantly failed to meet generally accepted standards of clinical practice as to raise reasonable concern for the safety of VA patients, specifically due to Respondents lack of diagnostic capabilities in the interpretation of computerized tomography (CT) scans.

4. In a letter, dated March 15, 2017, the VA provided Respondent with written guidance regarding his employment status, concerns about his clinical practice, and reporting requirements.

5. Respondent sent the VA an email indicating a retirement date effective June 30, 2017.

6. The Department's Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) opened case number 17 MED 262 to investigate allegations of unprofessional conduct related to Respondent's clinical practices at the VA.

7. In an email sent to the Department, dated December 9, 2017, Respondent denied the allegations and attributed the complaint to political turmoil and retaliation.

8. Respondent's Wisconsin medical license expired on October 31, 2017. In an email dated July 17, 2019, Respondent informed a Department investigator that he does not intend to practice in Wisconsin or renew his license to practice in the future.

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

CONCLUSION 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).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The PERMANENT SURRENDER by Rene P. Ducret, M.D., of his license to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin (license no. 46665-20) and any appurtenant right to renew that registration, is hereby accepted, effective the date of this Order.

3. This surrender constitutes Respondent's permanent relinquishment of his 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, Rene Ducret, M.D., shall, as a prerequisite to application, pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$600.00.

5. In the event Respondent petitions the Board for reinstatement to practice medicine and surgery in the future, the Board may enter an order denying such application without further notice or hearing.

6. 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

You may also submit payment online via DSPTS' Monitoring Case Management System, here: <https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring>

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by: 
A Member of the Board

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0006494

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 MED 262

Respondent Rene P. Ducret, 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, 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.

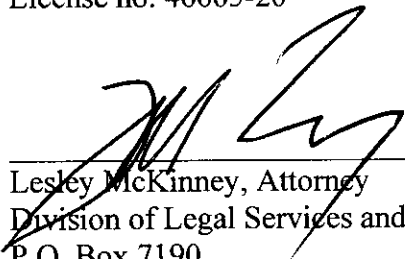
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Rene P. Ducret, M.D.

Rene P. Ducret, M.D., Respondent
2185 County Rd. B
P.O. Box 130457
St. Paul, MN 55113
License no. 46665-20

9/28/2019

Date



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P.O. Box 7190
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10/2/19

Date